

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 12th March 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 A Deakin
Cllr C Hodgson
Cllr A Lyons
Cllr B Maude
Cllr B Medhurst
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr R Spraggon
Cllr R Webb

24.19 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public attended the meeting to raise their concerns about the apparent lack of response and intervention to prevent speeding motorbikes and vehicles ploughing across greens in residential areas. It was resolved that the Parish Council will request a site meeting with the police, DCC representative, residents and Parish Council representatives to consider jointly agreed preventative measures. It was agreed that more senior police involvement is required as the PCSO does not have the authority to address concerns and problems fully.

24.20 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Parish Councillors were present.

24.21 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

24.22 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

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

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

	Received	Paid
TI Mowers		£461.48
Electricity		£30.00

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24.24 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- To review allotment tenancy rent:
 - (i) Following discussion, it was resolved that allotment rent will increase in increments over 3 years with effect from 2025; the increments commencing 50p per plot per week in April 2025 to £26 per annum, 75p per week per plot in April 2026 to £39 per annum and £1 per plot per week in April 2027 to £52 per annum.

It was reported that all allotments are now in an acceptable condition with the exception of a joint tenancy, the amount of bee hives without the land being cultivated and one allotment which isn't being maintained.

As Delaware plot 40 has not been cultivated, it will be allocated to someone on the waiting list as it has not been maintained over the past year. The Chair agreed to liaise with the current tenant.

The tenancy for 2 plots will not be renewed as the allotment has not been cultivated.

- (ii) It was advised that at a Jacob Wright meeting, it was confirmed that the financial status is now better and Trustees have stated that measures need to be in place to prevent a repeat in creating any future deficit.
- (iii) It was advised that Lands now have their defibrillator.
- (iv) It was advised that Ramshaw has funding in place but is still looking for a suitable site for a defibrillator. Close to the play area is being considered.

24.25 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

- No issues were raised.

24.26 To CONSIDER CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- There were no planning issues for consideration.

24.27 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 9th April 2024

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