

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 11th October 2022 at 7.00 pm,
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

Present: Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman
Cllr P Coulson
Cllr A Lyons
Cllr B Maude
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr M Prince
Cllr R Spraggan
Cllr R Webb

22.85 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A resident attended to inform the Parish Council that he plans to plant a 25 acre woodland in memory of his late wife Jennie over the next year. He advised that he has obtained Forestry Commission approval and funding for the project. He attended the Parish Council as a matter of courtesy.

22.86 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R Bolden, Cllr P Coulson & Cllr A Deakin. No other apologies were received and the Clerk reminded those present that apologies should be sent to her direct.

22.87 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest declared.

22.88 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

22.89 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- It was reported that Northern Power will be pruning trees close to power cables in the area.
- It was reported that the Christmas tree has been ordered from the usual supplier and a local groundsman has agreed to site and dress it as a one-off.
- It was advised that a proposal for a memorial planter and Lily of the Valley plants be planted in memory of the late Queen had been circulated and the Chair requested feedback from those present; some members advise that they did not receive the emailed proposal.
- It was reported that a dog fouling bin opposite Bank Top has been damaged and requires reporting to DCC.

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22.90 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		£86.19
Clerk's Qtr Salary		£1,036.80
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22293		£595.20
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22294		£204.00
Welfare Ground Electricity		£30.00
TI Mowers - lawn mower repair		£181.92

- The September quarter end bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
- It was reported that the planning and funding application for the all-weather nets on the cricket field is in progress and the Chair and Clerk have been asked for information on long-term use and agreements for clubs to use the Welfare Ground
- A letter from a resident about the CCTV was read out to those present and it was confirmed that there was only a query about the coverage and no objection was made. It was noted that those present at the PACT meeting, where this was raised afterwards, were attending as residents and not in their capacity as Parish Councillors.

22.91 CONSIDER ANY LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

There were local issues raised.

22.92 TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

It was reported that a meeting has recently taken place at various premises and organisations are going to be invited to support the initiative via planned meetings and printed communication. It was confirmed that DCC will provide training for all volunteers who participate in the initiative.

22.93 To consider Welfare Ground Management

- It was confirmed that a £400 energy grant will be received.
- A further £30 is owed to Gary Dunn for additional electric.
- A repair to the lawn mower at a cost of £181.92.
- A cost of £3,650 plus VAT for drains was approved.
- It was resolved that an invoice for £753 be sent to the cricketers.
- It was advised that a resident obtained quotes in 2020 for flood lights and states he can raise the funds to progress the request.

Allotments

It confirmed that there are 5 people on the Delaware allotments' waiting list.

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22.94 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- It was confirmed there is no planning update for the expected aesthetic beauty and sun beds at the old doctors' surgery on Stones End.

22.95 To RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held Tuesday, 8th November 2022, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.

- To approve budget setting and Precept
- To review Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12a
- To consider adoption of a Social Media Policy

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