

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 8 January 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Andy Allman
Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Allan Douglas
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, Bill Crosby, and Russ Wallace, 5 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

A representative of the Friends of Gallagher Park made a request to insert an article in the next Parish Newsletter. Members responded positively and instructed the representative to liaise directly with the Deputy Clerk.

A member of the public reported that there had been significant graffiti daubed on the walls of St John's church. It was understood that NCC had been in attendance to remove the offensive material. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that residents had reported a number of garage doors and street signage had been subject to graffiti and that the police had been informed. Members considered it important to liaise with the schools to discourage young people from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour

ACTION

CO148/18	<p>APOLOGIES An apology for absence was noted from Councillor Jane Greensitt (work commitments)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the apology be accepted.</p>	
CO149/18	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Minutes of the meeting of 4 December 2018 were presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a correct record.</p>	
CO150/18	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES A member referred CO134/18 which offered action in relation to planning determination 18/02034/VARYCO. It was established that the Parish Council had not received notification of the outcome of the level 1 complaint due on 24 December. Councillor Crosby had not received any correspondence, but correspondence had been sent to Councillor Batey in response to his personal complaint.</p> <p>A member referred to CO139/18 (viii) and enquired if there had been any progress on the creation of hard standings at Woodside. Councillor Crosby advised that the matter had been included in the Local Transport Plan and would be prioritised in line with all other requests submitted to the LTP.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to NCC and seek the outcome of the stage 1 complaint.</p>	Clerk
CO151/18	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.</p>	
CO152/18	<p>POLICE REPORT Apologies were submitted from the Neighbourhood Team who had been engaged on early shift to attend a Cuppa with a Copper event in West Bedlington. Crime continues at low levels and whilst there have been some reports of youth related ASB the incidents of disorder were much higher in the West Bedlington area. There has been a reduction in the staffing levels and a shift pattern change which is beyond the control of the local officers. There has also been a report of a homeless person</p>	

	<p>living in the public toilets. NCC have been informed of this matter.</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
CO153/18	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>Councillor Gobin reported on a positive meeting held between residents, himself and Bernicia. He further described proposed road safety measures and invited the chair of the Residents group to comment. They jointly requested the Parish Council's support in progressing road safety measures.</p> <p>Councillor Crosby placed on record his thanks to Councillor Hedley for his support to Stead Lane School and their Christmas festivities.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Members offered full support to the efforts of the Burnside Estate Residents Group in relation to improving road safety.</p>	
CO154/18	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The Chair referred to 304 – Consultation over Recovery of Costs for provision of Traffic Management and other Services to Event Organisers. Members supported the comments submitted by Councillor Wallace and agreed that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Council. It was noted that correspondence had been sent to the NCC budget group pointing out that the consultation had been issued over the holiday period and could not be debated until members reconvened.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond advising the views of the members.</p>	Clerk
CO155/18	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Photographs of the completed works to Selbourne Terrace and Jennings Field Play areas had now been taken and were circulated to members. (ii) he is aware that the bus stop at Ian Bell Motorcycles has been tagged with graffiti and that he is arranging to have this removed. 	
CO156/18	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	

CO157/18	INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.	
CO158/18	FINANCIAL POSITION RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 19 December 2018 of £244,831.61 be noted.	
CO159/18	BUDGET MONITORING REPORT RESOLVED: That the forecast financial position be noted.	
CO160/18	SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS RESOLVED: That small grants be made to (i) Hope Church - £250 (ii) Bad Apples North East- £200 (iii) Bedlington Vipers - £200 (iv) That a donation to the Matthew Project be deferred to the Services Working group.	
CO161/18	PLANNING APPLICATIONS RESOLVED: (i) That the determinations 18/03596/FUL and 18/03611/FUL be noted	
CO162/18	WORKING GROUPS Members considered the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 18 December and the Finance & General Purpose Working Groups held on 5 & 12 December 2018. RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the Working Groups be received.	
CO163/18	OUTSIDE BODIES RESOLVED: There were no outside body reports	
CO164/18	MATTERS FOR DECISION RESOLVED:	

	<p>(i) That a budget of up to £400 be agreed as a contribution to the restoration of Michael Longridge's grave.</p> <p>(ii) That the Clerk write to West Bedlington Town Council suggesting a partnership approach to preserve the heritage.</p> <p>(iii) That a request is made to West Bedlington Town Council to contribute towards the restoration costs.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CO165/18	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>A member reported that he had received confirmation from NCC that action would be taken to address the Japanese Knotweed issue around the mining shaft on Bower Grange</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Special Council Meeting Thursday 24 January 2019 5.30pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre</p> <p>Parish Meeting - Tuesday 5 February 2019, 6:00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre</p>		

Signed as a true record
Chairman

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