

EAST BEDLINGTON
Parish Council



Minutes of an electronic meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held via ZOOM on Tuesday 2 March 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Aynsley
 Councillor John Batey
 Councillor Helen Bradford
 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, Neighbourhood Inspector Phil Patterson, Sally Barson – NSL, James Brown -NSL, Michael James – NSL, Martin Reynolds – Britishvolt, Tracy Macknicki – Britishvolt, Guy Wakefield – Ridge & Partners, and 9 members of the public

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present, A resident of West Bedlington asked if members of the Public would be able to ask questions during or after the presentations to be made prior to the meeting. The Chairman confirmed that this would be permitted.</p> <p>A resident of Waverly Avenue asked if the Parish Council had received any update from NCC regarding the parking issues raised at an earlier meeting in his street. The Chairman reported that no further contact had been received, other than the discussions and steps taken with Councillors Aynsley and Scantlebury. It was reported County Councillor Gobin is yet to receive a response following his offer of help to the residents. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would supply contact details of the Neighbourhood Inspector.</p> <p>A resident drew the Parish Council's attention to a boarded up private property in Burnside Estate. It was noted that Northumberland County Council are the empowered authority and it would be necessary to raise the vermin matter with environmental health. Councillor present commented that the circumstances around the property are sensitive and not appropriate for discussion in full council.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p>

	<p>PRESENTATION – NORTH SEA LINK</p> <p>Officers of North Sea Link provided the meeting with an update on the progress of the cable installation and the extensive community engagement activities. Both the Chairman and the Headteacher of Cambois Primary School expressed gratitude for the level of support given to both the school and the Cambois Community by Sally Barston, throughout the project and during the pandemic. The Chairman also expressed his delight at the news a links had been set up with a school in Norway and a further link established with pupils in USA and Bedlington Academy. A question was asked regarding any possible interference with residents supply during the testing phase and it was confirmed that there would be no disruption. A further question was raised on the decision to use DC cabling. The rationale was clearly explained by the NSL Team present.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is retained with the minutes.</p>	
	<p>PRESENTATION – BRITISHVOLT</p> <p>Martin Reynolds introduced himself and his team. A powerpoint presentation was made to all present (copy retained with the minutes). In responding to a question regarding funding the project, Mr Reynolds was confident that there was a growing number of investors interested in making the project happen. Guy Wakefield explained the location of the proposed factory, the configuration of the site in terms of process and layout and proposed access points. It was also confirmed that the planning application had now been submitted. It was explained that the factory would operate a three shift system over 24 hours. to avoid peak time travel. As part of the s106 agreement consideration would be given to providing a shuttle bus to reduce vehicular traffic to the site. A presentation was given regarding the organisations intentions to work with local communities in providing learning opportunities and pop-up job shops. It was Britishvolt’s intention to be a “good neighbour” and support surrounding communities. Specific questions regarding apprenticeships and training, especially for young people leaving school, was met positively, with an assurance that community engagement was a key part of the company’s strategy. Members of the public requiring further information were encouraged to make contact via the email address power@britishvolt.com</p>	
CO179/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Councillors Allan Douglas (illness),</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Parish Councillors apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO180/20	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2021 were presented to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 February 2021 be agreed as a true record.</p>	

CO181/20	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.	
CO182/20	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no requests.	
CO183/20	POLICE REPORT Inspector Patterson had been unable to connect to the meeting and intended to forward an electronic report to members. He confirmed that all crime in the Bedlington area continues to decrease. However he reported that action had been taken in respect of the off road motorcycle problem with 2 vehicles plus 1 quad bike seized and a further 5 unlicensed and uninsured motor vehicles seized, awaiting crushing. RESOLVED: That the Police report be noted.	
CO184/20	NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS There were no written reports from NCC Councillors.	
CO185/20	CORRESPONDENCE A member raised a query regarding log 386 request for mobile catering trailer, Railway Car Park. The clerk advised a speedy response was required and the Chair in consultation with the Clerk had responded taking into consideration matters of anti-social behaviour discussed at earlier meetings, loss of parking, litter, covid restrictions and disruption to neighbouring residents. A copy of the correspondence would be circulated to members. RESOLVED: (i) That the correspondence be noted.	Clerk
CO186/20	CLERK'S REPORT The Clerk circulated a written report updating members on most recent events. In adding to the report, he confirmed that: i) Only one allotment rent is outstanding. Correspondence has been received from the plot holder which would be discussed at Services Working Group. ii) An electronic version of the Newsletter has been published on the website and has been promoted on the parish Facebook page. iii) Meat vouchers have been issued to the Matthew Project iv) An order has been placed for replacement litter bins. v) There has been no update on the Railway Buildings and the Clerk has reaffirmed the Parish position with regards to	

	<p>developing the derelict buildings to provide a Heritage Centre.</p> <p>vi) It was reported that no written responses to the Private Landlord Strategy draft had been received for submission. Members requested that items raised in general discussion should be conveyed to NCC.</p> <p>vii) Members intending to claim expenses were reminded to complete the claim form and submit before 31 March.</p> <p>viii) The Clerk confirmed that he had completed Realtas Year End Training.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Clerk respond to the NCC Private Landlord Strategy.</p> <p>(ii) That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	Clerk
CO187/20	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That the determination 20/04294/FUL be noted</p> <p>(ii) That no observations be recorded in respect of 21/00351/FUL</p>	
CO188/20	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts & Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget and Balance Sheet</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the,</p> <p>(i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved.</p> <p>(ii) Cleared balances at 25 February 2021 of £212,627.42 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) Budget report be noted.</p> <p>(iv) Balance sheet be noted.</p>	
CO189/20	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the draft minutes of the Services Working Group held 16 February 2021 be received.</p>	
CO190/20	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Council approve the installation of a play area on Burnside Estate, Bedlington for children 11 years old and under.</p> <p>(ii) That the Clerk progress utility surveys and licence agreements</p> <p>(iii) That draft designs be circulated to all Members for comment.</p>	Clerk

	(iv) That Councillor Scantlebury circulate designs on the Estate to gauge resident support for each scheme.	
CO191/20	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business. RESOLVED:	
C0192/20	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 6 April 2021 at 6pm via ZOOM Virtual Conferencing.	

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