



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 July 2023
at East Bedlington Community Centre**

PRESENT:

Councillor John Batey
Councillor Bill Crosby
Councillor Dawn Crosby
Councillor Keith Grimes (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Len Smith
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Grant Ward

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk & Responsible Officer
Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk & Responsible Officer
County Councillor Alex Wallace (Sleekburn Ward)

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>There were no members of the public present</p>	
CO30/23	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillor Jayne Todd (Holiday)</p> <p>RESOLVED: (i) That the apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO31/23	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting and the Full Council meeting held on 2 May 2023 were circulated to the members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Full Parish Council meeting be signed as a true record.</p>	
CO33/23	<p>Clerk & Officers Update A written report had been submitted members. A member requested an update on item 6 Boundary Issues Cambois Allotments. It was confirmed that NCC accepted that the details supplied by NCC to land registry were incorrect and there is a</p>	

	<p>willingness to work with the Clerk to resolve this matter. However there is a further complication in connection to the SSE proposed application which is currently subject to commercial sensitivities.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; (i) The Clerk & Officers update be noted.</p>	
CO34/23	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO35/23	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Inspector Wayne Daniels and Sergeant Rob Morton submitted apologies and supplied a written report. The Chairman commended the officers on the quality and content of the report and welcomed the interventions arranged during the ASB week of Action</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; (i) The Police report be circulated to the members.</p>	
CO36/23	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>There were no reports.</p>	
CO37/23	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>A member requested further information on items 36, 37 and 42. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that Commando boxes were priced at £420 each. The cost of replacement of the swing bays is circa £900 and that this would be subject to an insurance claim and that the office photocopier had become obsolete and had been replaced with a more up to date model at a saving of around £28 per month.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO38/23	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>RESOLVED: (I) That the determination 21/03723/FUL be noted (II) That no objections be offered in relation to application 23/01910/FUL</p>	Deputy Clerk
CO39/23	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Chairman presented a suite of reports</p> <p>RESOLVED That the,</p>	

	<p>(i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved.</p> <p>(ii) Cleared balances of £ 331,324.43 as at 31 March 2023 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) Budget report be noted.</p> <p>(iv) Detailed Income and expenditure be noted.</p> <p>(v) Balance Sheet be noted</p>	
CO40/23	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <p>(i) The minutes of the Services working group held on 6 June be received.</p> <p>(ii) The minutes of the Finance & General Purpose working Group held 27 June be received.</p>	
CO41/23	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members resolved that:</p> <p>(i) Approve the recommendation of the Finance & General Purpose working group and commission the repair of 2 (no) miners tubs at a cost of £1750 each.</p> <p>(ii) Members approve the recommendation of the Services working group and submit the following projects for inclusion in the 2024-2025 LTP schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing along the A1147 adjacent to Burnside Estate • Resurfacing of the concrete road between no's 132 and 144 Burnside Estate • Creation of a residents only parking scheme at Waverly Drive. 	
CO42/23	<p>The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal report on the development of the festival and confirmed that the project was currently being delivered within budget. Roadside banners have been ordered and are expected by the end of the week. All risk assessments and plans have been submitted to NCC. There would be some element of setting up on 21 July and a requirement to be onsite from 7.30am on Saturday 22 July. A litter pick will be required of the main field on Sunday 23 July. Member were reminded of the restrictive parking and the requirement for a disabled pass to be booked if needed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <p>(i) The report be noted.</p> <p>(ii) Highlights PR be engaged</p>	Deputy Clerk

<p>CO43/23</p>	<p>PARISH PLAN</p> <p>The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal update on the Parish Plan review. It was reported that the first 11 pages of the existing document required a refresh to encompass all that had changed since the original plan was produced.</p> <p>Key additions to the new and emerging plan will be job creation in Cambois, the re-opening of the railway line and regeneration of the town centre. It was, in her opinion prudent to wait until key decisions impacting on some of these issues were resolved in August. She still awaited input from several members on their delegated areas of responsibility. It was also noted that the area of interest assigned to Councillor Bradford needed to be picked up.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) Councillor Len Smith pick up the work on the Business and Employment section and support Councillor Hedley with the compilation of the Parish Directory.</p> <p>(ii) That the report be noted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">•</p>	<p>Councillor Smith</p>
<p>CO44/23</p>	<p>PLAYZONE</p> <p>The Chairman gave a brief overview of the rationale behind the Playzone. Members considered that the publicity had been very poor and not directed to those who are mostly impacted. There had been an opportunity to respond on line. Further dates had been planned to carry out more consultation, The Chairman suspended the meeting at this point to allow Councillor Alex Wallace who had undertaken a great deal of work to bring the possibility of the project to Sleekburn ward, to give more detailed information.. The Chairman resumed the meeting and thanked Councillor Wallace for his input.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) Members note the report</p> <p>(ii) The parish council offer support in terms of promotion</p> <p>(iii) The Parish Council do not make a financial commitment at this stage.</p>	
	<p>PART 2</p>	
<p>CO45/23</p>	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC</p> <p>That Members consider the exclusion of the press and public from the discussion of the following item, permitted under Part I (9) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) as the matter is confidential and relates to terms proposed to the authority in the course</p>	

	<p>of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>The press and public be excluded from this section of the meeting.</p>	
CO46/46	<p>STATION BUILDINGS, BEDLINGTON STATION</p> <p>The Clerk distributed a confidential report to all members present.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) The Council instruct the Clerk to approach Network Rail with a view to negotiating tenure of the North Station building which would then be sub-let to East Bedlington Community Centre.</p> <p>(ii) That the Clerk is authorised to negotiate with East Bedlington Community Centre.</p> <p>(iii) Subject to securing tenure, agreement with the relevant parties and amendment of EBCC's trust deed, the Council transfers £37,200 from the Heritage Fund to East Bedlington Community Centre (to be held in a restricted fund for the development of the North Station Building).</p> <p>(iv) That the Parish Council agrees to meet the cost of Network Rail's legal and administration fees of circa £2,800 to be funded from the remainder of the Heritage Fund.</p>	
CO47/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 5 September 2023 6.30pm</p>	

Signed: **Chairman** **Date:**