

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 13th September 2022 at 7.00 pm,
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

Present: Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman
Cllr R Bolden
Cllr A Deakin
Cllr B Maude
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr M Prince
Cllr R Spraggan

22.72 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from residents.

22.73 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P Coulson , Cllr A Lyons, Cllr R Webb, Cllr J Sewell.

22.74 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest declared.

22.75 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed accordingly.

22.76 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- It was reported that a Jacob Wrights Alms cottages meeting took place recently and it was confirmed that the properties have been updated and all cottages currently have tenants.
- It was reported that, as a resident, some members attended the latest PACT meeting and there was nothing much raised other than the issues surrounding quad bikes in the area.
- It was advised that there has been a recent meeting about the proposed wind farm at Lands. There has not been any official feedback as yet but it is said to be appreciated that residents were given the opportunity to attend the initial meeting.
- Concerns have been raised about youths causing litter and damage at the Copeland Road allotments. It was confirmed that there are several allotment

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vacancies and reports of a tenant not tending his plots at Delaware; it was resolved that this tenant should be asked to cultivate the 3 plots.

- It was requested that thanks be given Craig Thorn for his sessions over the summer with the youths.

22.77 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed for invoices as follows:

	Received	Paid
Bank charges		£8.00
Anglian Water		£312.16
Clerk's Qtr Salary		£1,036.80
Welfare Ground Annual General Maintenance		£250.00
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22130		£892.80
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22131		£306.00
Welfare Ground Fencing		£2,780.00
Welfare Ground Electricity		£60.00
Website Security and upgrade		£195.00
HMRC PAYE		£259.20
Bank charges		£8.00
Welfare Ground Electricity		£20.00
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22183		£297.60
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22184		£102.00
Reimbursed Solicitors Fees - Allotments	£318.00	
DynoRod Welfare Ground Drain		£198.00
Craig's Coaching		£240.00
Pavilion Lock		£148.50
Bank charges		£8.00
Welfare Ground - Annual Play area and BMX inspection		£275.00
Mazars - External Audit		£408.00
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22238		£595.20
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22239		£204.00
Welfare Ground Electricity		£40.00

The Clerk advised that 2 x £100 HMRC penalties have been received and she will appeal as she is unaware of why they have been received.

22.78 CONSIDER ANY LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

There were local issues raised.

22.79 TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

It was advised that a further Emergency Plan meeting is being held on 14th September 2022 and feedback will be received in due course. Cllr Bolden has sent a draft template for consideration by parish councillors. It was advised that other organisations will need to be involved in implementing the plan.

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22.80 CONSIDER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was reported that Scott Ellwood is unable to provide a Christmas tree this year and there were no suggestions of an alternative means of obtaining a Christmas tree.

22.81 To CONSIDER REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

It was confirmed that four wreaths are to be ordered for service Friday, 11th November 2022 at 11 am. Evenwood and Ramshaw schools will both be to be Notified and invited to lay a wreath.

22.82 To consider Welfare Ground Management

Following consideration, it was resolved that due to recent difficulties and limited Parish Council resource, Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation Offices (CISWO) should be approached to consider long-term management of the Welfare Ground. The Chair advised that a public consultation would be required and it was agreed that the initial enquiry to CISWO should commence at the earliest convenience.

A cricketers’ representative attending was advised that the water and electric charges are not sustainable for the Parish Council. The cricketers’ representative advised that they only use water and electricity from the end of April to mid-September.

It was resolved that the Clerk will work with the cricketers to produce the required Planning application for the new permanent nets. It was confirmed that the cricketers have agreed to pay for the Planning Application.

22.83 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- It was highlighted that there is a housing development at top of Fairfield leading onto Neville Close.
- It was reported that a new beauty shop is due to be opened at Stones End.

22.84 To RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held Tuesday, 11th October 2022, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.

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