

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 5 February 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Jane Greensitt
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Lynda Mason
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace

In attendance:

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) County Councillors Jeff Gobin, and Russ Wallace, 5 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

A representative of the Friends of Gallagher Park confirmed that NCC would be starting work on a replacement play area. The community group were unaware of the type of equipment to be installed, but it is understood that it will be similar to the equipment installed at Plessey Woods.

The Chairman of Burnside Estate Residents Group updated the meeting on his submission to the Local Transport Plan (LTP) regarding safety barriers along the A1147. He reported that he has now waited 17 months for a response. A member of the Council confirmed that the 2019/20 LTP proposals are expected to be published this week.

ACTION

CO172/18	APOLOGIES An apology for absence was noted from Councillor Andy Allman (work commitments) and Councillor Allan Douglas (prior appointment) RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.	
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CO173/18	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2019 and 24 January were presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a correct record.</p>	
CO174/18	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES A member referred to CO154/18. He advised that the matter had been debated at the Town & Parish Council Liaison Working Group and it had been suggested that a working group be set up to look at the impact on smaller Parish Councils and VCS groups. There had been a recommendation that smaller parishes could apply to the NCC Community Chest to help with the costs.</p> <p>A member referred to CO164/18 (iii). It was reported that the matter is to be discussed at the next scheduled West Bedlington Town Council meeting.</p> <p>A member referred to CO165/18 confirming that the Japanese Knotweed had been cut back and treated.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted</p>	
CO175/18	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.</p>	
CO176/18	<p>POLICE REPORT The Police were not in attendance and no report had been submitted. It was noted that a Cuppa with a Copper event has been arranged for Tuesday 12th February starting at 12 noon, Buffet Car, East Bedlington Community Centre</p>	
CO177/18	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS There were no reports to receive.</p>	
CO178/18	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.</p>	

<p>CO179/18</p>	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he was in receipt of the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Housing Needs Survey • Draft NCC Local Plan (formal representations by Wednesday 13th March) • An invitation from Bedlington Station Primary School for members to attend a show case event on Friday 15th February at 2:00pm <p>He advised that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An IT contract had been signed with 24/7 Business Support • The speed indicator displays would be in situ by the end of February • He was having a meeting with Hugh Massey Architects on Thursday 7th February in connection with the master plan for Jennings Field and that a presentation would be given to the Services Working Group on Tuesday 19th February • There had been several anti-social occurrences in Jennings field and that the Police had already acted and were monitoring the situation. The Council’s Safety Inspector was now visiting the site twice a week to remove hazardous objects from the play area. <p>Finally, the Clerk referred to NCC’s proposals to transfer land to the Barnsbury Cycle Club. He explained that he was aware that there were plans to enlarge the existing play area and that this involved some minor changes to the perimeter fence of the BMX track. However, he had not been informed of the new proposals which appeared to significantly enlarge the footprint of the BMX track and reposition the play area and he expressed concerns as to how these proposals might impact Gallagher Park Live.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Draft Housing Needs Survey and the Draft Local Plan be referred to the Services Working Group</p> <p>(ii) That members wish to attend the show case event at Bedlington Station Primary School advise the Clerk ASAP</p> <p>(iii) That a letter be sent to Northumberland County Council expressing the Council’s annoyance at not having been consulted about NCC’s proposals for Gallagher Park (which was in breach of the Joint Town and Parish Charter).</p>	<p>Clerks</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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CO180/18	SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.	
CO181/18	INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS A member requested further information in relation to payments made towards water rates and taxi fares. The clerk confirmed details of the payments issued. RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.	
CO182/18	FINANCIAL POSITION RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 31 January 2019 of £190644.90 be noted.	
CO183/18	BUDGET MONITORING REPORT RESOLVED: That the forecast financial position be noted.	
CO184/18	PLANNING APPLICATIONS Members considered 18/04464/FUL and 19/00164/FUL. RESOLVED: That the Council has no objections to the applications as presented.	
CO185/18	WORKING GROUPS Members considered the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 15 January and the Finance & General Purpose Working Group held on 16 January 2019. RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the Working Groups be received.	
CO186/18	OUTSIDE BODIES The delegate report from NALC was circulated to members. The Town and Parish Council Liaison delegate gave a brief verbal report and advised notes from the meeting would be circulated to members. RESOLVED: That the delegate reports be received	

CO187/18	MATTERS FOR DECISION RESOLVED: There were no matters for decision	
CO188/18	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business.	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING Parish Meeting - Tuesday 5 March 2019, 6:00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre		

Signed as a true record

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Chairman

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