

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 3 March 2020, 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, Bill Crosby and Russ Wallace and 3 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

A member of the Friends of Gallagher Park reported that a contractor had undertaken some tree pruning in Gallagher Park and members should be aware, if questioned by a member of the public, that steps to have the residual branches removed had been taken. NCC would be chipping the log piles. It was the opinion of the Friends of Gallagher Park representative that the remaining tree stumps did not present a trip hazard to members of the public or present a safety risk to cyclists.

Councillor Hedley joined the meeting at this point.

ACTION

CO187/19	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillor Allan Douglas and Jane Greensitt (illness) Councillor Helen Bradford and Lynda Mason (work commitments). RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted	
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CO188/19	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING RESOLVED: That the minutes of 4 February 2020 be signed as a correct record.	
CO189/19	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES A member referred to CO177/19 and noted that he had been unable to view council policies and procedures on the new website. A member referred to CO177/19 and enquired as to whether the stolen fence panel had been replaced. The Clerk advised that this work had been completed. RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted	
CO190/19	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures.	
CO191/19	POLICE REPORT There was no Police report.	
CO192/19	NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS There were no reports submitted.	
CO193/19	CORRESPONDENCE RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.	
CO194/19	CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to install the Toddler Play, seating, bins and outdoor gym in Jennings Field had been completed. • HFF Civil Engineering had been instructed to repair internal perimeter fencing at Cambois Allotments. • HFF Civil Engineering had been requested to suggest options to alleviate the flooding problems on the Cambois Allotment site. • Councillor Batey had attended the 100th Birthday Celebrations of Betty Morris. • The Christmas Tree could not yet be removed as BT Openreach had inadvertently attached a mast guide cable to the tree. Efforts to contact BT to rectify the problem are ongoing. 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant notification for the Speed Indicator Devices from Councillor Gobin's Members Local Improvement Schemes has been received and thanks were noted to Councillor Gobin for his support. • ASWAD are the headline act at Gallagher Park Live this year. The supporting line up would be announced by the event manager in due course. <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
CO195/19	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
CO196/19	<p>INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	
CO197/19	<p>FINANCIAL POSITION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 24 February 2020 of 223842.99 is noted.</p>	
CO198/19	<p>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
CO199/19	<p>SMALL GRANTS & DONATION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That a grant of £250.00 be made to the Reiverdale Scout Group</p> <p>(ii) That the Parish Council cover the room hire costs for the Festival of Arts in Bedlington to a sum of £140. The amount to be paid from the existing events budget.</p> <p>(iii) That the Parish Council cover the room hire costs for the NORFEST 2020 event to be held in March. The amount to be paid from the existing events</p>	

	<p>budget and that the recipient present to the Parish Council after the event to evaluate future support.</p> <p>(iv) That all grant recipients be reminded to include the Parish logo on publicity materials.</p>	
CO200/19	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That no objections be raised in relation to the planning applications presented.</p> <p>(ii) That the planning determinations be noted</p>	
CO201/19	<p>REVIEW OF SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the review of the system of Internal Control be approved.</p>	
CO202/19	<p>STAFFING COMMITTEE</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) To note the completion of the Annual Review of Salaries in accordance with Standing Order 14.</p> <p>(ii) To note approval of and authorisation for the Clerk to issue revised/updated Contracts of Employment and Job Descriptions</p> <p>(iii) To note approval of a flexi-time scheme which will come into effect from 1 April 2020 (attached at appendix 1)</p> <p>(iv) To note approval of Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures (attached at Appendix G & H)</p>	
CO203/19	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 17 February be received</p> <p>(ii) That the minutes of the Budget Working Group held on 27 February 2020 be received.</p>	
CO204/19	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Wansbeck Valley Foodbank AGM to be held on 16 March 2020, 7.00pm, Holy Sepulchre Church be noted.</p>	

CO205/19	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business. Meeting closed at 18:50	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.		

Signed as a true record
Chairman

Date: