

EAST BEDLINGTON
Parish Council



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of **EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL** held electronically
Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 5:30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Helen Bradford
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk, County Councillors Bill Crosby, Malcolm Robinson and Russ Wallace and 1 member of the public.

		ACTION
CO1/20	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN The Clerk opened the meeting held electronically via ZOOM. A nomination had been received for Councillor Batey, from Councillor Allan Stewart which was seconded by Councillor Lynda Mason. There were no further nominations. RESOLVED: That Councillor John Batey be elected as Chairman for the term 2020/21</p>	
CO2/20	<p>TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMANS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE Councillor Batey formally accepted the Chair and thanked fellow members for their unanimous show of support. He outlined the challenges and uncertainties that lay ahead and pledged to work towards delivering the best possible outcome for the residents of East Bedlington. RESOLVED: That the declaration of acceptance be noted</p>	
CO3/20	<p>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR A nomination had been received for Councillor Allan Stewart for Councillor John Batey which was seconded by Councillor Paul Hedley. There were no further nominations RESOLVED: That Councillor Allan Stewart be elected as Vice Chair for the term 2020/21</p>	

CO4/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillor Allan Douglas, Councillor Jane Greensitt (illness) and Councillor Lynda Mason (work commitments) RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO5/20	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2019 had been circulated to members. RESOLVED: That the minutes be agreed as a true record,</p>	
CO6/20	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures of interest or requests for dispensation</p>	
CO7/20	<p>RESOLUTIONS The Clerk advised that under the Coronavirus Emergency Powers the Parish Council is required to hold at least 3 meetings per year. Members discussed the importance of maintaining regular meetings where possible. RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) That the Clerks circulate a schedule of meeting to members for 2020/21 (II) That Standing Orders be approved, and amendments noted (III) That Financial Regulations be approved, and amendments noted (IV) That members agree to appoint representatives to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Northumberland Association of Local Councils (1) b) East Bedlington Community Centre Trustee Board (4) officers/members. c) Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund (1) (v) That nominations of individuals to represent the Council on the various committees and outside bodies be considered at the next Services Working Group. Recommendations to be put forward for approval at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on 2 June 2020. 	
	<p>There was no further business. Meeting closed 17:47</p>	