

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 3 September 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey (Chairman)
Councillor Helen Bradford
Councillor Allan Douglas
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Lynda Mason
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice Chairman)

In attendance:

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) County Councillors Jeff Gobin, Russ Wallace and Bill Crosby, 8 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

A resident of Burnside Estate raised concerns regarding issues with individuals who had recently purchased 129 Burnside. The problems included noise, speeding vehicles, visitors to the property, accumulations of rubbish and dogs running loose one of which is an American Pitbull. He reported that although Bernicia, the Police and Community Safety are aware of the problem there is no sign of matters improving. NCC Community Safety had said that they will install noise monitoring equipment and incident diaries are being kept. The Chairman empathised with the resident and agreed that it was troubling when so much good work has been done to make Burnside a desirable estate. He advised that the Council whilst having no specific powers are able to lobby NCC and other partners to ensure that some action is being taken to address the problem. It was noted from the previous meeting minutes that the Police had indicated that a multi-agency team were dealing with this matter.

A resident enquired whether the Parish Council had waiting lists for its allotment sites. It was confirmed that this is the case. He further enquired as to why some tenants were permitted to have 3 plots none of which are cultivated and are used for grazing horses. In response confirmation was given that certain agreements had been inherited from Wansbeck District Council and Northumberland County Council which the Parish were unable to amend. A new

tenancy agreement was issued two years ago which clearly states that plot holders are only permitted to keep one plot, that it must be two-thirds cultivated and that horses are not permitted. It was confirmed that the resident had submitted a complaint in writing to the Clerk. The Chairman confirmed that he would look into the matter.

		ACTION
CO78/19	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillors Mike Trimming and Councillor Alex Wallace (holiday)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted</p>	
CO79/19	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of 2 July 2019 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
CO80/19	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>Referring to CO68/19 it was reported that although the SID's had been installed. The Bridge Terrace unit still faced the wrong direction. As there had been no response from NCC officers it had been recommended that the matter be raised with Councillor Glen Sanderson.</p>	Clerk
CO81/19	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures.</p>	
CO82/19	<p>POLICE REPORT There was no Police report.</p>	
CO83/19	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS No written reports submitted by NCC Councillors. Councillor Crosby advised that he had not been asked to give a written report but conceded that he had received the agenda and had given written reports in the past. The Chairman advised members had decided to revert to written reports as it allowed members to formulate questions if they have the information in advance.</p> <p>RESOLVED; Written reports to be submitted in future.</p>	NCC County Councillors
CO84/19	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member referred to 107 and noted comments regarding Gallagher Park Live • A member referred to 108 and welcomed the donation of £1000 offered by Mrs Easson. The Clerk confirmed a letter of thanks had been sent. • A member referred to 129 and invited all present to attend the Big Sing – a national event organised by the BBC to take place on 26 September at 11am. The song selected is Hey Jude. <p>RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO85/19	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-instatement work at Jennings Field is now complete. • The community orchard at Cambois is now complete • A meeting with Blyth Star Enterprise has taken place following the Councillors dissatisfaction with the quality of planting. Remedial steps have been agreed and the clerk would continue to monitor the quality of the work. • A copy of the final account for Gallagher Park Live had been sent to West Bedlington Town Council and an acknowledgement has been received from the Clerk. • The defibrillator has been fixed to the Library wall and has been registered with North East Ambulance Service. • Minutes of the Regeneration meeting facilitated by NCC have been received., • The Clerks have asked NCC to chase up the repairs to the fence around the rear Clayton Street car park as it now presents a fire risk. • The Blue Plaque commemorating Charles Saint has been completed. The Chairman displayed the plaque to all present. It would be attached to the Library building which was the birthplace of Charles Saint. <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
CO86/19	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
CO87/19	<p>INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	

<p>CO88/19</p>	<p>FINANCIAL POSITION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 28 August 2019 of £179,872.65 be noted.</p>	
<p>CO89/19</p>	<p>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p>CO90/19</p>	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the determinations be noted (ii) 19/03613/BT be noted and that no further comment be offered.</p>	
<p>CO91/19</p>	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The minutes of the Services Working Group held on 15 July & 19 August Parish Plan Working Group 16 July Finance & General Purpose Working Group 12 August were presented to the meeting. The Chairman reported that the work to make safe the Michael Longridge gravestone had now been completed. The restoration work had been funded by EBPC, WBTC and the Longridge Family. He added that he would now be able to encourage pupils from the local schools to help further enhance the grave. A member reported that a Heritage Day would be taking place on Saturday 7 September at St Cuthbert's Church.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the minutes of the Working Groups be received. (ii) Completion of restoration works be noted.</p>	
<p>CO92/19</p>	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That a delegate be sent to the Town and Parish Council Annual Conference Tuesday 3 October (ii) That the proposal to purchase Rialtas Omega Accounting Software be referred to the Finance & General-Purpose Working group.</p>	

C093/19	<p>PLAY AREAS RESOLVED: (i) That a revised scheme of works in Jennings Field to include outdoor gym, additional seating, waste bins, and toddler play proceed to be funded from ringfenced budget. (ii) That approval in principle be given to the refurbishment of Kings and Queens Play Area subject to permissions from the landowner, consultation with residents and availability of external funding/future budget provision.</p>	<p>Clerks to progress 2019/20 Clerks to progress Proposals for submission to Council</p>
C094/19	<p>SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS RESOLVED: (i) That a grant of £500 be made to SENRUG (ii) That the Council offer to cover the cost of room hire for SENRUG for future fundraising events held in East Bedlington Community Centre</p>	
C095/19	<p>OUTSIDE BODIES RESOLVED: (i) That the delegate report of NCC & NALC Liaison working sub-group be noted.</p>	
C096/19	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC RESOLVED: (i) That the Press & Public be excluded on the grounds that the report presented contains personal and confidential information</p>	
C097/19	<p>REQUEST FOR FEXIBLE WORKING RESOLVED: (i) That the report of the Staffing Committee be noted (ii) That a full consultation with staff will take place prior to any proposed amendments to staff contracts.</p>	
C098/19	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS A member enquired as to the possibility of holding some working group meetings in the evening to allow members who worked to attend without having to take unpaid leave.</p>	

	The Chair agreed to seek evidence of previous attendance at both evening and daytime meetings and take the request to the first available working group for discussion.	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.		

Signed as a true record

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Chairman

Date:

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