

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 9th January 2024 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 C Hodgson
Cllr A Lyons
Cllr B Medhurst
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr R Spraggon
Cllr R Webb

24.01 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

24.02 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr A Deakin and Cllr B Maude.

24.03 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

24.04 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

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

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

	Received	Paid
Bank charges		£8.00
Clerk's salary		£1,036.80

24.06 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- A Newholme resident contacted Cllr Medhurst to enquire about the possibility of an allotment. It was advised that any vacant allotments would be allocated in April at the annual renewal.
- It was reported a couple of trees have fallen into the Gaunless at Ramshaw. Eileen Roff, Environment Agency has responded to advise it will be addressed in due course.

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- It was advised that water is running from a natural spring through fields at Ramshaw; it was advised that this is historic and cannot be prevented.
- The poor state of the footpath along the Ramshaw area railway line and surrounding area were reported.
- Concerns were raised about domestic incidents requiring police presence over recent days.
- To receive update on clerk vacancy.

It was agreed to interview on Tuesday, 30th January – all 4 candidates will be invited to attend from 6.30 pm onwards. Cllr Nicholson will invite those expressing an interest.

24.07 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

Rubbish along the road between Evenwood and Cockfield. Bucks Farm farmer has cut back hedges revealing litter and old tyres.

24.08 To CONSIDER CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no planning issues for consideration.

24.09 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 13th February 2024

- Request for donation towards High Lands defibrillator
- Allotments update

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