

# Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 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 E Pettit  
Cllr J Sewell  
Cllr R Spraggan

## **22.107 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- There was a lengthy discussion about the cricket field and the outstanding utility bills; all issues remain outstanding.

## **22.108 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Coulson, Cllr A Lyons, Cllr B Maude, Cllr M Prince and Cllr R Webb

## **22.109 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no expressions of interest declared.

## **22.110 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

## **22.111 To Consider Cricketers' Nets Location & Utilities Invoice Payment**

Those present were informed that following the Parish Council's solicitor's advice it was relayed that support for permanent nets on the cricket ground cannot be given as it breaches the Charity status rules; the area must remain open to all for recreational use without restriction. The solicitor also advised that the cricket ground area is not operating in line with the Charity status by being used solely for use by cricketers and not available to general recreational use. Options suggested were that the Parish Council dispose of the recreation ground and Cricketers become Trustees for the cricket ground or alternatively the cricketers rent the ground for the going rate. It was confirmed that a reply from the Coalmining Charity, CISWO is awaited.

It was proposed that the Trustees update themselves on the Charity Status conditions and the Chair agreed to circulate the relevant document to all.

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**22.112 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

It was advised that Lands have had a consultation session from Blue Field Solar Farm Ltd and there was an alpaca marketing company who held an open day. Concerns have been raised about how the development will appear on the road from Lands to Evenwood but the majority of feedback from the consultation was positive about the proposals.

**22.113 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES**

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

	Received	Paid
Welfare Ground Electricity		£50.00
Install & remove Christmas tree & Randolph lights-B Mundell		£390.00
Bank charges		£8.00
Footballers' Electricity	£50.00	

**22.114 CONSIDER ANY LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

There were no local issues raised.

**22.115 TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE**

An update was provided on development with the Emergency Plan. It was advised that some individuals have volunteered to allow their premises to be used in the event of an emergency. There will be Public Community Emergency Plan meetings held at the Workingmen’s Club and the Randolph Community Centre on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The Parish Council resolved to submit an application for printing funding and fund a maximum of £95 for the printing of 2000 A4 leaflets to advertise the event if necessary.

It was advised that Lands are in the process of advertising their area’s event.

**22.116 To Consider Welfare Ground Management**

This issue is ongoing with no solutions reached.

**22.117 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no local plans to consider.

**22.118 TO RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held  
Tuesday, 10 January 2023, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.**

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