

**Minutes of an electronic Special meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held via ZOOM
on Tuesday 28 July 2020**

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 Councillor Bill Crosby and 2 members of the public.

		ACTION
	PUBLIC SESSION There were no questions in the public session	
CO76/20	APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillor Allan Douglas (illness), RESOLVED: (i) That the Parish Councillors apologies be accepted	
CO77/20	MINUTES OF THE SERVICES WORKING GROUP The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 July were presented to the meeting. Members requested that item 7.2 (iv) be amended from side grilles to end grilles. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 21 July be agreed as a true record.	
CO78/20	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.	
CO79/20	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION None	
CO80/20	MATTERS FOR DECISION Members agreed and approved the recommendations made by the Services Working Group unanimously except for agenda item 5.3(iv) removal of Cambois MUGA. Members discussed this point at length and considered the impact from a health and safety perspective and best value to the electorate. The Clerk suggested that the contractor who had quoted for the work should be present to answer questions and provide advice. A	

vote was taken on a revised proposal to defer a decision pending a site inspection by all members which was carried by 6 votes to 1.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Virtual Meeting Protocol be adopted.**
- (ii) That the Council approves the COVID-19 risk assessment for play areas and outdoor gyms as detailed in appendix A**
- (iii) That repairs and renewals arising from the recent ROSPA reports and routine inspections of Outdoor Gyms (as per appendix B) are addressed prior to opening, at an estimated cost £2,400.**
- (iv) That the Council replace 4 items of outdoor gym equipment on Cambois Links. At an estimated cost £6200 plus delivery.**
- (v) That the Council approves the signage to be displayed in the play areas and at outdoor gym sites prior to re-opening, at an estimated cost £1,200.**
- (vi) That the Outdoor Services Officer carries out physical checks to ensure that all equipment is working correctly, prior to re-opening**
- (vii) That Option 1 of the revised designs supplied by Kompan (Scotland) Ltd for Kings & Queens Rd be approved in the sum of £31,060 and a further £4,000 be approved to carry out site clearance and fencing works.**
- (viii) That Councillor Crosby be approached to establish whether he would like to contribute to the scheme.**
- (ix) That the Council increases its contribution to the scheme by £5,000 to 25,000.**
- (x) That a site visit be carried out at the Cambois MUGA with an appropriately qualified person to assess the condition of the end grilles and address health and safety concerns with a recommendation to be made at Services Working Group 18 August.**
- (xi) That members formally accept a contribution from Councillor Jeff Gobin of £10,000 towards capital expenditure on the Kings & Queens play area.**
- (xii) That members approve the purchase of Allotment Management software in the sum of £520 (inclusive of initial set up and training.**
- (xiii) That members approve an ongoing “5 user” annual licence at £172 per annum**
- (xiv) That members approve the purchase of the Asset Inventory software in the sum of £382 (including first year licence and training)**
- (xv) That members approve an ongoing “5 user” licence at £165 per annum.**

	<p>(xvi) That repairs are carried out to the Miners Heritage Seat and the laths be refurbished in steel. Estimated cost £240.</p> <p>(xvii) That the public seat at the A1147/Moorland Avenue Junction be replaced with a vandal proof seat at an estimated cost of £700.</p> <p>(xviii) That the heritage seat ends be refurbished with steel laths and the finished seat replace the fire damaged seat adjacent to the Glo-Bed-Rail gateway feature in the Free Wood, at an estimated cost of £460.</p> <p>(xix) That the budget provision for replacement seats be increased by £200 from £1200 to £1400.</p>	
CO81/20	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Council offer no objections in respect application 20/01888/FUL</p> <p>(ii) That the Council offer no objections in respect application 20/02058/FUL</p>	Deputy Clerk
CO82/20	<p>GARDEN COMPETITION</p> <p>Members unanimously approved the recommendations of the Services Working Group</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the;</p> <p>(i) Best Large Garden be awarded to entrant 1</p> <p>(ii) Best Allotment be awarded to entrant 5</p> <p>(iii) Best Hanging basket / Container / Planter be awarded to Entrant 3</p> <p>(iv) Best Back Yard – be awarded to Entrant 3</p> <p>(v) Best Small Garden be awarded to Entrant 3</p> <p>(vi) Entrants would all receive a certificate</p> <p>(vii) Chairman of the Council will make the individual presentations whilst adhering to social distancing protocols.</p> <p>(viii) Entrants be invited to a celebration event when social distancing permits.</p>	Chair / Deputy Clerk
CO83/20	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be a virtual meeting to be held on Tuesday 1 September 2020 6pm.</p>	

Signed:

Date: