

# EAST BEDLINGTON

## Parish Council



### Minutes of the Special East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Thursday 24 January 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

#### Present:

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 & RFO), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk)

#### OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public to put questions to the Council.

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>CO166/18</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> An apology for absence was noted from Councillor Jane Greensitt, Councillor Andy Allman and Councillor Lynda Mason (work commitments)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the apology be accepted.</b></p>	
<b>CO167/18</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> Minutes of the Finance Working Group meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were presented for information</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the minutes be noted.</b></p>	
<b>CO168/18</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b> The Clerk referred to page 2 of the minutes advising that recommendations therein had been incorporated into his revised report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the Clerks comments be noted.</b></p>	
<b>CO169/18</b>	<p><b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS &amp; REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> None.</p>	

	<b>There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.</b>	
<b>CO170/18</b>	<p><b>ANNUAL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019)</b></p> <p>The Clerk presented the Annual Budget Report which had been updated following the recommendations of the Finance &amp; General Purposes (Budget Working Group) of 16<sup>th</sup> January. He advised that the overall budget had not changed from that previously presented. Councillor Douglas moved the recommendations therein which were seconded by Councillor Stewart.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b>  <b>The Council was unanimous in resolving the following;</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(1) Approving the schedule of growth, non-recurring and capital expenditure, outlined in Appendix A;</b></li> <li><b>(2) Approving the detailed budget outlined in Appendix B</b></li> <li><b>(3) Approving the use of £36,000 of reserves</b></li> <li><b>(4) Setting the Parish precept at £273,460 (representing a £5.00 increase on the Council Tax for a Band D property and increasing the Parish element of the Council tax to £135.00.</b></li> </ol>	<b>Clerk to notify NCC of the Council's determination.</b>
<b>CO171/18</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINES</b></p> <p>Councillor Wallace questioned the level of the Youth Budget given that it had been significantly underspent in the previous two years. He also sought clarity on the eligibility and funding of the proposed drama activities.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that it had always been the Council's intention to host 3 youth activities per week and that the 2019/20 budget reflected this. He further advised that drama activities were taking place involving children from Cleasewell Hill School but that these were not being funded by the Parish.</p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>		
<b>Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 6:00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre</b>		

Signed as a true record .....Chairman.....Date: .....