

# Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 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 J Cosslett  
Cllr A Deakin  
Cllr C Hodgson  
Cllr E Pettit  
Cllr R Spraggon

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

Members of the public attended to raise concerns about vehicles driving over the grassed area opposite the Evenwood school. Video footage was presented and Cllr Cosslett agreed to enquire about the possibility of bollards to prevent access. It was advised that the police are investigating. Concerns were raised also about the lack of the availability of speed cameras. It was resolved that the Parish Council will support the residents' request for bollards or similar to prevent vehicular access. Cllr Bolden offered to request that the school starts a petition.

## **23.100 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Medhurst.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

## **23.103 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES**

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

	Received	Paid
Zurich Insurance		£928.10
Bank charges		£8.00
B Mundell - 30 replacement bollards		£340.00
Footballers' Pavilion Hire Fees	£175.00	
B Mundell - Notice Board Evenwood Gate		£80.00

- i. To consider replacement of damaged/missing bollards

It was advised that 30 bollards have been replaced.

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**23.104 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Bolden provided an update on the Jacob Wright housing. He advised that the Trust suffered a loss while a property, which is now occupied, was without tenants.

It was advised that the concerns raised by residents on quads and speeding were also raised at the recent Police and Community Team (PACT) meeting.

**23.105 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

It was advised that 2 gutter stones outside 42 & 49 High Lands require re-bedding.

It was reported that High Lands have been offered some funding towards a defibrillator but require approximately £1,000; this will be considered at the February meeting.

The footballers' hire agreement and Public Liability were produced along with the footballers' hire fees.

The advert for a new clerk is to go into the January edition of the Teesdale Mercury.

**23.106 To CONSIDER CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no planning issues for consideration.

**23.107 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

- Request for donation towards High Lands defibrillator (February)
- Update on clerk vacancy

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