

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at 7.00 pm,
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

Present: Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman
Cllr R Bolden, vice-Chairman
Cllr A Lyons
Cllr B Maude
Cllr B Medhurst
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr R Spraggon

23.70 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

23.71 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Cosslett, Cllr Deakin and Cllr Webb. A newly co-opted Parish Councillor, Carmen Hodgson was welcomed to the meeting.

23.72 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

23.73 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

23.74 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no local plans to consider.

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

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

	Received	Paid
Lands seat Brian Mundell		£120.00
L J Digital - website archive update		£30.00
HMRC PAYE		£259.20
Bank charges		£8.00
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£204.00
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£595.20
Mazars - External Audit		£378.00
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£892.60
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£306.00
Stamps and paper		£35.81

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23.76 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- It was reported that the Jacob Wright's property has now been occupied and therefore the charity is now in receipt of income from the rent.
- It was advised that there was a PACT meeting on 31st August 2023 where speeding traffic at Evenwood Gate was discussed. It was advised that a speed camera will be sited in the area in the near future.
- Problems with vehicles blocking access to Glamis Terrace was highlighted and it is causing a disabled lady problems when trying to leave or access the property.
- It was advised that Cllr Spraggon and Cllr Medhurst have visited the allotments and reported that some allotments are unkempt. It was indicated that fly tipping is becoming an increased problem. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to all Delaware Allotment holders advising of a further visit in January 2024.
- It was advised that a stile had been inappropriately installed by an unknown person on an approach to Mr Birch's field at the edge of Delaware allotments; it is the neighbouring field adjacent to Mr Birch's which should have a stile to provide walkers with access to the Parish Council land leading towards the woods.
- It was reported that the Ramshaw children's play area is being upgraded and the new defibrillator is being considered for siting in the proximity of the play area.
- It was reported that informal signs are being sited locally by 2 residents requesting that traffic slows down to protect the children.
- It was advised that there is still £132 remaining on the Welfare Ground's pavilion electric at the end of the cricket season; however, the venue has been used on two occasions recently for catering by the footballers, who haven't paid any hire. It was advised that a bin, located last year by one of the footballers, has been partially emptied. DCC have been asked to empty the bin. It was confirmed that the cricket season is almost complete and the key will be returned.
- It was resolved that once the cricketers return their key this weekend, the lock will be changed and electricity disconnected so the property can be securely closed for the winter or until hired out. It was agreed that if the pavilion is illegally accessed the matter will be reported to the police.

23.77 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

It was advised that the hedges through Ramshaw, along Bowes Close bank and on the village approach from Evenwood Gate are overgrown; Clerk to report.

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23.78 To CONSIDER CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

A planning application for Kay's Hall farm was discussed and it was recommended that the Parish Council attends any forthcoming meeting arranged with DCC. Cllr Cosslett requested a public meeting but as yet no confirmation of that has been received.

23.79 To RECEIVE UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CONSIDER POTENTIAL ADDITIONS

It was advised by the Clerk that she requested an update in readiness for the meeting but as yet nothing has been received.

23.80 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 10th October 2023

- To consider Remembrance Service
- To consider budget & precept setting

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