



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 July 2021,  
East Bedlington Community Centre**

**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 Alan Stovell  
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  
4 members of the public

		<b>ACTION</b>
	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> A resident of the Parish referred to the proposed carpark adjacent to West View and sought the support of the Parish Council in opposing the proposals. The Deputy Clerk advised that the Parish had already registered their opposition to the proposal.</p>	
<b>CO33/21</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE</b> Apologies were noted from Councillor Keith Scantlebury (isolating) and Councillor Jayne Todd. <b>RESOLVED:</b> (i) <b>That the Parish Councillor apologies be accepted.</b></p>	
<b>CO34/21</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b> The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 were presented to the meeting. <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 June be agreed as a true record.</b></p>	
<b>CO35/21</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b> There were no matters arising.</p>	
<b>CO36/21</b>	<p><b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS &amp; REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b></p>	

	There were no disclosures or requests.	
<b>CO37/21</b>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Police advice be noted.</p>	
<b>CO38/21</b>	<p><b>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>County Councillor Alex Wallace provided a written report upon which he expanded upon at the request of the Chair. He advised that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Britishvolt planning application had been approved unanimously.</li> <li>• There would be about 700 construction workers on site and there would be HGV's accessing the site approximately every 30 seconds.</li> <li>• NCC had reaffirmed their commitment to reducing carbon emissions. They would be starting work on a new local plan as soon as the current one has been approved with an inference that Housing development may follow.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That County Councillor Wallace's report be noted.</p>	
<b>CO39/21</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>A member raised a query regarding item 23. The Clerks reported that the matter has already been referred to the Services Working Group.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (i) That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
<b>CO40/21</b>	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk gave a brief report advising;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there had been further damage to Kings &amp; Queens Play Area</li> <li>• That Bernicia had been contacted further as there had been no progress regarding the lease.</li> <li>• Those parts were on order to repair the play equipment in Kings &amp; Queens and Jennings Field Play Areas</li> <li>• That ROSPA annual safety checks were complete.</li> <li>• That drainage works at Cambois allotments were complete and the extended orchard area had been seeded.</li> <li>• There had been approximately 20 entrants to the Garden Competition.</li> <li>• He had been in touch with a local builder with a view to fixing the heritage plaque on the library building.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (i) That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	

CO41/21	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>Members noted the determination 21/00223/FUL</b></li> <li>(ii) <b>Members supported the application 21/01746/FUL</b></li> </ul>	
CO42/21	<p><b>FINANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>The Vice Chairman presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts &amp; Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget and Balance Sheet</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>Schedule of receipts and payments be approved.</b></li> <li>(ii) <b>Cleared balances of £281,945.15 as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 be noted.</b></li> <li>(iii) <b>Budget and Income &amp; Expenditure reports and Balance Sheet be noted.</b></li> </ul>	
CO43/21	<p><b>WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>That the minutes of the Services Working Group held 15 June 2021 be received</b></li> <li>(ii) <b>That the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Working Group held 23 June 2021 be Received.</b></li> <li>(iii) <b>That a Regeneration working group consisting of Councillor Grimes (Chair) Councillor Todd, Councillor Dawn Crosby, Council Chair &amp; Vice Chair ex officio be established.</b></li> <li>b) <b>That Keith Grimes be confirmed as Chair of the Regeneration Working Group</b></li> <li>c) <b>That Councillors Grimes and Councillor Crosby be appointed as the Council's representatives to meet with Britishvolt.</b></li> <li>d) <b>That the nominated members enter into further discussion with Britishvolt re offer of land and possible alternative use to play area.</b></li> <li>e) <b>That an Events Working Group consisting of Councillor Dawn Crosby (Chair), Councillor Bradford, Councillor Grimes, Councillor Scantlebury, Council Chair &amp; Vice Chair ex-officio.</b></li> <li>f) <b>To confirm the appointment of Councillor Dawn Crosby as Chair of the events Working Group.</b></li> </ul>	
CO44/21	<p><b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>An awards evening to include live entertainment and a buffet be held on 11 September 2021</b></li> <li>(ii) <b>The Christmas Switch On event take place of Friday 26 November to include Children's Christmas Party.</b></li> </ul>	

	<p>(iii) A Christmas Pantomime consisting of two performances be held on Tuesday 23 November 2021.</p> <p>(iv) The Clerk arrange installation of the Charles Frederick Morris Saint plaque as soon as possible and that he be honored posthumously at the awards ceremony.</p> <p>(v) The Council agreed in principle to hold an event to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 3 June 2022.</p> <p>(vi) The Council agree in principle to the holding of a Live Music Festival in Gallagher Park in 2022</p> <p>(vii) The Clerk be authorised to write to West Bedlington Town Council to offer the opportunity to jointly host and fund the event.</p> <p>(viii) The Council does not contribute to a high spec mobile camera for the use of Bedlington and Ashington Neighbourhood Policing Team.</p> <p>(ix) The Council takes no further action regarding the removal of dog waste bin in Woburn Drive</p> <p>(x) Council Meetings are not live streamed as recommended by the Services Working Group</p> <p>(xi) The Council agree to dispose of Lenovo laptop computer surplus to requirements for the sum of £30.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CO45/21	<p><b>SMALL GRANTS &amp; DONATIONS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED That,</b></p> <p>(i) Funding of FareShares support to Cambois Primary and Bedlington Station Primary schools be extended until the end of summer term.</p> <p>(ii) The ongoing offer of support for the Matthew Project Foodbank be reviewed in September 2021.</p> <p>(iii) Additional financial support for East Bedlington Community Centre be reduced to £5,000 per annum, in accordance with the Finance &amp; General Purposes WG recommendation.</p>	Clerk
CO46/21	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	
CO47/21	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 6:30 pm, Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre</p>	

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....