

# EAST BEDLINGTON

## Parish Council



### **Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 7 January 2020, at East Bedlington Community Centre.**

#### **Present:**

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

#### **In attendance:**

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) 2 members of the public

#### **OPEN SESSION**

There were no questions during the open session.

#### **ACTION**

<b>CO153/19</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from Councillor Allan Douglas (illness) and Councillor Lynda Mason (prior engagement) <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the apologies be accepted</b>	
<b>CO154/19</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the minutes of 3 December 2019 be signed as a correct record.</b>	

<p><b>CO155/19</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <p>A member referred to C0151/19 and reported Stephen Rickett had been elected as one of three Small Council delegates on the NALC National Body.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the matters arising be noted</b></p>	
<p><b>CO156/19</b></p>	<p><b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS &amp; REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b></p> <p>There were no disclosures.</p>	
<p><b>CO157/19</b></p>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p>There was no Police report. Councillor Wallace advised that other Town &amp; Parish Councils were experiencing a similar lack of information from the Police and NALC representatives would be meeting with the newly appointed Chief Superintendent for Northumbria Police.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the NALC action be noted.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO158/19</b></p>	<p><b>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>Councillor Gobin's concise report referring to proposed highway improvements at Furnace Bank had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The Chairman offered thanks to Councillor Gobin in his absence. There were no other reports.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the NCC Councillor Report be noted</b></p>	
<p><b>CO159/19</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That correspondence be noted.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO160/19</b></p>	<p><b>CLERKS REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A start date of w/c 3 February had been received for the installation of the Children's Play area.</li> <li>• A site visit had been arranged with WL Straughan &amp; Son Ltd, 8am, Thursday 9 January. In Councillor Douglas's absence members</li> </ul>	

	<p>were invited to join the Clerk in agreeing the location of concrete plinths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three anti vandal seats had been ordered and will be installed along with three bins from stock.</li> <li>• Fresh-air Fitness has been engaged to install the Outdoor Gym previously gifted to the Parish by Bedlington Community High School.</li> <li>• It is anticipated that all works will be completed by the end of February, weather conditions permitting.</li> <li>• That the Christmas Panto was well received and well attended.</li> <li>• Breakfast with Santa which was delivered in partnership with East Bedlington Community Centre was also sold out and well received.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>(i) That the Clerks report be noted.</b></p>	
<b>CO161/19</b>	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That the schedule of receipts be approved.</b></p>	
<b>CO162/19</b>	<p><b>INVOICE &amp; PAYMENT VOUCHERS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</b></p>	
<b>CO163/19</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL POSITION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That the cleared balance as at 18 December 2019 of £249,139.62 is noted.</b></p>	
<b>CO164/19</b>	<p><b>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>That the report be noted.</b></p>	
<b>CO165/19</b>	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>(i) That no objections be raised in relation to 19/04628/FUL</b>  <b>(ii) That the determinations 19/04380/COU and 19/04297/FUL be noted.</b></p>	

CO166/19	<p><b>WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 16 December 2019 be received</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>That the ongoing safety issues relating to the A1147 underpass be referred to Councillor Gobin.</b></p>	
CO167/19	<p><b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b></p> <p>(i) A member referred to correspondence from Port of Blyth in relation to their ongoing training programme and a proposed expedition to the Arctic Circle which would include opportunities for sponsored volunteers. Members had been invited to send a delegate to attend the Blyth Tall Ship Corporate Event to receive an introduction to the 2020 programme of events. It was noted that members may be requested to consider a financial contribution to the Port of Blyth should they wish to sponsor a volunteer.</p> <p>(ii) Members considered the Safeguarding Training programme as presented to the Services Working Group 16 December 19.</p> <p>(iii) Members were invited to consider a request from WBTC to co-fund first aid cover during the Remembrance Day Service 2020, Front Street Bedlington.</p> <p>(iv) It was noted that Councillor Allan Douglas is experiencing ill health. Members were requested to consider a leave of absence.</p> <p>(v) Members were requested to delegate the decision on a headline act to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>That Councillor Batey be appointed to represent the Parish at the Blyth Tall Ships Corporate Event.</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>That Safeguarding Training with SALVUS be arranged.</b></p> <p>(iii) <b>That co-funding of First Aid cover with WBTC at the Remembrance Day Service 2020 be deferred until the Event Organisation responsibilities are confirmed; a copy of the Event Management Plan and Risk Assessment have been received.</b></p> <p>(iv) <b>That a Leave of Absence for a period of 6 months be granted to Councillor Allan Douglas.</b></p> <p>(v) <b>That a decision on a headline act be delegated to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman.</b></p>	<p><b>Deputy Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to contact WBTC Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/Chairman</b></p>

<b>CO168/19</b>	<p><b>ALLOTMENT RENTS</b></p> <p>Members considered the recommendation made by the Services Working group. A vote was then taken, and a unanimous decision reached.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>(i) That allotment rents for 2020 be increased by 12.2% at Parish Managed sites and that Association managed sites increase by £3 per plot.</b></p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>CO169/19</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There was no other business</p>	
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.</b></p>		

Signed as a true record .....  
Chairman

Date: .....