

# EAST BEDLINGTON

## Parish Council



### **Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 3 July 2018, at East Bedlington Community Centre.**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Andy Allman  
Councillor Steve Aynsley  
Councillor John Batey  
Councillor Allan Douglas  
Councillor Keith Grimes  
Councillor Paul Hedley  
Councillor Allan Stewart  
Councillor Mike Trimming  
Councillor Alex Wallace

#### **In attendance:**

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) County Councillor Bill Crosby, County Councillor Russ Wallace, County Councillor Jeff Gobin and 5 members of the public.

#### Open Session

Councillor Russ Wallace implored everyone present to vote for Whitley Memorial School in the National Tesco Awards vote. The school is now lying 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Country vote and every token of support is will be appreciated.

David Graham commented favourably on the floral displays throughout the Station area, however he raised concern regarding the rate at which the planters are drying out. The Chairman thanked him for his vigilance and the Clerk was requested to increase the watering schedule during the prolonged dry spell.

Keith Dalton a resident of West Bedlington enquired as to why an article he had submitted regarding the Golden Age Forum had not been included in the East Bedlington Parish Newsletter. The Deputy Clerk explained that she had sought clarity with the Chairman of the organisation and established that the group would be continuing to meet in Ashington rather than Bedlington. She added that it had been agreed that the information would be posted onto the Parish Council's website.

**CO59/18**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted from Councillors Lynda Mason (holiday) and Jane Greensitt (work commitments).

**RESOLVED:**

**That the apologies be accepted.**

**CO60/18**

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were presented.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the typographical error be amended**
- (ii) That the minutes be signed as a correct record.**

**CO61/18**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- CO40/18 – Jakes Bar - the Deputy Clerk responded to a question from Councillor Batey. She confirmed that there was nothing further to add to the written response of the Enforcement Officer previously circulated to members.
- Councillor Grimes referred to CO43/18 - joint working with West Bedlington Town Council. With fellow Councillors agreement, he advised that he will now move this matter forward.
- Councillor Grimes confirmed that he had responded to Bedlington Vipers.

**CO62/18**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

**There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.**

**CO63/18**

**POLICE REPORT**

There was no report submitted.

The Deputy Clerk reported that a list of which officers were currently covering each area of Bedlington had been received. She further explained that the Parish meeting coincided with the shift rest day. Councillors present felt that input from the Neighbourhood Policing Team was important and that steps should be taken to improve contact.

**Resolved:**

**That a letter be sent to the Inspector requesting a written update where offers are unable to attend.**

**CO64/18**

**NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- Councillor Gobin confirmed that funding is in place to resurface the main road into Cambois. The repairs had been long awaited and he had been advised that they would start in September. He further reported that he had met with residents of Bridge Terrace with regards to complaints of irresponsible parking. He has instigated a consultation with the residents with a view to installing yellow lines. The cost of this work will be £2,500 if agreed by residents. He advised that he will report back when the consultation period was over and a decision had been made.
- Councillor Crosby also referred to parking issues he has been tackling with residents living in Terrier Close. He was in discussions with Stead Lane Primary School with regards to relocating the school entrance and is also

considering the installation of a crossing on Stead Lane. NCC will be carrying out a feasibility study on the proposals and he would provide an update when the results of that survey are complete.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the NCC Councillors reports be noted.**

**CO65/18**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the correspondence be noted.**

**CO66/18**

**CLERKS REPORT**

**The Clerk reported:**

- (i) Work has started on the Selbourne Terrace Play Area and would be completed on Thursday. The site will remain cordoned off for a week to allow the turf to settle and arrangements have been put in place for the new turf to be watered every day for the next two weeks.
- (ii) The Wembley Play Area has now reopened following the completion of the North Sea Link works in that location.
- (iii) The Annual ROSPA check has been completed.
- (iv) The Jennings Field project would be going before NCC Capital Schemes Committee and then to Full Council for ratification. A meeting with Mike Jeffrey has been arranged to discuss details prior to the commencement of works in September.
- (v) New planters and hanging baskets have now been installed in the Parish
- (vi) A maintenance agreement for watering has been put in place with HFF Civil Engineering.
- (vii) NCC have advised that the embankment planters will be planted in late July.
- (viii) Councillors who intend to be judges at the forthcoming Garden Competition w/c 16 July should inform the Clerk that they wish to take part.
- (ix) The Newsletter has been delivered across the Parish
- (x) A replacement Noticeboard has been ordered for Cambois Allotments
- (xi) Councillors Wallace, Batey and Aynsley have taken part in the recent NALC Training.
- (xii) The Parish was well represented at the EDF Wind Farm Launch with the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors Batey, Trimming and Aynsley in attendance. The event was very well organised and many valuable contacts made.
- (xiii) There had been a good take up of the Summer Play Scheme provided by the Parish Council over the school holidays.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Clerk's Report be noted**

**CO67/18**

**SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS**

Councillors commented on their appreciation of the support provided by Councillors Gobin and Crosby.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the schedule of receipts be approved.**

**CO68/18**

**INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS**

- (i) Councillor Wallace queried bus shelter cleaning and commented on the condition of the shelters. He added that perhaps they should be cleaned on a more frequent basis. The Clerk advised that the current arrangement is for a quarterly clean.
- (ii) Councillor Grimes referred to Small Grant – Our Sea Trash Free and reported on the excellent work that they are undertaking with their monthly beach cleans.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the schedule of expenditure be approved.**

**CO69/18**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the cleared balance of £252,309.65 as of 27 June 18 be noted.**

**CO70/18**

**BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The Clerk circulated a written report.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the forecast financial position be noted.**

**CO71/18**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**18/02034/VARYCO** – Councillors referred to objections received from local residents and considered the comments made by other statutory consultees.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) **That the Parish Council object to the proposals put forward in 18/02034/VARYCO on the material consideration of increased noise pollution. The Parish Council is mindful that a precedent should not be set which may impact on other residential areas. That the Parish Council supports the conditions applied in the original application (8am to 6pm Mon – Fri and 8am to 1pm Sat).**

**CO72/18**

**(ii) That the Council note the determination 18/01514/FUL  
SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID's)**

The Clerk reported on the background to the decision to install SID's in the Parish. He explained that the Parish had initially requested hardwired devices, but further investigation had revealed that the cost was almost double and would have ongoing revenue costs. A site visit had been undertaken with Richard McKenzie from NCC Highways who had recommended the solar powered alternative model. NCC and Councillor Crosby have already installed two devices on Rothesay Terrace. The remaining two devices will be located on Bridge Terrace and Stead Lane. The cost of the devices is more than the figure originally quoted. The devices come with a 6-year maintenance package and will need to be insured by the Parish.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) **That the installation of 2 no. Solar Powered SID's at a cost of £4,300 each be jointly funded by County Councillor Jeff Gobin and EBPC.**
- (ii) **That the additional cost of £1800 (in excess of the approved budget) be met from the overall budget allocation.**
- (iii) **That the maintenance (including insurance) costs associated with the above and, also 2 other SID's funded by County Councillor Bill Crosby and NCC be met by the Council.**

**CO73/18**

**WORKING GROUPS**

Members considered the minutes of the Services Working Group.

- (i) Councillor Wallace sought clarification on the discussions around reimbursement of expenses. The Clerk explained that expenses for training costs were not included in the discussions or recommendations.
- (ii) Councillor Wallace also sought clarification on the recommendation to print and insert Garden Competition and Civic Awards entry forms in the Newsletter. The Clerk advised that the cost of the items referred to had been met from the publicity budget. As the budget had not been exceeded, there was no need to approve additional finance at that stage, however it was recognised that the additional costs may place pressure on the budget later in the year.
- (iii) Councillor Wallace also commented on the scale of NCC's statutory requirement to inform local residents in relation to a planning application.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the Services Working Group held on 19 June be noted.**

**CO74/18**

**OUTSIDE BODIES**

- (i) Members received the report of the NALC County Committee
- (ii) NALC/T&PCLWG - Councillor Grimes explained that incorrect information had been given by NCC officers regarding the nomination process to the Town and Parish Council Liaison Working Group he therefore proposed with Members agreement to merge the nomination to this body and NALC into one role. This was agreed unanimously. He further proposed that Councillor Alex Wallace be nominated as the EBPC representative. This was seconded by Councillor John Batey.
- (iii) East Bedlington Community Centre – Councillor Grimes reported that the nominations had been discussed at length during the Services Working Group, this had resulted in Members present nominating both himself and Councillor Allman for ratification as Trustees. Councillors unanimously approved the nominations. He added that a third nominee was required. Councillor Allan Douglas put himself forward for consideration.
- (iv) EDF Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Windfarm Community Benefit Fund Advisory Panel – Members of the Services committee recommended Councillor Keith Grimes this was agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the NALC Committee Report be noted.
- (ii) That Councillor Wallace serve as the Parish Council NALC and T&PC Liaison Working Group nominee for 2018/2019
- (iii) That Councillor Keith Grimes and Councillor Andy Allman be nominated to serve as Trustees of East Bedlington Community Centre (AGM Nov 2018) and that Councillor Douglas's interest in the role be discussed at the next Services Working Group.
- (iv) That Councillor Grimes be appointed as the Parish representative on the EDF Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Windfarm Community Benefit Fund Advisory Panel

**C075/18 MATTERS FOR DECISION**

Members considered the recommendations put forward by the Services Working Group.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the proposals put forward regarding the reimbursement of expenses be adopted. Agreed unanimously.
- (ii) That a planned additional Town Centre grass cut takes place prior to Northumberland Live. Agreed unanimously
- (iii) That the Parish Council seeks Tenders for an Event organiser to organise a Live music Festival in Gallagher Park for the duration of the Council. Agreed (8 Councillors in favour 1 objection).
- (iv) That the Parish Council agrees in principle to adopt the Cambois Miners Wheel and that consultation take place with all Stakeholders. Agreed unanimously.

**C076/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Date for diaries: Awards Presentation Evening - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm, Platform 1**

There was no other business.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Parish Meeting - Tuesday 4 September 2018, 6:00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre**

Signed as a true record .....  
Chairman

Date: .....