



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 February 2022
at East Bedlington Community Centre**

PRESENT:

Councillor John Batey
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,
NBM Lisa Hindmarsh & Community Support Officer Bev Sellars
1 member of the public

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>A member of the public raised a concern regarding ongoing anti-social behaviour in and around the Clayton Corner and flower beds to the front of the Station Buildings. He reported that residents are feeling intimidated. It was acknowledged that the Police are dealing with the matter when incidents are raised with them. It was noted that the Parish Council are working with the NPT and other agencies to address the matter.</p>	
CO118/21	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor Helen Bradford (work commitments)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO119/21	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 January 2022 were presented to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2022 be agreed as a true record.</p>	

CO120/21	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES RESOLVED:</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
CO121/21	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO122/21	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Neighbourhood Beat Manager Lisa Hindmarsh reported that overall crime had risen in comparison to the same period January 2021. There had been an increase of 2 incidents of ASB, 9 vehicle crime and an increase of 1 burglary. It was noted that whilst ASB may appear more prevalent, this is due to residents failing to report incidents to the Police. NCC Councillor Alex Wallace raised a concern regarding a tenant occupying a flat in Bedlington Station who is known to the police and requested an update with regards to action being taken to tackle alleged intimidation of other tenants. It was reported that the matter was being addressed but officers present were not able to give details in the public forum. Members were again requested to encourage residents not to report incidents on social media but to direct complainants to the appropriate channels. A meeting would take place shortly with Deputy Clerk, Councillor Todd and representatives of the local traders and residents to discuss the ASB matters.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Police report be noted.</p>	
CO123/21	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>RESOLVED: There were no written reports</p>	
CO124/21	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO125/21	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk gave an overview report on recent events. He advised that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees had now been purchased and planted in the Orchard • Details of the extension at the Gables Health Centre had been received. The works would incorporate additional surgery space, a training area and had been developed to meet demand of increased patient lists and incorporate the Cambois Surgery. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The defibrillator has now been replaced and the Clerk advised he would be pursuing an insurance claim. <p>RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	
CO126/21	<p>PLANNING RESOLVED</p> <p>That members note the determinations 21/04190/FUL and 21/03930/FUL</p>	
CO127/21	<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 That the,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) Cleared balances of £304,411.72 as o 28 January 2022 be noted. (iii) Budget, Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet reports be noted. 	
CO128/21	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Councillor Batey gave details of some of the individuals he had identified that may be interested in being involved in preparing a scoping out document to be presented to the council in relation to his proposal for an Archaeological dig along the wagon way.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 18 January 2022 be received.</p>	
CO129/21	<p>ANNUAL BUDGET & PRECEPT 2022/23</p> <p>Members considered the report of the Responsible Financial Officer</p> <p>RESOLVED That the Council approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Items of growth (totaling £44,475) and budget reductions (totaling £42,910) itemised in Appendices B and C, respectively. (ii) Non-recurring items of expenditure (totaling £11,000) itemised at Appendix D (iii) Capital expenditure (totaling £15,000) itemised at Appendix E (iv) An annual increase of £10 to allotment rents at Cambois to help cover the cost of weed control of walkways. (v) The detailed budget proposal attached at Appendix H 	

	(vi) The Parish Precept for 2022/23 in the sum of £291,984.55, being a £5 increase on the Parish Council's element of the Council Tax for a Band D property	
CO130/21	MATTERS FOR DECISION Members resolved that: Members agree to purchase (2) Glasdon Jubilee bins at a cost of £1,000 to be located at an appropriate site in Heritage Gardens.	Clerk
CO131/21	ANY OTHER BUSINESS A member requested a site visit date with regards to location of Burnside Play area. The Clerk advised a location map is in obeyance and he would follow this up and report back to members. A member requested the potential to carry out an auditory assessment of the Community Centres meeting room be placed on the next Services Working Group agenda.	Clerk
CO131/21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 6:30 pm, Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre	

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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