



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 December 2021
at 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 & RFO, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk,
1 member of the public

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	PUBLIC SESSION A member of the public referred to the significant damage and disruption caused in the Parish following Storm Arwen. He enquired as to whether there was an emergency plan in place for future events. The Clerks advised that NCC is the emergency planning authority from which the Parish takes its instruction. The Community Centre is already registered as an emergency contact point. The Chairman commented that a review of emergency plans would be conducted in a working group.	
CO89/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were no apologies.	
CO90/21	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 November were presented to the meeting. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2021 be agreed as a true record.	
CO91/21	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES A member enquired as to the progress in relation to 82/21 (6). The Clerk advised that there had been no progress and should further	

	<p>attempts to resolve the matter with North East Ambulance Service prove fruitless he would proceed with an insurance claim. A member congratulated the Clerks on the successful application to DWP for 2 Kickstart Placements.</p> <p>There were no matters arising RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted</p>	
CO92/21	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO93/21	<p>POLICE REPORT There was no Police report</p>	
CO94/21	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>There were no NCC Councillor reports</p>	
CO95/21	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>A member referred to log 236 and requested a copy be sent to all members. A member referred to log 258 and enquired as to how awareness is raised regarding those in need. The Clerk commented that community awareness and linking into social media helps to inform the statutory organisations such as Northumberland Communities Together. It was noted that many of the calls for assistance had been channeled through NCC Councillor Wallace.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.</p>	Deputy Clerk
CO96/21	<p>CLERK'S REPORT The Clerk gave an overview report on recent events. He advised that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk reported that significant damage had been caused by Storm Arwen. He had arranged for the emergency removal of the concrete bus shelter adjacent to the former Power Station site and it posed a risk to the public. There had been significant damage to Cambois Allotments and further damage to the perimeter fence at Allgood Terrace allotments. The internal fences at Cambois were not covered by the insurance policy. He added that a full report would be presented to the Services Working Group detailing essential repairs. • Repair works had been carried out to the goal mouth areas of the Cambois MUGA as highlighted in the RoSPA check. • The damaged swings at Kings & Queens play area have been repaired. A panel of bow top fencing is still to be fitted. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs have been carried out in Jennings Field play areas including the replacement of the grass matting and re seeding works. Following the allotment inspection letters have been sent out to plot holders who had not maintained their plots in line with the tenancy agreement. 3 plot holders had decided to terminate their tenancies. 15 Station Street had suffered significant damage. The rear doors to the building had blown off and over 50% of the rear roof has been lost. The landlord has carried out temporary repairs to secure the building. The Clerk advised that he has also informed the Landlord that the Parish Council did not intend to renew the lease on the building in May 2022. <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	
CO97/21	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Members noted the determinations and considered that there were no material considerations, in relation to applications 21/03930/FUL; 21/04589/FUL; 21/04590/LBC</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Members,</p> <p>Offer no objections to applications 21/03930/FUL; 21/04589/FUL; 21/04590/LBC.</p>	
CO98/21	<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 £337,096.87 as at 1 December 2021 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) Budget, Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet reports be noted.</p>	
CO99/21	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the,</p> <p>(i) Budget Working Group held Wednesday 10 November 2021 be received.</p> <p>(ii) Services Working Group held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 be received.</p>	

	<p>(iii) Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group held on Wednesday 25 November be received.</p> <p>(iv) Notes of the Events Working Group, held on Monday 29 November 2021 be received.</p>	
CO100/21	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>Members resolved that:</p> <p>(i) The Gallagher Park Live event goes ahead on Saturday 16 July 2022. The scale of the event to be determined by available funding with a maximum contribution of £20,000 from East Bedlington Parish Council. Majority decision (10 votes to 1 vote).</p> <p>(ii) That the Parish Office closes from Friday 24 December 2021 to Tuesday 4 January 2022.</p>	
CO101/21	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no urgent business.</p>	
CO102/21	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 6:30 pm, Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre</p>	

Signed:

Date: