

EAST BEDLINGTON
Parish Council



Minutes of an electronic meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held via ZOOM on Tuesday 4 May 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
 Rev'd Ian Hennebry
 5 members of the public

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman invited all present to join him in a minutes silence to observe the death of HRH The Prince Phillip.</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and invited comments and observations from members of the public. The Rev'd Ian Hennebry, reported that he had attended the meeting to offer his thanks for the very generous donation towards the restoration of the church windows. He had been heartened by fund raising from the local community lead by Sheila Gair. He looked forward to welcoming the community into the church in the autumn when the repairs have all taken place.</p>	
CO213/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Councillor Allan Douglas (illness),</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Parish Councillor apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO214/30	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 April 2021 were presented to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 April 2021 be agreed as a true record.</p>	

CO215/20	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>A member made reference to 201/20 (5). The Clerk confirmed that confirmation had not yet been received but the funding application has now been submitted.</p>	
CO216/20	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no requests.</p>	
CO217/20	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Inspector reported that overall crime had increased which had been expected with the relaxing of covid 19 rules. This included, theft, shoplifting, theft from sheds, motor vehicle crime, in total 659 incidents had been recorded in the last month. A further 4 motor bikes had been seized and were awaiting crushing.. He updated regarding a break in a Lloyds Chemist and confirmed the offenders had been apprehended and charged. Youth ASB has also increased and he intended to pursue more diversionary activities..</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Police report be noted.</p>	
CO218/20	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor Jeff Gobin had submitted a written report. Members present noted the report and thanked him for his longevity of service and unwavering support for the Parish Council. Members also noted the contribution of County Councill Bill Crosby.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Clerk would write to both outgoing Councillors conveying the gratitude of the members.</p>	
CO219/20	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>A member sought clarity on log 464 – Network Rail Incident -t was confirmed no further correspondence had been received. A member raised a query regarding 479 10 & 12 Clayton Street. This matter has been referred to Environmental Enforcement.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO220/20	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk circulated a written report updating members on most recent events.</p> <p>In adding to the report, he confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Garden Competition – the Chairman had been able to present the 2020 Garden Competition Trophies (ii) The Deputy Clerk has supported Councillor Scantlebury to submit the application to the Bernicia Investment Team (iii) New doors have been installed at East Bedlington Community Centre, thanks to a grant from Councillor Gobin's MLIS. A clearly defined letter box is now available for out of hours Parish Correspondence. 	

	<p>(iv) Outdoor gym equipment in Jennings Field has been fixed under warranty. Unfortunately, there has been more damage to the basket swing.</p> <p>(v) The Clerks have been briefed by NCC Regeneration Team on potential funding streams coming into the area in June 2021.</p> <p>(vi) Remote meetings- the Clerk reminded members that remote meetings of the Council were no longer legal from 7 May.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	Clerk
CO221/20	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Members noted the determinations as presented in appendix B.</p>	
CO222/20	<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 of £301,966.46 at the 29 April 2021 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) Budget report be noted.</p> <p>(iv) Balance sheet be noted.</p>	
CO223/20	<p>INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report of the Internal Auditor be agreed.</p>	
CO224/20	<p>APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) Members agree to appoint John A Ainsworth as Internal Auditor for the period 21/22.</p>	
CO225/20	<p>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 be approved.</p>	

CO226/20	AGAR – Accounting Statements 2020/21 RESOLVED: That the AGAR – Accounting Statements 2020/2021 be approved.	
CO227/20	WORKING GROUPS RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Services Working Group held 20 April 2021 be received.	
CO228/20	MATTERS FOR DECISION RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That a large capacity metal bin be installed in the Furnace Bridge Car Park at a cost of cica £1000. (ii) That the execution of delegated authority in donating £1,000 toward the St Johns Church Recovery Fund be acknowledged. (iii) That the Parish Council take part in “the Big Tidy” and funds be set aside up to £1000 to purchase litter pickers, hoops, and PPE. (iv) To accept the recommendation of the Services Working Group to remove plot 531 from general letting and convert the plot to Community Orchard 	Clerk
CO229/20	ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Chairman offered his thanks to all outgoing members of East Bedlington Parish Council and noted the achievements of former Chairman and Vice Chairman. He wished everyone standing in the forthcoming elections good luck. Councillor Wallace offered thanks to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk who had provided advice and support throughout the term of office of the Council.	
CO230/20	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 6pm, Annual Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre	

Signed:

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