EAST BEDLINGTON
Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on 1 September 2026 at East Bedlington Community Centre

PRESENT:

Councillor Keith Grimes (Chair)
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Mary Murphy
Councillor Caroline Rogers
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Roger Spriddell
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Grant Ward

In attendance: Jenny Tindale – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Tina Heddon – Assistant Clerk
3 Members of the public

		ACTION
CO44/26	**PUBLIC SESSION** A resident from Sterling Drive requested an update on the Station Building. The Chair gave an update. He asked a further question in relation to the bus shelter on Station Street and received an update from the Clerk.	
CO45/26	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillor Rebeccca Wilczek (personal matter), Councillor Dawn Crosby (holiday), councillor Len Smith (illness).	
CO46/26	**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** **RESOLVED:** **That;** **The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 July 2026 be signed as a true record.**	
CO47/26	**Clerk & Officers Update** The Clerk submitted a written report to the meeting. She gave an update regarding progress with the Station Building project, the proposed Red Plaque Scheme, and staffing changes. **RESOLVED:**	

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	That; **(i) The Clerk and Officers update be noted.** **(ii) That the Council express an interest in engaging with the Red Plaque Scheme**	**Clerk**
CO48/26	**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** There were no new disclosures or requests.	
CO49/26	**POLICE REPORT** The Clerk had contacted the Neigbouhood Inspector and Seargent regarding non attendance and indifferent response from officers in the Neighbourhood Team. Both the Inspector and Neighbourhood Seargent had responded at length and advised that they would be in attendance at the next full council meeting on 3 November. **RESOLVED:** **That the report be noted.**	
CO50/26	**NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS** Councillor Spriddell gave further information on the Red Wheel Scheme. He confirmed that the action he instigated with NCC Trading Standards and Enforcement teams regarding the fly tipping, unauthorised encampments, drug activity and ASB in Liddles Street had been impactful and the matter was almost resolved in full. He had been requested to supply information regarding the demolition plans for North Blyth Bar and would be responding to the residents when the information is at hand. The Chair thanked him for his report. **RESOLVED:** **That;** The NCC Councillor report be noted.	
CO51/26	**CORRESPONDENCE** Councillor Spriddell requested further information on log 646, The Clerk responded that the matter had been resolved some time ago and the donation is shown in earmarked reserves in the accounts. **RESOLVED:** **(i) That the correspondence be noted.**	
CO52/26	**PLANNING** Planning determinations were noted. Members had no objections in respect of applications 26/02909/FUL, 26/02919/FUL,	

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	RESOLVED: **That;** **The planning determination and applications be noted.**	**Clerk**
CO53/26	**FINANCE REPORT** The Responsible Financial Officer presented the suite of reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED** **That the,** **(i) Schedule of receipts and payments for the month ended 31 August 2026 be approved.** • **Current account cleared balances as of 31 August 2026 £50,871.76** • **Deposit account £00.12** • **CCLA Investment account £280,000 be noted.** **(ii) Budget report as of 31 August 2026 be noted.** **(iii) Detailed Income and expenditure for the month ended 31 August 2026 be noted** **(iv) Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 August 2026 be noted.**	
CO54/26	**WORKING GROUPS** Minutes of the working groups held since the last full council meeting were circulated prior to the meeting for information. Members were reminded that the Working Group minutes were presented to members for information only at the meeting and details from the draft minutes should be raised with the Clerk prior to the meeting or at the next working group. **RESOLVED:** **That;** **The minutes of** **(i) Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group held 16 4 August be received.** **(ii) Services Working Group held on 18 August be received** **(iii) Staffing Committee held 24 August 2026 be received**	
CO55/26	**MATTERS FOR DECISION** . **RESOLVED:** **That;** **(i) Councillor Grimes and Spriddell attend the Town & Parish Council Conference 8 October 2026** **(ii) A virement of £300 be transferred from 4212/300 Craft & Produce event to 4330/300 renewals.**	**Clerk**

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	(iii) A leave of absence of up to six months be approved in respect of Councillor Len Smith. **(iv) A public meeting be called on Thursday 1 October 2026 to receive the community opinion of the impact of new and emerging Data Centres starting at 6.30pm.**	
CO56/26	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 3 November 2026	

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

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