

# EAST BEDLINGTON Parish Council



**To: ALL MEMBERS**

You are summonsed to attend a MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL to be held on **Tuesday 14 January at 6.30pm** at East Bedlington Community Centre  
The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

*J Tindale*

**Jennifer Tindale CiLCA  
Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**

**9 January 2025**

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## **OPEN SESSION**

The Chair to invite members of the public to put questions or draw relevant matters to the attention of the council, prior to the commencement of business. This is for a period of **15 minutes** overall and is limited to **3 minutes** per person. The Chair of the Council will inform the members of the public of the action to be taken, that is, to be passed to a Working Group; go on the next agenda; or that their points will be taken into consideration if already on the agenda.

Councillors are not allowed to participate in this part of the meeting, other than to ask direct questions for clarification. **The public are not permitted to participate in the remainder of the meeting.**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5 November 2024.

### **3. CLERK & OFFICER'S UPDATE**

To receive a written update on items actioned since the previous meeting.

### **4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

To receive from members disclosure of any personal or prejudicial interest in respect of any items included on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation.

### **5. POLICE REPORT**

### **6. NCC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

To receive written reports from elected members on business relating to East Bedlington Parish.

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

To note the correspondence received (attached at Appendix A) and the actions taken and proposed.

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East **Bedlington Parish Councillors:** John Batey; Bill Crosby; Dawn Crosby; Keith Grimes; Paul Hedley; Keith Scantlebury; Len Smith; Allan Stewart; Jayne Todd; Grant Ward; Rebecca Wilczek

## **8. PLANNING**

To note the planning as detailed in appendix B

## **9. FINANCE REPORT**

- 9.1 Schedule of receipts and payments
- 9.2 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2024
- 9.3 Budget Report
- 9.4 Detailed Income & Expenditure Report for the month end 31 December 2024
- 9.5 Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

## **10. WORKING GROUPS**

To receive the minutes of:

- 10.1 Staffing Committee held Tuesday 3 December 2024
- 10.2 Services Working Group held Tuesday 10 December 2024
- 10.3 Finance & General Purpose Working Group & Budget Working Group held Tuesday 17 December 2024

## **11. ANNUAL BUDGET AND PARISH PRECEPT 2025/2026**

To approve the recommendation as noted in the Parish Precept Report:

- (1) Items of growth totaling £47,933 and budget reductions totaling £37,450 itemised at Appendix A & B respectively.
- (2) Non-recurring items of expenditure totaling £3,428 itemised at Appendix C.
- (3) Capital expenditure (totaling £51,700 itemised at Appendix D)
- (4) No increase in Allotment rents for 2025/2026
- (5) The detailed budget proposal attached at Appendix G
- (6) The Parish Precept for 2025 in the sum of £300,549 representing £143 for the Parish Council's element of the Council Tax for a Band D property.

## **12. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**That members consider the following:**

- 12.1** To note and approve the recommendation of the Staffing Committee to undertake works to open up the dividing wall of the staff offices and create one office to include a designated staff welfare area.

## **13. SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS**

Members are requested to approve:

- 13.1 the recommendation of the Finance & General- Purpose Working Group to award a Grant of £250 to Bedlington & District Red Squirrel Group. (LGA 1972 s137)
- 13.2 the delegated decision to award a grant of £200 to Bedlington Academy to support the OAP Christmas Lunch (LGA 1972 s137)
- 13.3 The delegated decision to award a donation of £100 to support Port of Blyth Christmas Appeal (LGA 1972 s137)

## **14. DATE & TIME NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 4 March 2025 6.30pm**