

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 8th November 2022 at 7.00 pm,
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

Present: Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman
Cllr R Bolden
Cllr B Maude
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr J Sewell
Cllr R Spraggan
Cllr R Webb

22.96 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- A resident attended the meeting seeking agreement on where the permanent cricket nets can be located within the Welfare Ground. Following discussion it was resolved that this will be an agenda item for the December 2022 meeting as the Parish Council wish to ensure the requested location will not create future problems with possible underground services in that area.
- A resident attended the meeting with a letter to advise that he does not accept the letter sent by the Clerk following the last meeting. It was advised that the letter would be read out but individuals cannot be named. The letter was relating to comments about a resident's CCTV. The resident advised that he is reporting his concerns to the Monitoring Officer at Durham County Council and requested that derogative comments stop immediately or he will take legal advice.

22.97 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P Coulson, Cllr A Deakin, Cllr A Lyons & Cllr M Prince.

22.98 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest declared.

22.99 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

22.100 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- It was reported that two Evenwood village green lime trees were pruned and a hedge cut back.

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

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

	Received	Paid
Croft Christmas Tree		£584.00
Footballers' Electricity	£30.00	
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22345		£297.60
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22346		£102.00
Trees and hedge pruned and cleared - B Mundell		£180.00
Zurich Insurance		£883.90

i. To approve budget setting and Precept

The attached proposed budget for 2023-2024 was agreed and it was resolved there will be no increase to the precept for the coming year.

ii. To review Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12a

Further to DCC Standards' Committee Decision Notice: Local Resolution, Complaint Reference 402, it was confirmed that attached Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 has been reviewed by the Parish Council. In future any agenda items requiring Schedule 12a will be added to the agenda with timely notice.

iii. To consider adoption of a Social Media Policy

Further to DCC Standards' Committee Decision Notice: Local Resolution, Complaint Reference 402, it was resolved that the Parish Council will adopt the attached Social Media Policy.

It was highlighted that the original incident did not arise from the Parish Council using social media as they do not have a Facebook or similar page and do not engage in making comments via social media. The Parish Council will however accept the Standards' Committee decision and introduce a Social Media Policy for general online etiquette.

22.102 CONSIDER ANY LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

There were local issues raised.

22.103 TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

It was advised there had been a further meeting to consider the logistics of the initiative. It was advised that a draft letter will be brought to the Parish Council for consideration in due course.

22.104 To consider Welfare Ground Management

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It was advised there has been no reply from the coal mining charity CISWO; this will be followed up.

22.105 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- There were no local plans to consider.

22.106 To RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held Tuesday, 13th December 2022, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.

- To consider cricketers' nets location & utilities invoice payment

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