

## Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

**TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018**

**COUNCILLORS:** B. Nicholson (Chair)      A. Lyons  
R. Webb    R. Spraggon  
P. Townsend                                        M. English  
B. Maude     J. Sewell  
Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: T. Brookes Teesdale Mercury.  
4 residents whose names were recorded

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No member of the public present wished to speak

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

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Donovan (holiday), & Cllr Prince (holiday)

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2018:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting were proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Sewell. The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Webb

#### **4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2018:**

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

Cllr Nicholson gave members a verbal report on the meeting with CA on the 25 May to discuss their planning application. The meeting was difficult at first, as they felt the parish council were anti the proposal, which was not the case. This was made clear. Concerns over the consultation, access, public footpath running beside the area of development and the screening for noise were discussed.

Cllr Nicholson referred to the positive public meeting, arranged by the council, where Chief Constable Mike Barton attended to discuss local Policing and anti-social behaviour. 5 members were able to attend along with a good number of residents and some children. An opportunity was given for both the adults and children to have their say. Cllr Nicholson felt it

was a good meeting and hopes something comes from it now.

**RESOLVED:** The Progress report was noted.

## **5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

Cllr Sewell referred to grass clippings being left in piles following the verges being cut. These piles start to rot down and are rather smelly. It has been reported to Durham County Council. It was agreed the clippings should not be left and should be removed. **Action:** A letter to all residents asking if they would refrain from leaving grass clippings should be issued.

Cllr Webb asked about the Ramshaw Bridge repairs. The Clerk advised that he had no updates on the repairs and will follow this up.

Cllr Webb raised the issue of parking on the bend at Oaks Bank. This is reducing visibility for both traffic coming up and going down the bank. With the increased amount of traffic, including larger lorries the worry is there could be an accident. Some of those parking on the bend may have parking access to the rear of their properties. **Action:** To speak to the local Police to seek some assistance in the matter.

Cllr English spoke of a concern raised by a resident of Evenwood Gate regarding the footpath which runs down through it towards West Auckland and up toward the Sun Inn. He was unable to take his wife, who was in a wheelchair along the path because of being overgrown. Cllr Nicholson had been made aware of the complaint and stated the path covers three parish council areas and within our boundary the path is in good order. The matter has been reported to DCC.

Cllr Nicholson referred to the new flower tubs purchased and planted along Gordon Lane, Ramshaw. Reports are they are looking very nice. Cllr Lyons informed the meeting they were funded from the remaining funds left in Ramshaw Community Association account.

Cllr Nicholson spoke about the amount of rubbish, bottles cigarette ends being left around the area of the Travellers Rest (Castle Inn). The Bay Horse appears to have closed so everything has moved to this building. The pub did not have a bin or a designated outside smoking area. Cllr Nicholson reported she had spoken to the landlord and explained this was unacceptable. The area has been kept tidy and a bin has been placed outside. The issue of the licence for that pub has been raised today with the Police and Durham County to ensure everything is in order.

Cllr Lyons made a request, if possible, for the trees and hedges along Gordon Lane to be pruned. **Action:** The Clerk will look into what could be possible

## **6. CORRESPONDANCE:**

6.1 Evenwood Primary School – Thank you to the council for its donation of £100.00

6.2 CDALC notification – Remembrance Day Silhouette installation grants have been made available to parish council's. The grants are being made available from the Armed Forces

Covenant Fund Trust to help fully fund commemorative silhouette installation. The members of the sub committee working on the memorial commemorative event will discuss. Cllr Nicholson asked for the commemorative event progress be placed on the July agenda.

**7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:**

The Clerk advised members of 2 further invoices post the report issued:

CE & CM Walker (underpayment made in May)	£6.40
TI Mowers	£235.42

To note the Welfare account reimburses the net figure to the council and Vat reclaimed)

**RESOLVED:** The June Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Webb

**8. PLANNING:**

Decision: Approved.

DM/18/00692/FPA CA Group – Production warehouse unit and offices, access, ancillary buildings and associated development and landscaping at Land to the North of 25 Copeland Row, Evenwood.

Application:

DM/18/01352/FPA Ms P Griffins, Holly House, Ramshaw. Demolition of stable block and replacement with new stable block, tack room, hay store and muck heap. Noted.

At this point the Chair allowed Cllr Sewell to speak on the conclusion of the Planning Inspectorates public enquiry report into revoking the planning permission granted to Millhouse Farm, for the erection of general purposes livestock building, and the Durham County Council Section 102 Discontinuance Order.

The Inspector has recommended that the Revocation Order should not be confirmed and has recommended that, subject to modifications, that the Discontinuance Order should be confirmed. Cllr Sewell reported the third barn can now be built and the modifications made to the Order are workable. It is hoped the Action Group will accept the farm is there and will move on.

Members were pleased to here of the inspector’s findings and congratulations were offered to Cllr Sewell.

Cllr Nicholson felt that the council and some of its members were due an apology from the LGO and this will be pursued.

The Clerk advised members that Cllr Sewell was not required to declare an interest as she was just reporting the facts on conclusion of the report with the permission of the Chair.

**9. REVIEW/AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS:**

The Clerk summarised the amendments and the reasons for the proposed changes – Revised Code of Practice and General Data Protection Regulations.

A discussion took place on the additions to Order no.7 (Code of Conduct) and item e – the addition on complaints made by the Proper Officer (Clerk).

Signed.....

Dated.....

**RESOLVED:** Following these discussions, it was proposed by Cllr Sewell to accept the revised Standing Orders but with the following amendment to Order no.7 (e) .....and the Chairman shall nominate another member of staff *or a nominated councillor* to assume the duties of the proper Officer in relation to the complaint.....  
The proposal and amendment was seconded by Cllr Maude.

**10. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS:**

Tuesday July 2018, 7.00pm, Venue: TBA

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Signed.....

Dated.....

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CDALC – County Durham Association of Local Councils  
NALC – National Association of Local Councils



















