

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 5 March 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Present:

Councillor Andy Allman
Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Allan Douglas
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Mike Trimming

In attendance:

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) County Councillors Jeff Gobin and Bill Crosby, 3 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

There were no questions in the open session

		ACTION
CO189/18	APOLOGIES An apology for absence was noted from Councillor Jane Greensitt (work commitments) and Councillor Alex Wallace (home emergency) RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.	
CO190/18	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Minutes of the meeting of 5 February 2019 RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a correct record.	

CO191/18	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.	
CO192/18	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.	
CO193/18	POLICE REPORT The Police were not in attendance and no report had been submitted	
CO194/18	NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS County Councillor Gobin enquired as to whether the Parish had been included in consultation with regards to the Town Centre Regeneration Project. The Chair advised that the Council had not been included. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the funding was targeted at larger conurbations with strategic regeneration plans and was not intended for improving existing shop fronts or existing retail.	
CO195/18	CORRESPONDENCE RESOLVED: That correspondence be noted.	
CO196/18	CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reported that: (i) The damage vehicle in the rear Clayton Street car park had been reported to the police and its condition would be monitored with a view of having it removed under NCC abandoned vehicles powers. (ii) The Parish is aware of the unofficial encampment at Cambois and the office of the Gypsy Roma Traveller Officer has been updated. Neighbourhood Services have provided wheelie bins for refuse. (iii) All members have been invited by Farrons to a "meet the contractor" event at Cambois Primary School on 14 March between 4pm and 7pm. The contractor has been appointed by NCC to carry out remedial works to prepare the Northumberland Energy Park formerly known as Energy Central.	

	<p>(iv) A written request has been received from Mike Jeffrey, Green Spaces Manger, NCC with regards to funding to support new play equipment in Gallagher Park.</p> <p>(v) Notification had been received from Blyth Star Enterprise that the planters were required within the next 2 weeks for summer bedding fill. He requested that Standing Orders be waived to bring forward the purchase of additional planters and that the number of proposed bee-hive planters be reduced to 3 to allow additional m² planters to be purchased replacing the existing wooden barrels.</p> <p>(vi) He was minded moving the date of the Finance & General Purpose Working Group to allow sufficient time to prepare papers for the meeting.</p> <p>(vii) A response had been received from NCC regarding the lack of consultation on the disposal of land at Gallagher Park. The Chief Executive had given reassurances that the proposals would not impinge on the Gallagher Park Live festival.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the invitation from Farrans be circulated to all members electronically.</p> <p>(ii) That members consider the request for funding towards a new play area in Gallagher Park at the next Services Working Group meeting.</p> <p>(iii) That Standing Orders be waived, and the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the purchase of additional planters as outlined in his report.</p> <p>(iv) That the Finance & General Purposes meeting be moved to 27 March 2019, 10.30am.</p> <p>(v) That the correspondence from the Chief Executive NCC be noted.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CO197/18	<p>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
CO198/18	<p>INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	
CO199/18	<p>FINANCIAL POSITION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the cleared balance as at 31 January 2019 of £190644.90 be noted.</p>	

CO200/18	BUDGET MONITORING REPORT RESOLVED: That the forecast financial position be noted.	
CO201/18	PLANNING APPLICATIONS RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That determinations 18/04435/FUL and 18/04361/ADE be noted (ii) That the Council has no objections to the application 19/00084/FUL as presented. (iii) That the Council supports the concerns raised by the Northumberland & Newcastle Society. 	
CO202/18	WORKING GROUPS Members considered the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 19 February. A member reported that instruction had been given to the contractor with regards to the reparation of the Michael Longridge grave, and that the family were delighted that the Parish and Town Councils were working in partnership to ensure the work took place. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Working Groups be received.	
CO203/18	OUTSIDE BODIES The written delegate report from the Town & Parish Council Liaison Working Group was circulated to members. RESOLVED: That the delegate report be received	
CO204/18	MATTERS FOR DECISION RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Council commission and locate a blue plaque at the birth place of Charles Saint on the understanding that approval is given by NCC. (ii) That an additional £1,300 be allocated from contingencies to meet the shortfall of budget provision required to create a community orchard at Cambois allotments. (iii) That standing orders be waived to expedite the works to allow planting at the appropriate time of the year. 	

<p>CO205/18</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>The Chairman reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ian Lavery MP had visited the Parish and pledged his support to help persuade Network Rail to improve the condition of the Railway Buildings and surrounding track area. He had agreed to write to Network rail and lobby at a higher level. (ii) A delegation of Councillors had accepted an invitation from TT Electronics and visited the Welwyn site. It had been an opportunity to take in the impressive cutting-edge technology and received further information on the proposed £3 million upgrade. The work would potentially create 150 new jobs in the Parish. (iii) Members be reminded that the first planned training session with NAC Choppington Parish Council and Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council takes place on 8 March. 	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Parish Meeting - Tuesday 2 April 2019, 6:00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre</p>		

Signed as a true record
 Date:
 Chairman