

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 4 February 2020, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey (Chairman)
Councillor Helen Bradford
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Jane Greensitt
Councillor Lynda Mason
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, Bill Crosby and Russ Wallace and 3 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

There were no questions during the open session.

ACTION

CO170/19	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillor Allan Douglas (illness) RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted	
CO171/19	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING RESOLVED: That the minutes of 7 January 2020 be signed as a correct record.	

<p>CO172/19</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>A member referred to CO167/19 (i) – the Chairman responded confirming that he was in attendance. He reported on the significance of the Brig William tall ship and commented on the apprentice opportunities which the Parish Council may be requested to support sometime in the future. He added that it was intended to offer the opportunity to sail for the day on the tall ship to the general public during the summer months.</p> <p>The Chairman commented on CO167 (iii) and reported that the Members were awaiting a report from the Clerk of West Bedlington Town Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted</p>	
<p>CO173/19</p>	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures.</p>	
<p>CO174/19</p>	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Team were unable to attend A written Police report had been submitted. It was reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB continues to be monitored and fewer reports received • A number of motorbikes have been seized by Police following reports of motorbike disorder. • Police tasking is directed at key points to tackle ASB when available • Members of the public are reminded to secure their vehicles to deter theft. <p>It was noted that a Cuppa with a Coppa session would be held on Monday 10 February from 11am to 12 noon in the Buffet Car, East Bedlington Community Centre.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Police Report be noted.</p>	
<p>CO175/19</p>	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>There were no reports submitted.</p>	
<p>CO176/19</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.</p>	

<p>CO177/19</p>	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is scheduled to start on 5 February to install the Toddler Play in Jennings Field. • A section of Bow top fencing has been removed from the existing play area in Jennings Field. The Clerk has instructed a replacement panel to be fitted. • Allotment rents are almost all collected with only one outstanding. • The Parish website has now been moved onto a new platform suitable for mobile and tablet access. It has been upgraded free of charge and the improved sited complies with GDPR and accessibility legislation. It will be populated and updated over the coming weeks. • Headline act for Gallagher Park Live 2020 has been secured and an announcement will be made this week. • A meeting will be held with Blyth Star Enterprise on 5 February to discuss the planting requirements for 2020. • Members have been issued with an expense claim form and were invited to complete and sign the form if they intended to claim their allowance. If they had decided not to claim the allowance they are requested to indicate as such on the form for audit purposes. <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
<p>CO178/19</p>	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
<p>CO179/19</p>	<p>INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	
<p>CO180/19</p>	<p>FINANCIAL POSITION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 30 January 2020 of £231761.30 is noted.</p>	

<p>CO181/19</p>	<p>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that there had been little change in the forecast outturn and requested the matter be discussed under the agenda item 16 Annual Budget and Parish Precept 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be received with the Budget and Parish Precept reports.</p>	
<p>CO182/19</p>	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That no objections be raised in relation to 20/00032/FUL</p>	
<p>CO183/19</p>	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 20 January be received</p> <p>(ii) That the minutes of the Budget Working Group held on 27 January 2020 be received.</p>	
<p>CO184/19</p>	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That Parish Council Social Media accounts be set up.</p> <p>(ii) That the accounts are maintained by the Officers of East Bedlington Parish Council.</p>	
<p>CO185/19</p>	<p>ANNUAL BUDGET & PARISH PRECEPT 2020</p> <p>Member considered the report prepared by the Clerk, the Budget Monitoring Report and the recommendations put forward by the Budget Working Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the items of growth and budget reductions itemised in Appendix A be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the non-recurring and Capital items of expenditure itemised in Appendix B be approved.</p> <p>(iii) That the detailed budget outlined in Appendix C be approved.</p> <p>(iv) That the use of reserves in the sum of £12,500 be approved.</p>	

	(v) That the Parish Precept for 2020/21 be set at £279,594, representing a £3 (2.2%) increase and a Council Tax of £138.00 for a Band D property.	
CO186/19	ANY OTHER BUSINESS The delegate reports for the NALC County Committee and the Town & Parish Council Liaison Working Group were presented. RESOLVED: That the delegate reports be noted.	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.		

Signed as a true record
Chairman

Date: