

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 2 July 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey (Chairman)
Councillor Allan Douglas
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace

In attendance:

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) County Councillors Jeff Gobin, Russ Wallace and Bill Crosby, 8 members of the public

Cheque Presentation – Bedlington Station Primary School

The Chair introduced Mark Burgess, Headteacher at Bedlington Station Primary School. An outline of the work that had been made possible thanks to the annual grant of £1200 was presented. He added that the school intended to carry out the same work in this academic year and he invited the Council members to attend the school to see the benefit enjoyed by the pupils. The Chair thanked Mr Burgess for his informative and passionate presentation before handing over a cheque of £1200.

OPEN SESSION

County Councillor Bill Crosby questioned why the AGAR relating to 2018/2019 did not appear to be published in the Parish. The Clerk advised that the AGAR is normally displayed in the Parish window. Councillor Wallace requested that the information be added to the Parish website too.

Rev Hennebry brought the ongoing damage to the roof of St John's Church to the attention of the members. He reported that at one point there had been 20 youths on the roof damaging the slates. He also reported that the collection plates had been stolen on two occasions. The ASB which has been reported to the police appeared to be a daily occurrence and is causing distress to the neighbouring residents.

ACTION

CO61/19	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillors Lynda Mason (holiday) and Jane Greensitt (work commitments). RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted	
CO62/19	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING RESOLVED: That the minutes of 4 June 2019 be signed as a correct record.	
CO63/19	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.	
CO64/19	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures.	
CO65/19	POLICE REPORT PC Lisa Hindmarsh had submitted apologies due to conflicting shift patterns. She provided a report advising that: (i) A large Cannabis Farm had been detected in East Sleekburn Village and 1 male arrested. (ii) Investigations into ASB, criminal damage and theft of collection plates from St John's Church are ongoing. (iii) A multi-agency approach had been set up to tackle problems with a new resident on Burnside Estate. RESOLVED: That the Police report be noted.	
CO66/19	NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS NCC Councillors present had no issues to report on in the Parish.	
CO67/19	CORRESPONDENCE Councillor Aynsley confirmed that he had updated his declaration of interest since changing political parties. RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.	

<p>CO68/19</p>	<p>CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A licence agreement had been signed with NCC to permit a blue plaque (commemorating Charles Saint) to be placed on Bedlington Station Library wall. (ii) Significant progress had been made on the Community orchard at Cambois Allotments (iii) The support posts for the Speed Indicator Displays had been installed (iv) The Council had received full settlement for the damage equipment in Jennings Field and an order had been placed for its replacement (v) Planters were now in situ and a watering and maintenance regime in place. Three planters had been incorrectly positioned and arrangements had been made for their repositioning. <p>Finally, the Clerk advised that Natalie Younes, a resident and prospective housing developer had been due to give a presentation but this had now been postponed until 3 September.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerks report be noted.</p>	
<p>CO69/19</p>	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS The Chairman moved that thanks be noted to West Bedlington Town Council for their generous support towards Gallagher Park Live.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
<p>CO70/19</p>	<p>INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS Councillor Aynsley commented on the telephony and photocopying charges. Councillor Wallace advised that the Clerk had provided a very thorough report detailing the telephony and IT arrangements to the Services Working Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	
<p>CO71/19</p>	<p>FINANCIAL POSITION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 26 June 2019 of £217,097.40 be noted.</p>	
<p>CO72/19</p>	<p>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>	

<p>CO73/19</p>	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That application 19/01865/FUL be noted and that no further comment be offered.</p>	
<p>CO74/19</p>	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The minutes of the Services Working Group held on 17 June were presented to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the minutes of the Working Group be received.</p> <p>(ii) That County Councillor Jeff Gobin's offer to install 3 seats in Jennings Field be accepted</p> <p>(iii) That the liter bin adjacent to Thompson Street bus stop be replaced.</p> <p>(iv) That annual rent of £62.40 be reimbursed to the plot holder whose allotment recently flooded causing loss of crops.</p>	
<p>CO75/19</p>	<p>OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>Delegate notes from meetings held with NALC & Local Council Liaison 13 June 2019 and Town & Parish Council Liaison 19 June were circulated to members. A verbal presentation was given by Councillor Wallace following his attendance a Thankful Village commemoration. The event at Meldon Village, commemorated 100 years following the safe return of residents from WW1 hostilities. He made comparison to the research carried out by fellow members during 2018 to produce the commemorative newsletter and noted that sadly East Bedlington residents had not been as fortunate.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the delegate reports be noted.</p>	
<p>CO76/19</p>	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That members decline an invitation to attend strengthening the Wellbeing of Market Towns in the Borderland of England and Scotland Seminar, 10 July 2019</p> <p>(ii) That a delegation of 3 Councillors accompany the Clerks at a Strategic Planning session to be</p>	

	held at Bedlington Community Centre on Tuesday 8 July 2019.	
CO77/19	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business.	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.		

Signed as a true record
Chairman

Date:

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