

EAST BEDLINGTON
Parish Council



Minutes of an electronic meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held via ZOOM on
Tuesday 1 June 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor John Batey
Councillor Helen Bradford
Councillor Bill Crosby (Chairman)
Councillor Dawn Crosby
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Jayne Todd
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek (County Councillor Bedlington East ward)

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk,
County Councillor Alex Wallace – Sleekburn ward
14 members of the public

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>A resident of the Parish requested an explanation as to the cancellation of Gallagher Park Live. The Vice- Chairman explained that the council had taken the decision based on the ongoing impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the likelihood of council tax payers funds being lost if the event needed to be cancelled and the need to conserve funds to support local residents through ongoing hardship.</p> <p>A resident of the Parish enquired as to whether the Council intended to transmit meetings via ZOOM. The Chairman responded confirming that the matter would be discussed in a working group but in his experience as a regular attendee only 2 people had used the Zoom facility compared to a much greater number attending physical meetings.</p> <p>A resident and member of the business community raised concerns regarding the escalated antisocial behaviour and criminal damage in and around Clayton Street. Representation was made by a further 11 traders and residents who each reported equal levels of concern to the extent of feeling unsafe in their properties. It was their opinion that little was being done to support the residents and traders. It was further reported that the incidents and extent of the ASB and criminal damage had escalated in the last two weeks. Members present confirmed their support for the residents. The Deputy Clerk reported</p>	

	<p>that a visit from the Neighbourhood Officer earlier in the day had resulted in confirmation that the offenders had in the main been identified, home visits had been undertaken and offenders referred to the Youth Offending Team. Members also considered that due to the serious nature of the concerns that a multi- agency approach was required, and members pledged to engage with the Neighbourhood Inspector to arrange a meeting of appropriate agencies.</p> <p>A resident of the Parish requested that a waste bin be removed from outside his property and relocated elsewhere in the street. The reason for the request being that the bin was often overflowing, the noise from people banging the lid of the bin when closing it caused his daughter to wake up and it produced an odour. Councillor Grimes confirmed to the resident that his request had already been assigned to a working group for discussion.</p> <p>A resident of West Bedlington enquired as to whether the meeting met covid requirements. The Chairman challenged as to whether the reference was made toward the Members or the audience. It was the Councils view that appropriate measures were in place. A resident suggested that in future where there were large numbers in attendance the Council should restrict the meeting to electors of the Parish.</p>	
CO10/21	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Councillor Alan Stovell – previous commitment.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Parish Councillor apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO11/21	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 18 May 2021 were presented to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 May and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May be agreed as a true record.</p>	
CO12/21	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
CO13/21	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no requests.</p>	

<p>CO21/20</p>	<p>POLICE REPORT A Police report had not been submitted. The Deputy Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Officers had reported that perpetrators of the recent ASB in and around Bedlington Station had almost all been identified. Home visits had taken place and referrals made to the Youth Offending Team. Members of the community are urged to report incidents via 101 or 999 if an incident is taking place rather than post on Facebook. RESOLVED: That the Police advice be noted.</p>	
<p>CO22/21</p>	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS There were not written reports. RESOLVED:</p>	
<p>CO23/21</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE A member raised a query regarding item 23. The Clerks reported that the matter has already been referred to the Services Working Group. RESOLVED: (i) That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
<p>CO24/21</p>	<p>CLERK'S REPORT The Clerk circulated a written report updating members on most recent events. In adding to the report, he confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage works at Cambois allotments is scheduled to start this week. The work will also involve removing fence lines to extend the Orchard and make good fence lines on adjacent allotments. • A request has been made to site a memorial bench on Cambois links. The Clerk advised that he would be conducting a site visit with the applicant later in the week. • The Parish Council is taking part in the Great British Spring Clean and litter picks have been organised in Gallagher Park, the Free Woods, Cambois Links and Jennings Field. The Gallagher Park event having already taken place on Bank Holiday Monday with Councillors Helen Bradford, Dawn Crosby, Bill Crosby and the Deputy Clerk in attendance, • RoSPA will be conducting the annual safety check in all the play areas during the course of the week. • He had attended Blyth Star Enterprise with the Outdoor Services Officer to arrange the summer planting. He had expressed concern in respect of the carousel planters that had not developed as expected. In order for the plants to better establish arrangement had been made to keep them at the nursery for a further two weeks. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Deputy Clerk has been working with the Allgood Terrace Allotment Association and Northumberland County Council following a complaint from a plot holder regarding a rat infestation. In addition, there are issues with the boundary fence which is a shared boundary fence with NCC. A report will be given to the Services Working Group. <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	
CO25/21	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) Members noted the determination 21/00223/FUL</p> <p>(ii) Members supported the application 21/01746/FUL</p>	
CO26/21	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Vice Chairman 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 £288,611.98 as at 21 May 2021 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) Budget report be noted.</p> <p>(iv) Balance sheet be noted.</p>	
CO27/21	<p>TO CONSIDER THE BEDLINGTON SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION</p> <p>Members considered the report presented by NCC planning to compensate for loss of green space land opposite Ravensworth Street.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) The Council continue to support residents and strongly oppose the development of a car park on amenity land opposite Ravensworth Street.</p> <p>(ii) The Council support the location of additional car parking space on land currently used as a container park off Barrington Road.</p> <p>(iii) Members consider the crossing of tracks at Bedlington North crossing to be no greater risk to pedestrians than the crossing at Bedlington South which is subject to greater footfall.</p>	

	<p>(iv) The offer of alternative amenity land at Liddle Street is not acceptable compensation. Due to high levels of ASB, poor lighting, no visual benefit to residents of West View or Ravensworth Street.</p>	
CO28/21	<p>BRITISHVOLT</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members defer decision of the proposals put forward by Britishvolt to transfer land and a new play area to rear of Waterfield Road – subject to contract and the appointment of delegates to meet with Britishvolt to the Services Working Group.</p>	
CO29/21	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That member agreed unanimously to the formation of a Regeneration sub-group.</p>	
CO30/21	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Parish Council continue the meat voucher scheme and distribute vouchers through the Matthew Project. (ii) That the meat voucher scheme be reviewed every three months. (iii) That members agree in principle to the participation in a Sustainability Project led by TT Electronics (iv) Subject to further clarification obtained by the Clerk TT Electronics be invited to make a presentation to Members at Full Council Tuesday 6 July 2021. 	Clerk
CO31/21	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Further to the concerns expressed in the Open Session, Councillor Jayne Todd offered to meet with local residents on an individual basis and detail the individual concerns, with a view to working with the Neighbourhood Inspector and Deputy Clerk to bring together a multi-agency team to address the ongoing issues.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Todd undertake one-to-one visits and work with the Deputy Clerk and Neighbourhood Inspector to assemble a multi-agency team.</p>	

C0230/20	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 6pm, Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre	
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