

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 14th February 2023 at 7.00 pm,
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

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

23.11 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Greenfield of Eggleston, Teasdale Area Partnership (TAP) representative attended the meeting and raised the following queries:

- 1 Website – news page is out of date. Clerk advised this page will be removed as this is not considered the best forum for current news.
- 2 Parish Councillors contacts – telephone number to be checked and updated by Clerk.
- 3 Playdale warranty was queried – Clerk advised it was 2 year; however some new fittings do not appear to be good quality and standing the test of time.
- 4 Emergency Plan was commended – this is being drafted by Cllr Pettit and Cllr Bolden
- 5 Cricket ground – this query is on the agenda for Trustees consideration

23.12 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr A Lyons and Cllr R Webb.

23.13 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Cosslett declared an interest in Agenda item 5.

23.14 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

23.15 TO PROVIDE FORMAL RESPONSE TO CRICKETERS' VALIDATION REQUEST

In response to the cricketers request for approval of all-weather nets being installed at the Randolph Welfare Ground the Chair recommended that permission be granted with the implication of the cricket pitch area being removed from charity status as she does not believe that installation of a permanent fixture meets the charity status requirements.

Following lengthy discussion it was not considered in residents long term best interests to remove any part of the Welfare Ground from charity status. It was

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resolved that the Parish Council, who are also the Trustees for the Welfare Ground, would approve the permanent nets being sited in the requested area on the understanding that they are freely available to all.

23.16 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

- It was reported that a bolt is loose near the gate at the play area. Clerk to arrange repair.

23.17 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

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

	Received	Paid
Cricketers' Utility Payment	£491.49	
Randolph Welfare Ground Annual PAT checks - GH		£30.00
HMRC PAYE		£259.20
Playdale Playgrounds		£234.00
Bank charges		£8.00
Replace bollard - B Mundell		£20.00

- Further to a request from the footballers for a meeting with the Trustees, this was arranged for Tuesday, 21st February 2023 at 7.15 pm at Randolph Centre for Parish Council representatives, Wayne Brown and football representative(s) to meet.
- Allotments - An allotment tenant has requested that his allotment be relocated from plots 39 & 40 due to problems with wet soil and reports of vandalism. It was resolved that he can choose one of the available plots. Plot 10 & Plot 12 at Delaware are currently available. A tenant who was sent a letter in September 2022 regarding poor state of 3, 4 & 5 has shown no intention of making improvements. It was resolved that he is to vacate the plots prior to 1 April 2023. Clerk to write advising of notice and request that all personal belongings and tools be removed prior to that date.

23.18 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

There were no local issues raised.

23.19 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no local plans to consider. The access to the houses being built near Neville Close/Fairfield was raised as the current access entrance appears incorrect. Cllr Cosslett agreed to investigate the planning application.

**23.20 To RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held
Tuesday, 14 March 2023, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.**

- To review Randolph Welfare Ground user group fees.
- To consider King’s Coronation funding and activity.

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