

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 1 October 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace

In attendance:

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

PRESENTATIONS

Councillor Allan Stewart presented Mrs Irene Walker with a trophy in recognition of her achievement in winning the Best Hanging Basket category of the recent garden competition.

The Chairman presented a painting to Mrs Joan Muter. The painting had been commissioned by the Parish Council and painted by a member of the Station Art Group who meet in East Bedlington Community Centre. Congratulating Mrs Muter on her retirement the Chairman commented that the Parish Council wished to formally recognise the years of dedicated service she had given to the community.

The Chairman presented a cheque to Marianne Allen, Headteacher of Cambois Primary School. He reminded all present that the parish make a donation of £1200.00 to each of the three primary schools in the Parish with the proviso that the money should be spent on enriching the pupils lives and not on statutory items. Mrs Allen reported on how the money impacts greatly on her school and without the support they would not be able to benefit from experience in the arts and culture. She outlined the significant socio-economic and learning barriers pupils attending the school faced.

The Chairman invited Mrs Allen to talk about the ground source heating supply at the school which would feature as a retrospective planning application later in the meeting. She reported that she had not been advised that the system was being installed until workmen arrived at the school. The system has just started working but is very efficient. The installation company were not so impressive and she still has two classrooms without any heating. The system is saving the school almost £8,000 per year in heating costs which is most welcome. The Chairman advised that the Members would note her comments when responding to the application.

GALLAGHER PARK LIVE – JIGSAW EVENT MANAGEMENT

Mel Jackson handed out a feedback presentation following the event held on 27 July 2019. Reporting on the success of the event despite the sometimes torrential rain, she advised that the confirmed overall attendance was 6,500 with the greatest number at any one time being 4,500. She reported that the local press coverage was not as good as in previous years. This was due to a change in the media partner and she would be recommending reverting back to the original supplier going forward.

A member commented on the relaxed atmosphere at the festival and the increased number of security staff visible on the day. It was reported that security had been upgraded and the support of the Police had been welcomed. It was also felt that the message was getting through with regards to encouraging the festival goers not to bring large quantities of alcohol or glass bottles. The Chairman thanked her for her presentation.

OPEN SESSION

A resident advised that she had submitted a written complaint in relation to an allotment matter. As there had been no contact she enquired as to the next steps. The Clerk advised that the other party had not responded. The Chairman invited the complainant to attend the next Services Working Group where the matter could be further addressed.

		ACTION
CO99/19	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillors Helen Bradford, Jane Greensitt and Lynda Mason (work commitments) Councillor Allan Douglas (illness)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted</p>	
CO100/19	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of 3 September 2019 be signed as a correct record.</p>	

CO101/19	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>The Chairman invited Councillor Scantlebury to comment on the concerns raised during the previous public session. He advised that there had been no improvement but understood that a meeting had been held between NCC Community Safety and Bernicia Enforcement Team. He had not been invited to attend due to the sensitive nature of the discussion. He had been further advised that a case had been prepared and sent to NCC Legal Team.</p> <p>The Chairman commented on CO91/19 He advised that the Longridge family were planning a visit and he would make arrangements when details were known to formally introduce the WBTC Mayor and agree a press release.</p> <p>A member referred to CO98/19 and requested progress. The Chairman advised that no working groups had met since the last meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted</p>	Chairman
CO102/19	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures.</p>	
CO103/19	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>There was no Police report.</p>	
CO104/19	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>There were no written reports submitted</p>	
CO105/19	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO106/19	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A positive meeting had been held with members and Councillor Richard Wearmouth regarding regeneration in East Bedlington. Further discussions with the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and NCC Regeneration Officers would take place on Monday 7 October. • Halloween Panto planned for 30 October 1pm, tickets are now on sale at £2 each. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notice board at Wembley appears to have gone missing- investigations are ongoing with NCC to establish what has happened. HFF have been asked to cease watering the planters. Arrangements will be made shortly to take the Beehive planters back into storage and plant up winter bedding in some of the square planters. It was noted that plants had been removed from the planter at the top of Rothesay Terrace. The Parish Christmas tree has been ordered and will be installed during week commencing 11 November. <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
CO107/19	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
CO108/19	<p>INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	
CO109/19	<p>FINANCIAL POSITION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 24 September 2019 of £293,860.66 be noted.</p>	
CO110/19	<p>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he predicted that there would be circa £150,000 in balances at 31 March 2020</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>	
CO111/19	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the determination be noted (ii) 19/03368/CCD be noted and that the Parish support the retrospective application; and offer further comment on the requirement to heat a further 2 classrooms.</p>	

<p>CO112/19</p>	<p>AUDITED ACCOUNTS & EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Audited Accounts & External Auditors Report be noted. (ii) That the statutory document is duly displayed and available on the Parish Council’s website. 	
<p>CO113/19</p>	<p>LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME</p> <p>Th Clerk had circulated the LTP priorities put forward by the community for Sleekburn Ward. The full list had not been sent to the Parish until 30 September.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the full list be circulated to members (ii) That should the list fail to provide a greater priority the Parish submission should be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Section of C402 Brock Lane to Cambois Farm Road b) Erection of bollards junction Pioneer Terrace c) Installation of fit for purpose barrier along A1147 from traffic lights to Welwyn Factory. 	
<p>CO114/19</p>	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>There were no working groups</p>	
<p>CO115/19</p>	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Visit to West Sleekburn Recycling Facility – Members interested in attending to confirm with the Clerks (ii) That Councillors Batey & Wallace attend the Annual Town & Parish Council Conference. (iii) That Councillor Batey attend the Barnesbury Cycle Club Meeting of Stakeholders. (iv) That Councillor Batey lays a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council with Councillor Stewart deputising in case of an emergency. 	

CO116/19	OUTSIDE BODIES RESOLVED: (i) That the delegate report of NALC County Committee be noted.	
CO117/19	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.		

Signed as a true record Chairman

Date:

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