



Minutes of an electronic meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held via ZOOM on
Tuesday 6 October 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Lynda Mason
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk, Guest Speakers Rachael Bateman, and Julian Sindall, County Councillor Bill Crosby and 4 members of the public

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting by advising that the first 15 minutes are dedicated to public questions but that the public are not permitted to participate during the Council business that follows. A resident suggested the road surface in Cambois needed repair. The Chairman confirmed that the members were aware and that the Parish Council continues to raise the matter with NCC.</p> <p>Northumberland Line Briefing</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Rachael Bateman, Senior Programme Officer (Rail) and Julian Sindall from Northumberland County Council who provided an update on developments and opportunities.</p> <p>NCC advised that the project would now be delivered in a single phase, comprising of six new Stations. When complete in December 2023 there would be a half hour service direct to Newcastle Central Station.</p> <p>The NCC officers advised that they would be exploring opportunities for social value through Arts, Economic and Community engagement. Specific reference was made to the existing Station buildings which were the only ones of their kind on the Northumberland line emphasising the heritage opportunities they presented.</p> <p>Councillor Stewart referred to the Library buildings and number 15 Station Street that could be utilised to support the regeneration of Bedlington Station in conjunction with the reopening of passenger services.</p>	

CO98/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Councillors Allan Douglas (illness), Helen Bradford (work commitments)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Parish Councillors apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO99/20	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 September were presented to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 1 September be agreed as a true record.</p>	
CO100/20	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the matters arising be noted.</p>	
CO101/20	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>Councillor Keith Scantlebury declared non-pecuniary interests in Agenda items 11 & 12.</p>	
CO102/20	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>A written report submitted by PCSO Bev Sellars provided crime statistics for the past 8 weeks and summarised Police activity. During the period Residential Burglary had dropped by 58.3 %, Theft by 36 % and ABS and Knife crime by 14 %.</p> <p>The Police had seized 28 cars and 4 Motorbikes and a Covid Enforcement Team had been established manned by the Neighbourhood Policing Team who were carrying out more pub and shop checks.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Police report be noted.</p>	
CO103/20	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>Whilst no written reports had been received members were advised that;</p> <p>(1) County Councillor Bill Crosby had requested suggestions for joint working on LTP Priorities in Bedlington East Ward.</p> <p>(2) County Councillor Jeff Gobin had confirmed his donation of £10,000 to the Kings & Queens Play Scheme and expressed a willingness to work with the Parish for the provision of a Gateway feature located at the West Sleekburn boundary.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That Councillor Crosby's offer of joint working on the LTP be noted</p>	

	<p>(ii) That Councillor Gobin’s contribution of £10,000 to Kings & Queens Play Area be gratefully received and a gateway feature for West Sleekburn boundary be explored.</p>	
CO104/20	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO105/20	<p>CLERK’S REPORT The Clerk advised that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Kings & Queens Play Area was scheduled to commence on Monday 12 October 2020 • Bus Shelter at West Sleekburn had been demolished • Work in connection with the planting of wildflowers and the Heritage seats was in progress • Trophies for the winners of the Garden Competition had been purchased and arrangements were being made for their presentation • A site visit would be carried out by Urban Fencing in connection with the Selbourne Terrace MUGA within the next few days • The purchase of additional Christmas lights was in hand however, costs and confirmation of capacity to carryout lamppost adaptations was still awaited from NCC. <p>The Clerk advised that the Outdoor Services officer was still awaiting delivery of replacement parts to repair damaged items in Jennings Field.</p> <p>Finally, he advised that he had just received the External Auditors report on the 2019/20 AGAR and that this would be presented to the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
CO106/20	<p>FINANCE REPORT The Clerk presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts & Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget report; Balance Sheet and schedule of virements.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) That the cleared balances as of 30 September 2020 of £339,246.91 be noted. (iii) That the budget report be noted (iv) That the balance sheet be noted (v) That the schedule of virements be noted 	

CO107/20	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>The Council considered a motion put forward by Councillor Allan Stewart.</p> <p>(1) “Capital Projects in excess of £3,000 require a site visit by at least 2 Councillors and an Officer prior to any contractual commitment”</p> <p>(2) The above requirement be incorporated into the Council’s Financial Regulations.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the substantive motion be carried by a majority of 6 votes to 1 and that the requirement to incorporate the motion into financial regulations be carried unanimously.</p>	Clerk
CO108/20	<p>GALLAGHER PARK LIVE – MUSIC FESTIVAL 2021</p> <p>Members considered whether Gallagher Park Live 2021 should take place taking cognisance of the Finance and General Purposes Working Group deliberations and recommendation.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Gallagher Park Live 2021 be cancelled.</p>	Clerk
CO109/20	<p>PETITION – BURNSIDE ESTATE RESIDENTS GROUP</p> <p>Members considered a request for the Parish Council to carry out a Feasibility Study for the provision of a Play Park for the children of Burnside.</p> <p>The Clerk commented on the timeliness of the submission, being at the start of the annual budget process. He suggested that a scoping document outlining the criteria to be considered be presented to the next Services Working Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That a feasibility study be carried out in accordance with Terms of Reference to be determined by the Services Working Group.</p>	Clerk
CO110/20	<p>STANDING ORDERS MOVED AT 7.25PM</p>	
CO111/20	<p>SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS</p> <p>Members considered an application by the Burnside Estate Residents Group for a grant of £300.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the Small Grant Scheme conditions had not been fully met, as up to date accounts had not been produced.</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED By majority decision of 5 votes to 2 that a small grant of £300 be awarded, subject to the grant conditions being met.</p>	Clerk
CO112/20	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS Members considered a schedule of planning applications and notices of determination. RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the determinations in respect of planning applications; 20/020258/FUL; 20/01747/FUL; 20/01888/FUL and 20/02211/FUL be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That no objection be raised in respect of application 20/02825/ADE in connection with the facia sign at 19, Station Street, Bedlington.</p>	Deputy Clerk
CO113/20	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Services Working Group 15 September and the Finance & General Purposes WG on 23 September 2020 be received.</p>	
CO114/20	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>There were no matters for decision.</p>	
Co115/20	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
CO116/20	<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 3 November 2020 6pm.</p>	

Signed:

Date:

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