



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

**PRESENT:**

Councillor John Batey  
Councillor Bill Crosby (Chairman)  
Councillor Dawn Crosby  
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  
1 member of the public

|                 |  | <b>ACTION</b> |
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|                 | <p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>A member of the public referred to the intention to provide CCTV cameras in Bedlington Station and asked if the existing provision no longer functioned or could not be used as an alternative. In response the Clerk advised that the cameras already in situ were not the Parish Council cameras. They were part of East Bedlington Community Centre's security system and were fully functional. The Police did access footage when deemed necessary. Two older cameras located on the gable end were no longer in use.</p> |               |
| <b>CO146/21</b> | <p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br/>Councillor Helen Bradford (holiday), Councillor Keith Grimes (illness)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/><b>That the apologies be accepted.</b></p>  |               |
| <b>CO147/21</b> | <p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 February 2022 were presented to the meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 February 2022 be agreed as a true record.</b></p>   |               |
| <b>CO148/21</b> | <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p>   |               |

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|          | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>  |  |
| CO149/21 | <p><b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS &amp; REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b></p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>  |  |
| CO150/21 | <p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p>Neighbourhood Beat Manager Lisa Hindmarsh reported that a productive meeting had been held with the Neighbourhood Team, Fire Service, NCC Community Safety, Bernicia Enforcement, Councillor Todd, and the Deputy Clerk. A review of actions taken to date were discussed an action plan pulled together. A meeting had also been held with the residents and traders which had been well received.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/>That the Police report be noted.</p>  |  |
| CO151/21 | <p><b>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/>There were no written reports</p>   |  |
| CO152/21 | <p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/>That the correspondence be noted.</p>   |  |
| CO153/21 | <p><b>CLERK'S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All public seats in Bedlington Station have now been refurbished.</li> <li>• 10 replacement litter bins have been installed in the Parish to meet health and safety concerns of the Neighbourhood Services Operatives.</li> <li>• All lamp post mounted bins have now been removed.</li> <li>• All Allotment rents have now been collected and relevant documents received.</li> <li>• A recommendation for policy in relation to the removal of white concrete asbestos has been made by the Services working group and is an agenda item for approval. The Allotments Policy and Tenants Rules and Responsibilities will be updated in line with the Council decision.</li> <li>• It was noted that further correspondence had been received from the plot holder.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/>That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p> |  |
| CO154/21 | <p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>  |  |

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|                 | <b>That members note the determination</b>   |  |
| <b>CO155/21</b> | <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></p> <p>That the,</p> <p>(i) <b>Schedule of receipts and payments be approved.</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>Cleared balances of £304,411.72 as o 28 January 2022 be noted.</b></p> <p>(iii) <b>Budget, Income &amp; Expenditure and Balance Sheet reports be noted.</b></p>   |  |
| <b>CO156/21</b> | <p><b>WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>That the minutes of the Events Working Group held on</b></p> <p><b>That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 18 January 2022 be received.</b></p>  |  |
| <b>CO157/21</b> | <p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Councillor Stewart declared an interest in agenda item 12.4 Indicating he would take no part in the discussion or voting.</p>   |  |
| <b>CO158/21</b> | <p><b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b></p> <p>12.1 The Deputy Clerk reported that the quotation for the proposed CCTV cameras now included 2 fixed cameras to be installed and monitored at no extra cost to the original quotation presented to members. It was also noted that there would be a requirement to enter into a 12- month contract.</p> <p>12.4 In response to a question raised in relation to the legal recommendation set out by NCC for the removal of white concrete asbestos. The Clerk quoted the instructions provided by NCC in there publication relating to the removal of Hazardous waste.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>Members resolved that:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>The Installation of 1 x 360° CCTV camera and 2 fixed cameras at a cost of £3224 plus one off installation costs of £192 for an initial 1 year contract be approved.</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>The cost of installation be met initially from balances and, subject to satisfactory evaluation, a budget be established for future years.</b></p> <p>(iii) <b>Approval be given for 4 weeks detached youth work / youth consultation during March 2022 at a cost of £850 to be met from the existing youth budget.</b></p> |  |

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|          | <p>(iv) Approval be given for the purchase of 1 x 20' storage container at a cost of £3750 plus VAT.</p> <p>(v) That the Council approve the recommendation of the Services Working Group that in the case of white concrete asbestos removal.</p> <p>a) The Council provide plastic sheeting, and adhesive tape to secure the waste</p> <p>b) The cost of removal of the waste be borne by the relevant plot holder.</p> <p>c) That such policy be incorporated into the Hazardous substances and materials section of the Allotments policy and into the Tenants rules and responsibilities.</p> | Clerk |
| CO159/21 | <p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Councillor Wilczek reported that NCC Leadership had informed Westminster that Northumberland is willing to welcome and support families and individuals displaced following the invasion and ongoing conflict in the Ukraine. Members joined the Chairman in commending the offer.</p>   |       |
| CO160/21 | <p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 6:30 pm, Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre</p>  |       |

**Signed:** ..... **Chairman**

**Date:** .....