



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on 7 July 2026
at East Bedlington Community Centre**

PRESENT:

Councillor Dawn Crosby
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Mary Murphy
Councillor Caroline Rogers
Councillor Len Smith
Councillor Roger Spriddell
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Grant Ward
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek

In attendance: Jenny Tindale – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
County Councillor Bedlington East Ward - Trevor Austin

		ACTION
CO30/26	PUBLIC SESSION There were no members of the public present.	
CO31/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Councillor Keith Grimes (personal matter), Keith Scantlebury (child care) Len Smith (illness).	
CO32/26	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING RESOLVED: That; (i) The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 May 2026 be signed as a true record. (ii) The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5 May 2026 be signed as a true record.	
CO33/26	Clerk & Officers Update The Clerk submitted a written report to the meeting. RESOLVED: That; The Clerk and Officers update be noted.	

CO34/26	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no new disclosures or requests.	
CO35/26	POLICE REPORT No report issued prior to the meeting	
CO36/26	NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS A written report from Councillor Austin had been circulated prior to the meeting. RESOLVED: That; Thanks be noted to Councillors Austin for his in-depth report and that the report be noted.	
CO37/26	CORRESPONDENCE RESOLVED: (i) That the correspondence be noted.	
CO38/26	PLANNING Members considered the applications circulated prior to the meeting. Concern was express regarding the proposals for a further Data Centre facility. Members referred to a presentation on the proposals where it was felt little regard had been given to road infrastructure and the protection of wildlife habitats. The Council instructed the Clerk to object on behalf of the Council in the grounds of highways safety concerns and loss of wildlife amenity area. It was noted that in surveys 85% of local residents opposed the development. RESOLVED: That; (i) The determinations be noted (ii) The Council offer no objections to applications 26/01520/FUL; 26/01573/VARICO; 26/01617/VARYCO; 26/01760/REM;26/02265/PRUTPO; 26/02179/FUL (iii) OBJECTS to application 26/02160/OUTES (iv) That the Clerk liaise with neighbouring Town & Parish Councils on the matter.	Clerk

CO39/26	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 30 June 2026 be approved. • Current account cleared balances as of 30 June 2026 £71,739.38 • Deposit account £00.12 • CCLA Investment account £330,000 be noted. (ii) Budget report as of 30 June 2026 be noted. (iii) Detailed Income and expenditure for the month ended 30 June 2026 be noted (iv) Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2026 be noted.	
CO40/26	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) Services Working Group held 16 June be received. (ii) Finance & General Purpose Working Group held on 23 June be received	
CO27/26	MATTERS FOR DECISION Members were requested to formally adopt the revised Risk Management Policy as recommended by the Finance & General Purpose Working Group. RESOLVED: That; The Council formally adopt the updated Risk Management Policy.	Clerk
CO28/26	SMALL GRANTS AND DONATIONS RESOLVED: That; The council approves the recommendation of the Finance & General Purpose Working Group and award	

	(i) A grant of £500 to Escape Family Support (ii) A grant of £250 to Bedlington 2522 Squadron.	
CO29/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 1 September 2026	

Signed: **Chairman** **Date:**