

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016

COUNCILLORS: B. Nicholson (Chair) B. Maude
 R. Webb O. Bogle
 A. Lyons P. Townsend
 T. Elliott J. Sewell
 M. Prince

Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors:

T. Brookes – Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation:

No members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and accepted for Cllr Donovan (work) & Cllr Gibson (unwell).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2016:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 October 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Bogle and seconded by Cllr Maude

4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2016:

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

The Chair informed members of the damage done to the top green by a vehicle reversing up on to it and carrying out 'doughnuts' The 20 bollards now purchased will be installed in the New Year at a considerable cost.

RESOLVED: The report was noted.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

No outstanding local maintenance issues were reported.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 Letter of resignation from Cllr Les Brabbam

The Clerk read out the letter of resignation addressed to the Chair and members. Cllr Brabbam had been on the council many years but was moving to live outside the area. It was agreed a letter of thanks for his service would be sent. The Clerk informed the council the vacancy would not be filled due to the elections taking place in May 2017.

6.2 Royal Garden Parties 2017

No councillor wished to be considered for the draw for places.

6.3 Northumbrian Water – consultations on transferring the flows from Ramshaw and Butterknowle Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTWs) to the Cockfield WWTW. This option is currently under investigation and have been seeking customers' views. Noted.

Operation Spruce Up – The Clerk informed members that Evenwood may be the recipient in Teesdale of the project

7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

7.1 The December Finance Report

The Clerk informed the meeting of the additional invoices requiring authorisation:

Franks Factory Flooring	£676.00
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Office Furniture Online	£492.00
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Both invoices will have the net amount returned by the Randolph Community Centre Foundation and the vat element reclaimed.

It was proposed by Cllr Prince a donation of £100 was made to Cornerstone Christian Centre for their work on the day of the Remembrance Service. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Maude. **RESOLVED:** With the council's agreement, the cheque would be issued at this meeting.

RESOLVED: The December Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Bogle

7.2 Parish Council insurance 2017/18

The Clerk informed the meeting the council had been paying on average £1100 for its insurance cover. Our current insurers, Zurich have proposed the same amount of cover for:

1 year	£793.21
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3 years	£763.18
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5 years	£733.14
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This is a considerable saving on what the council has been paying. The caveat is these figures on the long-term deal could change slightly with insurance tax premiums.

Following a brief discussion Cllr Sewell proposed the council agree to the 3 year deal with Zurich. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Prince.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will inform Zurich and obtain the 2017/18 schedule With the council's agreement, the cheque would be issued at this meeting.

8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:

DM/16/03585/FPA Mr P Waymont 1 and 2 Raby Street, Evenwood
Change of use to 2 no properties to a mixed use including Bed and Breakfast (C1), Café (A3) and shop (A1). Noted

Considered under delegated authority – DM/16/03505/TPO Mr Paul Coates
Felling of 1 Ash, 3 Beech, 3 Sycamore and 2 Scotch Pine Trees (Protected by TPO BCRDC–1–1963) – Objection submitted to the felling of these trees
The Clerk informed members the application to fell the trees had been withdrawn.

The Clerk informed members that the planning application for the erection of 13 dwellings at the former Brown Jug Inn was being heard at committee on Thursday 15 December 2016

9. RANDOLPH SOCIAL WELFARE GROUND:

The Clerk informed the meeting the water bill from June had still not been reimbursed by the cricket club. **RESOLVED:** The cricket club would be contacted again to remind them of the outstanding bill.

10. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS:

Tuesday 10 January 2017, 7.00pm, Parish Hall, Evenwood

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