



Minutes of an electronic meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held via ZOOM on  
Tuesday 1 September 2020

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Steve Aynsley  
Councillor John Batey  
Councillor Paul Hedley  
Councillor Keith Scantlebury  
Councillor Allan Stewart  
Councillor Mike Trimming

**In attendance:** Ron Thornton – Clerk, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk,  
4 members of the public

		<b>ACTION</b>
	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></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 of West Bedlington enquired as to the opinion of East Bedlington Parish Council on the awarding of monies to Bedlington. On checking with the Clerk, it was confirmed that no correspondence had been received from Advance Northumberland and the Chairman advised he could not comment on something that the Council have not been made aware of.</p>	
<b>CO84/20</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies were noted from Councillors Allan Douglas (illness), Helen Bradford and Lynda Mason (work commitments) Alex Wallace (previous commitment)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the Parish Councillors apologies be accepted</p>	
<b>CO85/20</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 July and a Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 July were presented to the meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7 July 2020 be agreed as a true record.</p> <p>(ii) That the minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 28 July 2020 be agreed as a true record.</p>	

<p><b>CO86/20</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <p>The Chair referred to CO67/20 (Watson’s Yard) and noted that there had been no further developments.</p> <p>The Chair referred to CO74/20 and enquired if there had been any further developments since the correspondence received from Councillor Wearmouth. The Deputy Clerk responded that there had been nothing since the response shared with the Chairman from Mrs McLaughlin.</p> <p>The Chair further commented on the significant capital investments that the Council has made, as agreed in the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 28 July, which offered considerable contributions for both young and old in the Parish.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>That the matters arising be noted.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO87/20</b></p>	<p><b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS &amp; REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><b>CO88/20</b></p>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p><b>There was no Police report</b></p>	
<p><b>CO89/20</b></p>	<p><b>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>No written reports had been received.</p>	
<p><b>CO90/20</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>Clarification was sought on 160 (waste bin) The Deputy Clerk advised that Neighbourhood Services had been informed.</p> <p><b>That the correspondence be noted.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO91/20</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK’S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He had responded to the Consultation on Cycle Racks indicating that the Council was in favour of the positioning of the rings but questioning their benefit over simply tying to the fence. He had expressed the Councils aspiration to convert the railway building (earmarked for Cycle storage) into a heritage centre and suggested a cycle facility be in one of the existing car parks.</li> <li>• There is continued vandalism to the toddler play equipment in Jennings Field.</li> <li>• The replacement seat for the junction of Moorland Avenue and the A1147 had been delivered to Straughan’s and should be installed shortly.</li> <li>• Repairs to the wetpour in Jennings Field would be re-done at no cost to the Council.</li> <li>• The Christmas Pantomime is still on schedule to go ahead.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Mawer (NCC Regeneration) had advised NCC's desire to reinstate the bi-monthly meetings, the next one is scheduled to take place on 8 September at 6.30pm</li> <li>• The national pay award has been settled at 2.75% slightly higher than that budgeted for.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
<b>CO92/20</b>	<p><b>FINANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts &amp; Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget report; Balance Sheet and schedule of virements.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>(i) That the schedule of receipts and payments be approved.  (ii) That the cleared balances as at 26 August 2020 of £224,468.13 be noted.  (iii) That the budget report be noted  (iv) That the balance sheet be noted  (v) That the schedule of virements be noted</p>	
<b>CO93/20</b>	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>Members considered a schedule of planning applications and notices of determination.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the delegated response in relation to applications 20/01888/FUL, 20/02058/FUL and 20/02196/FUL be noted  (ii) That the determination 20/01641/FUL be noted.  (iii) That there be no objections to application 20/02211/FUL but it be noted that this is bases on the information received and that the information is poor in content.</p>	Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
<b>CO94/20</b>	<p><b>WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the Services Working Group 18 August 2020 be received.</p>	
<b>CO95/20</b>	<p><b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b></p> <p>1. MUGA Selbourne Terrace - Members referred to the recommendations of the Services Working Group and a member referred to the benefit of site visits. There was consensus that site visits should take place when major capital expenditure is involved.</p>	

	<p>2. Allotment mobile app licence – members discussed the app and it was agreed that the benefit could not be fully appreciated until it had been used. I member disagreed and felt the objectives could be achieved with a camera and spreadsheet.</p> <p>3. Snap rulers – The Deputy Clerk reported that there would be no poppy crosses this year. To commemorate Remembrance Day the Clerks suggested purchasing snap rulers which bear the poppy emblem and remembrance message. She added that the cost of the rulers is 50p each. Normally only Cambois Primary School participates in the commemoration, however if members were minded this option could include all the primary school pupils in East Bedlington.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>(I) That the Cambois MUGA (goal ends) at Selbourne Terrace be refurbished at a cost estimate of £4,500 to £5,500.</b></p> <p><b>(II) That the Council Purchase an annual Allotment mobile app licence in the sum of £150 for the first year and £225 thereafter. Carried majority vote 5-1</b></p> <p><b>(III) That the Council purchase commemorative snap rulers and that sufficient be procured to supply each primary school in the parish.</b></p>	Clerk
CO96/20	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Councillor Aynsley reported that he had received a concern from a resident regarding speeding traffic in East Sleekburn village. A request had been made to NCC for a speed check. He enquired as to what further measures could be taken. It was suggested that the details of the complainant be passed to the Parish office to allow the resident to be referred to the Community Speed watch team in the first instance. Members also suggested referring the matter to the services working group as speeding traffic and nuisance parking throughout Bedlington Station, especially in the evening is considered an issue amongst members.</p>	Clerk
C097/20	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be a virtual meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 October 2020 6pm.</p>	

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....