

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 3 December 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Lynda Mason
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, and Russ Wallace 4 members of the public

PARSIH ANNOUNCEMENT

The Clerk reported on the recent death of former Councillor Ron Major. Mr Major had been elected to all three Parish Councils in the former Bedlingtonshire and actively served on each of them. He asked all present to observe a minute's silence in honour of his memory.

OPEN SESSION

A Resident complimented the Council on its Christmas light display but reported that a number of lights were no longer working. He asked if the Council intended to have them repaired. The Chair reported that the issues would be dealt with.

ACTION

CO135/19	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillor Helen Bradford (work commitments) Councillors Allan Douglas and Jane Greensitt(Illness) RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted	
CO136/19	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	

	<p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of 5 November 2019 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
CO137/19	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>A member referred to CO122/19 and reported that the problem tenants have now left Burnside Estate and would be residing at an address in Ashington.</p> <p>A member referred to CO133/19 (v) and enquired as to whether the Council had taken part in the consultation. It was reported that members were still to make comment and had until 6 January to do so.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted</p>	
CO138/19	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures.</p>	
CO139/19	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>There was no Police report.</p>	
CO140/19	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>There were no written reports submitted</p>	
CO141/19	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO142/19	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) He had been forwarded details of the tax base and that there had been no movement from the previous year. (ii) Pantomimes – the matinee performance has been sold out for some time and there are only a few tickets remaining for the evening performance. (iii) A meeting had taken place with Banks Group. Housing on the former Valdbirn site was discussed, the Miners Wheel and support for community events. It was noted that a meeting had taken place with Advance regarding housing. It was further noted that Banks would be prepared to transfer the freehold of the land to the Parish Council in order that they 	

	<p>could pull down funding to repair the Miners Wheel on the condition that the wheel was not moved. It was also noted that they would not be able to offer funding for Gallagher Park Live as it was revenue based.</p> <p>(iv) He had received correspondence from West Bedlington Town Council that they did not wish to enter into a partnership agreement to run Gallagher Park Live and would not be making any financial support in this year. He reported this decision comes as a disappointment when it was felt positive talks had been held with the Mayor and Clerk of WBTC.</p> <p>(v) That the SID on Stead Lane was now working.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
CO143/19	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
CO144/19	<p>INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS</p> <p>RESOLVED: A member questioned the amounts paid for telecommunications. The Chairman suggested that he raise this matter directly with the Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	
CO145/19	<p>FINANCIAL POSITION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 26 November 2019 of £256,124.43 is noted.</p>	
CO146/19	<p>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>	
CO147/19	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>The Chairman invited County Councillor Jeff Gobin to update the meeting on the decision of Strategic Planning. He advised that the application had been retrospectively approved and that he had raised concerns that the matter had not been dealt with taking the correct planning procedure in the first instance. Representations</p>	

	<p>had also been made with regards to the lack of heating to a classroom at the school.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That no objections be raised in relation to application 19/03967/FUL, 19/04297/FUL</p> <p>(ii) That the determination on 19/03368/CCD be noted</p> <p>(iii) That Councillor Gobin be thanked for his thorough report.</p>	
CO148/19	<p>SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That a sum of £250 be awarded to the Friends of East Meets West Black Belt Academy.</p> <p>(ii) That a donation of £500 be awarded to the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank</p>	
CO149/19	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 18 November 2019 be received</p> <p>(ii) That the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Working Group held on 2 December be received, and the recommendations therein be approved.</p>	
CO150/19	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>Members were reminded of the proposed closure and it was noted that the Parish Staff would be working during the Pantomime on 27 December 19.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the office closure from Monday 23 December to Monday 6 January 2020 be approved.</p>	
CO151/19	<p>OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>Members received the report from the NALC Committee 16 November 19.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the delegate reports be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That the Parish Council supports the nomination of Stephen Rickett at the NALC Small Councils Representative.</p>	

CO152/19	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.		

Signed as a true record
 Date: Chairman

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