

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016

COUNCILLORS: B. Nicholson P. Townsend
 B. Maude O. Bogle
 L. Brabbam R. Gibson
 J. Donovan A. Lyons
 Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: County Councillors Andy Turner and Heather Smith
Martin Paul – Teesdale Mercury
2 residents whose names were recorded.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2016/17

Cllr Lyons proposed Cllr Nicholson for Chair. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Maude.
RESOLVED: Cllr Nicholson accepted the nomination and took the chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2016/17:

Cllr Lyons proposed Cllr Maude as vice chair. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bogle
RESOLVED: Cllr Maude accepted the nomination.

3. DECLARATION OF OFFICE FORM SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

Cllr Nicholson signed her declaration of office form. Witnessed by the Clerk

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

5. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2016/17:

14 June 2016 - Lands Village Hall	10 January 2017
12 July 2016 - Parish Hall	14 February 2017
13 September 2016 - Randolph Community Centre	14 March 2017
11 October 2016 - Parish Hall	11 April 2017
8 November 2016 - Randolph Community Centre	9 May 2017 (APM/AGM)
13 December 2016 - Parish Hall	

RESOLVED: The programme of meetings was agreed. The locations of the meetings from June to December 2016 were also recorded.

6. MINUTUES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2016:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 12 April 2016 was proposed

as a true record by Cllr Donovan and seconded by Cllr Lyons.

7. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Progress Report was noted.

8. POLICE REPORT:

The Clerk referred to the May report received from the Police:

Public Order – 1

Youths reported as fighting. Attending officers found the youths to have been playing.

Violence Against the Person – 1 Fight in the Bay Horse pub

Burglary – 1 Shed burglary

Criminal damage – 1 Farm fence damaged as a result of a road traffic incident

Road Traffic Damage – 1 Road related – 8

Horses – 2 Loose sheep – 2

Anti-social behaviour – 10

8 were youth nuisance

2 were issues related to off road bike

One road related incident will show on the next month's figures – Vehicle in collision with Ramshaw Bridge. It was agreed to monitor the repair work being carried out on this ancient bridge. It is hope some original stone work can be used in the repair.

9. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

9.1 To approve the May Finance Report:

RESOLVED: The May Finance Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Townsend.

9.2 Annual Governance statement (Section 1 of external audit)

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Townsend that Evenwood & Barony Parish Council has met the accounting statements required for the 2015/16 external audit

9.3 To approve the end of year 2015/16 accounts:

RESOLVED: The end of year accounts were proposed as a true record by Cllr Donovan and seconded by Cllr Maude.

9.4 Effectiveness of Internal Audit and the appointment of internal auditor for 2015/16 accounts:

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Donovan that the internal audit effectiveness was in order and that Mrs Beverley Stout be reappointed internal auditor for 2015/16

10. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Due to Cllr Nicholson discussing issues at Copeland allotments, Cllr Bogle declared an interest as an allotment holder.

Cllr Nicholson had received a further request to add a second name to a tenancy agreement

RESOLVED: Members agreed the policy remains in place not to add additional names. It was suggested the tenant refers his family member to be placed on the waiting list. The Clerk will write to confirm.

It was referred that one allotment holder is holding the lock and key for the gate despite a request that all allotment holders are issued keys. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed the council will purchase a replacement lock and distribute keys to those on the site that would like them.

11. CORRESPONDANCE:

11.1 Lands Village Hall – Thank you for the grass cutting contribution

11.2 Butterwick Hospice – Request for the hospice to be the council's charity for the year. Members were happy to consider a donation request but it could not, with the funds available to it, have a charity of the year. It was preferred to donate across other areas.

11.3 Royal British Legion – Remembering the Somme and Jutland battles of WW1 (centenary) – Free resources available to help with events. **RESOLVED:** The details were given to Cllr Townsend

11.4 Correspondence received from Mrs Rachel Webb seeking co-option to the Parish Council. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed to invite Mrs Webb to the June meeting to discuss co-option.

12. PARISH BOUNDARY:

The question before members: Should the council boundary alter?

The consensus was a no.

Members understood the reasons why the resident of Witton Way wanted to look to alter the boundary but the area known as the Barony was in place long before the new houses were built. The facilities of the parish were open to all.

Change one parish boundary and you should look at all of them.

The Clerk explained to members the petition and how a community governance review is undertaken.

13. RANDOLPH SOCIAL WELFARE GROUND:

Cllr Townsend reported a drain blocked

Cllr Townsend also reported issues of anti-social behaviour taking place daily in the area.

Fires are being light and bottles of drink are being smashed and left on the playing fields to cause injury. This evening there were over 100 children and adults in grounds taking part in sporting activities. Leaving glass in the areas where people play is a serious issue.

A discussion took place on the possibility of installing CCTV in the area and asking the Police for more patrols.

The Clerk will speak to the Police about patrols and CCTV.

Cllr Nicholson reported the pigeon men had asked for the 5 a side fence to either be removed, painted or reduced in height because fledglings are being killed hitting it.

After a discussion it was agreed that if the pigeon men have a concern about the fencing they be allowed to paint it. The Clerk will let them know.

14. PLANNING:

Cllr Nicholson referred to the change of use of the old Bridge Inn. The council's concerns that a wall has been erected on the public pavement still stands. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk will follow this up with planning.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 14 June 2015, 7pm, Lands Village Hall

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DCC – Durham County Council

TAP – Teesdale Action Partnership

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