

## EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2023 AT EAST BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

**PRESENT:** Councillors Keith Grimes (Chairman), Bill Crosby, Dawn Crosby, Rebecca Wilczek, Paul Hedley, Allan Stewart, Keith Scantlebury, Grant Ward, John Batey (Part)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk)  
4 Members of the Public

<b>CO01/23</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> The Chairman opened the meeting and apologies were noted from Councillor Jayne Todd – Prior engagement.
<b>CO02/23</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the apologies be accepted.</b> <b>DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS &amp; REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b>  There were no disclosures of requests for dispensation.
<b>CO03/23</b>	<b>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL 2023/2024 SO12a</b>  A nomination was made for Councillor Keith Grimes by Councillor Dawn Crosby and seconded by Councillor Rebecca Wilczek. There were no other nominations. A vote was taken with 7 votes in favour and 1 vote against.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That Councillor Keith Grimes be elected as Chairman for the term 2023/2024</b>
<b>CO04/23</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMANS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE SO12b</b> Councillor Grimes formally accepted the Chair and duly signed acceptance of office. <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the declaration of acceptance be noted.</b>
<b>CO05/23</b>	<b>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR SO12e</b> A nomination was made for Councillor John Batey by Councillor Allan Stewart and seconded by Councillor Rebecca Wilczek.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That Councillor Batey be duly elected as Vice Chair for the term 2023/2024.</b>

<b>CO06/23</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 3 May 2022 were noted as previously agreed Minute CO37/22 July 22 refers</p>
<b>CO07/23</b>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES SO12f</b></p> <p>(i) Councillor Grimes be appointed at representative to Northumberland Association of Local Councils</p> <p>(ii) Councillors Dawn Crosby, Keith Scantlebury were nominated in a majority vote in addition to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.</p> <p>(iii) Councillor Batey be appointed as the representative on the Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.</p>
<b>CO08/23</b>	<p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN &amp; MEMBERS OF STAFFING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman will act as ex-officio on this and all committees.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That;</p> <p>(i) Councillors Grant Ward, Dawn Crosby and Paul Hedley be appointed as members of the Staffing Committee.</p> <p>(ii) Councillor Grant Ward be appointed as Chairman of Staffing Committee for the term 2023/2024</p>
<b>CO009/23</b>	<p><b>TO APPOINT WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That;</p> <p>a) Services Working Group</p> <p>(i) All Councillors be members of the Working Group</p> <p>(ii) That Councillor John Batey appointed by a majority vote as Chairman of the Working Group for the term 2023/2024</p> <p>(iii) A Vice-Chairman be appointed at the first meeting of the working group</p> <p>b) Finance &amp; General Purposes Working Group</p> <p>(i) All Councillors be members of the Working Group</p> <p>(ii) Councillor Allan Stewart be appointed as Chairman of the Working Group for the term 2023/2024.</p> <p>(iii) A Vice-Chairman be appointed at the first meeting of the Working Group.</p> <p>c) Planning &amp; Economic Regeneration Working Group</p> <p>(i) All Councillors be members of the Working Group.</p> <p>(ii) Councillor Keith Grimes be appointed Chairman of the Working Group for the term 2023/2024</p> <p>(iii) A Vice-Chairman be appointed at the first meeting of the Working Group.</p> <p>d) Events Working Group</p> <p>(i) All Councillors be members of the Working Group.</p> <p>(ii) Councillor Dawn Crosby be appointed as Chair for the term 2023/2024.</p> <p>(iii) A vice-chairman be appointed at the first meeting of the working group.</p>

	<b>Councillor Batey joined the meeting at this point and apologies for lateness</b>
<b>CO10/23</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>  <b>a) To approve the Schedule of Meetings 2023/2024</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>(I) That the Schedule of Full Council Meetings for 2023/2024 be agreed.</b> <b>(II) That the Chairman and the Deputy Clerk align remaining working group meetings for 2023/2024 to be presented to next Full Council Meeting.</b>
	<b>Meeting ended at 18:15</b>

Signed ..... Date: .....

Chairman