

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

PRESENT:

**Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Helen Bradford
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace**

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk,
Councillor Bill Crosby and 4 members of the public

		ACTION
	<p>CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENT The Chairman reported the news of the death of former Parish Councillor Eddie Dickson, a member of East Bedlington Parish Council for four years until April 2017. His passing on 9 November 2020 followed a long illness. A minute's silence was observed.</p>	
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION 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 queried discussion on a matter relating to Gallagher Park. The Chairman confirmed that the matter would be discussed under agenda item 6 later in the meeting.</p>	
CO134/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillors Allan Douglas and Paul Hedley (illness), Lynda Mason (work commitments) Councillor Stewart gave an update on Councillor Hedley's recovery progress. RESOLVED: (i) That the Parish Councillors apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO135/20	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2020 were presented to the meeting. RESOLVED: (i) That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 November 2020 be agreed as a true record.</p>	

CO136/20	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>With reference to C0125/20 the Chairman relayed the positive comments on the maintenance of the War Memorial planters and presentation of the children’s crosses to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.</p> <p>Thanks were also noted to Councillor Aynsley for producing flyposting notices for the bus shelters</p> <p>With reference to C130/20 the Chairman offered thanks to the Deputy Clerk for undertaking the procurement and wrapping of the vouchers and selection boxes for pupils attending primary schools in the Parish.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted.</p>	
CO137/20	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no requests</p>	
CO13820	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>There was no Police report.</p>	
CO139/20	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>Councillor Crosby referred to correspondence he had copied members into regarding vandalism and anti-social behaviour in Gallagher Park. The purpose of drawing members attention to the issues being that EBPC, WBTC, NCC, FOGP and Barnesbury Cycle Club were stakeholders having invested in developments in the park. He added Paul Jones had directed him to Lynsey Green, NCC Community Safety Officer who had advised that the portable CCTV could not be deployed as the only position to mount the equipment would leave it vulnerable to damage or theft. The Deputy Clerk suggested that he consider approaching the Fly tipping Enforcement Team who may have more sophisticated equipment. Cllr Crosby advised that he was exploring an option to install a lighting column with a fixed camera. Members felt that encouraging greater, positive use of the Park and raising awareness on how to report issues, would help deter some of the more negative behaviours.. It was noted that it is a strategic park and NCC are responsible for safety within the confines, members agreed however that it would be helpful for County Councillors, including Councillor Gobin, and the Town and Parish Councils to have an input into the possible solutions</p>	
CO140/20	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A member referred to log 319 Tree preservation order. The details were presented by the Deputy Clerk. A request was made by</p>	

	<p>Councillor Wallace that members be given copies of tree preservation orders in the future.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO141/20	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk circulated a written report updating members on most recent events.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Clerks Report be noted.</p>	
CO142/20	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts & Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget, Balance Sheet and Virement report</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That the schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) That the cleared balances as of 26 November 2020 of £265,778 be noted. (iii) That the budget report be noted (iv) That the balance sheet be noted (v) That the virement report be noted</p>	
CO143/20	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the draft minutes of the Services Working Group 17 November 2020 be received. (ii) That the draft minutes of the Budget Working Group of 25 November 2020 be received.</p>	
CO144/20	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <p>(i) The Parish Office be closed from 18 December until 4 January 2021 to allow the staff to take annual leave. (ii) To decline the offer of winter planting from Blyth Star Enterprise (iii) Approval be given to uplift remaining rubbish from Cambois Allotment site. (iv) Members should participate in the Northumberland Covid Community Champions pilot and to note that Councillor Bradford had already volunteered on the scheme.</p>	

CO145/20	ANY OTHER BUSINESS A member raise a question in relation to section 106 monies. It was confirmed that the availability of such funds is always checked with the officer when preparing funding bids.	
C0146/20	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be a virtual meeting to be held on Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 6pm.	

Signed:

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