



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 May 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 Allan Stewart
Councillor Grant Ward
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk & Responsible Officer
Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk & Responsible Officer
4 Members of the public

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>A member requested further information relating to correspondence from County Councillor Alex Wallace. It was reported that the correspondence was a copy of an enquiry to NCC requesting clarification on the land for proposed car parking in Liddles Street. The response confirmed that the For Sale sign has been erected in error and that instruction has been given to have the sign removed. It was further noted that NCC are of the opinion that additional car parking will not be required for up to 15 years, however the situation will be monitored when the Station opens.</p>	
CO11/23	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Councillor Jayne Todd (prior engagement)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO12/23	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7 March 2023 were circulated to the members prior to the meeting.</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED: That; The minutes be signed as a true record.</p>	
CO13/23	<p>Clerk & Officers Update A written report had been submitted members. The Clerks updated that the double rower would be fitted within the next two days and the glazed panels for the beach shelter would be delivered on Thursday 4 May.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; (i) The Clerk & Officers update be noted.</p>	
CO14/23	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO15/23	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Inspector Wayne Daniels has submitted his apologies and supplied a written report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; (i) The Police report be circulated to the members.</p>	Deputy Clerk
CO16/23	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>There were no reports.</p>	
CO17/23	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO18/23	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>RESOLVED: (I) That no objections be submitted in relation to 23/00175/PREAPP (II) That the Screening Opinion 23/01278/SCREEN be noted (III) That the Council objects to the demolition of 23/01070/CCD and a objection statement prepared by the Chairman and approved by all members present be submitted. (IV) That the Council objects to application 23/01081/FUL on the grounds of Highways issues and that the land is subject to a conservation order.</p>	Deputy Clerk

<p>CO19/23</p>	<p>FINANCE REPORT The Chairman presented a suite of reports</p> <p>RESOLVED That the,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) Cleared balances of £ 223,302.34 as at 31 March 2023 be noted. (iii) Budget report be noted (iv) Statutory Income and Expenditure report for the year ended 31 March 23 be noted (v) Statutory Balance sheet for year end 31 March 2023 be signed and noted. 	
<p>CO20/23</p>	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The minutes of the Finance & General Purpose working Group held 28 March be received. (ii) The minutes of the Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group held 17 April 2023 be received. (iii) The minutes of the Services Working Group held 18 April 2023 be received. 	
<p>CO21/23</p>	<p>INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report of the Internal Auditor Michael Slaughter be received.</p>	
<p>CO22/23</p>	<p>APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR 2023/2024</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council approve the reappointment of Michael Slaughter as Internal Auditor 2023/2024</p>	
<p>CO23/23</p>	<p>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023</p>	
<p>CO24/23</p>	<p>AGAR – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2022/2023</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council approve the AGAR – Accounting Statements for 2022/2023</p>	

CO25/23	AGAR – PUBLIC INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS RESOLVED: That the public inspection of accounts be conducted from 5th June until 14 July 2023	Clerk
CO26/23	MATTERS FOR DECISION RESOLVED: Members resolved that: (i) The recommendation of the Finance & General Purpose Working Group to award a grant of £250 to Dandelion Collective / Cambois Institute be approved. (ii) That a contingency of £2,500 be set aside to meet any unforeseen expenditure in relation to Gallagher Park Live.	
CO27/23	CO-OPTION IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR Members considered the applications received from two candidates. A vote was taken and a candidate selected by majority vote. RESOLVED: That; Mr Leonard Smith be elected as Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy in Bedlington East ward.	
CO28/23	POLICIES RESOLVED: That; (i) The Parish Council approves the recommendations of the Services Working Group and adopts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Seating Policy (ii) The Parish Council approves the recommendations of the Finance & General Purpose Working Group and approves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserves & Balances Policy • Pensions Policy • Risk Management Policy 	
CO29/23	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 4 July 2023 6.30pm	

Signed: Chairman Date: