

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman
Cllr A Lyons
Cllr R Bolden
Cllr J Cosslett
Cllr M Prince
Cllr R Spraggon
Cllr R Webb

23.21 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

23.22 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr Deakin, Cllr Maude and Cllr Pettit

23.23 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

23.24 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

23.25 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- A resident has raised concerns about a footpath in need of repair at Bowes Close. Cllr Cosslett advised that he is seeking match funding to support the repair of this footpath. It was highlighted that the Parish Council and residents have made several unsuccessful requests to have the footpath repaired.
- It was advised that the Emergency Plan is now published on the website and original copies are held by Cllr Bolden and the Clerk. Thanks were given to Cllr Bolden and Cllr Pettit for their hard work with this initiative.
- During a walk around the village the number of nitrous oxides cannisters were raised as a concern along with a significant amount of litter and fly tipping. The Community Warden had agreed to follow-up with actions to clean up the area.
- Concerns were raised about the number of youths gathering at the wood near the bowling green and it was reported that a local dog walker had felt intimidated by their presence.
- Concerns were raised about the amount of dog faeces throughout the village. This issue has also been highlighted with the Community Warden.
- It was reiterated that at the last meeting an allotment holder was given notice due to a breach of agreement as his allotments were not being cultivated. Allotments 3, 4 & 5 were then allocated to someone else. The tenant evicted was advised by the Clerk to attend a Parish Council meeting with any objection

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but he instead visited the Chair's home and gave her verbal abuse. The incident was reported to the police.

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

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

	Received	Paid
Village green bollards x 12 - BDM Services		£220.00
Cricketers' Planning Application	£117.00	
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Bank charges		£8.00

Further to a request for Christmas lights to be sited on Parish Council green areas/trees around the village it was resolved that providing dialogue is maintained during the planning stage, there should be no problems and approval was given.

Further to a request for a timescale for the Welfare Ground to be repaired it was advised that there is no definite date as yet.

It was agreed that those expressing an interest in the vacancies are to be invited to an informal meeting on Tuesday, 21st March 2023 at 7.00 pm and 7.30 pm.

23.27 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

There were no local issues raised.

23.28 To CONSIDER REVIEW OF RANDOLPH WELFARE GROUND USER-GROUP FEES

Following considerable discussion, it was resolved that user-group fees will remain the same for cricketers this year. Due to the time limited electricity assistances vouchers received it is likely that the cricketers will have a significant reduction in electricity payments for the coming season. The cricketers will be required to pay for the water they use during the season.

Following consideration of the increased use of the pavilion by the footballers it was resolved that, to allow the teams to plan, there will be an incremental increase each year for the next 3 years to reflect the extended use; the pavilion hire fee will be increased to £300 which will include water use for this year's season. It was resolved that water use will need to be monitored as any excessive use of water during the football season will require increased payments in future years. It was highlighted that the pavilion was in a dirty state during a recent visit.

Each user group will be notified of the pavilion hire fees for the coming season when provided with the recently approved terms of use agreement.

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It was proposed and resolved that there are to be separate quarterly meetings for the Welfare Ground to allow time for a specific agenda away from the monthly Parish Council meeting; any decision making would need to be approved at the Parish Council monthly.

A report for Support England small grant was provided to support any future Welfare Ground grant applications.

23.29 To CONSIDER KING’S CORONATION FUNDING AND ACTIVITY

Following discussion and it was suggested that the old bus shelter site at Bank Top could be considered for use as a monument for the King’s Coronation.

23.30 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no local plans to consider.

**23.31 To RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held
Tuesday, 11 April 2023, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.**

To consider King’s Coronation monument.