



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 January 2022
at East Bedlington Community Centre**

PRESENT:

Councillor John Batey
Councillor Helen Bradford
Councillor Bill Crosby (Chairman)
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Alan Stovell
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek (County Councillor Bedlington East ward)

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk & RFO, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk,
NBM Lisa Hindmarsh & Community Support Officer

		ACTION
	PUBLIC SESSION There were no members of the public present	
CO103/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillors Dawn Crosby and Councillor Jayne Todd (prior engagement) RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.	
CO104/21	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 December were presented to the meeting. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 December 2021 be agreed as a true record.	

CO105/21	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES RESOLVED:</p> <p>A member referred to C096/21 following damage caused by Storm Arwen. The Clerk reported that there should be no financial responsibility attached to the damage caused at the rear of the property. The landlord is pursuing an insurance claim and awaiting a visit from the loss adjuster. The landlord has boarded up the property in the short term. Repairs to the front of the building already discussed in full council are still to be completed, and this work would need to be undertaken before the lease is terminated in May 2022. The Clerk referred to concerns he had already raised with members regarding storage of assets in the future and members may wish to consider the disposal of some assets which are no longer required. A member enquired as to progress in relation to C091/21 – missing defibrillator- The Clerk reported that further attempts have been made to locate the missing device with the Ambulance Service. A replacement unit has been purchased and delivery is expected later in the week.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The future requirements for storage be discussed at the next Services Working Group (ii) The disposal of assets be discussed at the next Services Working group (iii) That the matters arising be noted 	Clerk
CO106/21	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO107/21	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Neighbourhood Beat Manager Lisa Hindmarsh submitted apologies on behalf of Inspector Pattinson. She reported that overall reported crime had dropped by 25% across the board. She added that the figures may not represent what is actually taking place in the locality in terms of ASB and this is due to residents failing to report incidents to the Police. The sometimes-lengthy process of reporting through 101 was acknowledged. Members were again requested to encourage residents not to report incidents on social media but to direct complainants to the appropriate channels. She confirmed that Inspector Patterson is available to meet with the Deputy Clerk, Councillor Todd and representatives of the local traders and residents to discuss the ASB matters.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Police report be noted.</p>	

CO108/21	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting by Councillor Alex Wallace (Sleekburn Ward). Members noted the comments in relation to attendance at the Town & Parish Council Liaison Working Group. It was suggested that a Deputy be appointed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Keith Grimes deputise for the Chairman if required at NALC/ T&PC Liaison meetings.</p>	
CO109/21	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Deputy Clerk noted that log 265 had been identified as an agenda item. It referred to a planning determination and is for information only. • Councillor Wilczek referred to log 267 commenting that the issue is not in her ward and that the enquirer had been referred to the representative for Bedlington Central Ward. • A member enquired as to whether the Chairman had been able to complete the survey referred to in log 281. It was noted that the Chairman would be meeting with the Clerks before sending. He added that he felt all members should have been consulted. <p>RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO110/21	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk gave an overview report on recent events. He advised that, The legal work on the Kings & Queens estate had now been completed and the invoice for the legal work would be sent to Bernicia for payment. Once the account has been settled work can commence of drawing up the documents for Burnside Estate.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	
CO111/21	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Members noted the determinations and considered that there were no material considerations, in relation to applications 21/04861/FUL; 21/05023/FUL; 21/05024/LBC</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That members note the determination and offer no objections to applications 21/0486/FUL; 21/05023/FUL; 21/05024/LBC.</p>	

CO112/21	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Vice Chairman presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts & Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget and Balance Sheet.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) Cleared balances of £327067.96 as at 1 January 2022 be noted. (iii) Budget, Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet reports be noted. 	
CO113/21	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance & General Purpose/ Budget Working Group held on 22 December be received.</p>	
CO114/21	<p>ALLOTMENTS POLICY</p> <p>The Vice Chairman thanked Councillor Bradford for Chairing the Task & Finish Group and the members and officers involved in pulling together the policy and revisions of allotment rules. Councillor Bradford added that the policy has now considered equality and diversity on the allotment sites and provided plot holders with a clear understanding of the terms on which a tenancy if offered. Members were invited to adopt the policy and rule changes.</p> <p>Members discussed the importance of liaising with Animal Welfare Officers to ensure that appropriate standards are being maintained on the sites.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) The changes to the allotment rules be accepted (II) That the Allotment Policy be approved and adopted 	
CO115/21	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>Members resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A donation of £50 be awarded to Bedlington United U8 Purples. (ii) A grant of £75 per month be made to Cambois Primary School to meet the cost of FareShares provision. (iii) Approval be given to carry out emergency fencing work estimated at £5,000 to be carried out at Cambois Allotments to be funded from the planned maintenance budget for 2022. 	

	(iv) Approval be given to carry out emergency fencing work at Allgood Terrace Allotments estimated at £4,000 - £5,000 to be carried out and funded from the Council's Renewals Fund	
CO116/21	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Members agreed to cancel budget meetings planned for 12 January 2021 and 25 January 2021. The final budget will be approved at the next Full Council Meeting	
CO102/21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 6:30 pm, Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre	

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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