

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2018

COUNCILLORS: B. Nicholson (Chair)      A. Lyons  
M. Prince                                      R. Spraggon  
M. English                                     P. Townsend  
R. Webb                                        J. Donovan  
Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: T. Brookes, Teesdale Mercury

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No members of the public present

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr's Sewell and Maude (unwell)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

**3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2017:**

The Clerk informed members of a correction as Cllr English had given his apologies

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Lyons and seconded by Cllr Prince

**4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2017:**

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** The January Progress Report as presented be noted.

**5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

5.1 Cllr Webb reported a couple of street lights out at Oaks Bank and Swan Street.

**Action:** The Clerk will report to DCC

5.2 Cllr Webb asked if DCC would examine the Ramshaw Bridge as a crack has appeared on the Gordon Lane side. **Action:** Clerk to contact DCC

5.3 Cllr Prince referred to the possibility of a dog foul bin for Windmill. **Action:** Clerk to look into

5.4 Cllr English reported a group of motor scooters riding on the footpaths and causing a nuisance around Shirley Close

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Dated.....

5.5 Cllr Nicholson referred to the village litter picker, David Place who has been unwell of late. He has tried to carry out his duties but is struggling. Members felt his health and safety when carrying out his role was paramount. It was agreed to review in 1 month following further conversations with him.

## 6. CORRESPONDANCE:

6.1 Ron Hogg (Press release): Increase in Police element of the Council Tax by 7.09%. Members noted the information but were not entirely pleased.

## 7. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

### War Memorial (Centenary)

Cllr Prince gave members a brief update on the plans being put together for the 9<sup>th</sup> November:

Dr Said working on a design for a new addition to the memorial

On the front of the memorial it is being investigated to see if a piece of 'poppy' art work could be established

Buffet lunch at the Randolph Community Centre to include the school children and all those invited to the ceremony

A bugler and pipe and drum band are being looked at for availability

### Allotments

The committee had not managed to meet since the December meeting

### Welfare Ground

Cllr Nicholson called for a full Trustee meeting in January to update Trustees on what has been happening since the October 2017 meeting with the Evenwood Cricket Club.

The 18<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm was pencilled in for the meeting

## 8. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

### 8.1 January Finance Report

**RESOLVED:** The January Financial Report issued with the agenda was proposed as a true record by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Prince

### 8.2 Precept/Budget Report. To set the 2018/19 precept

Members discussed the budget and precept report produced by the Clerk.

1. Reduction in litter picking budget – Reduction in workforce.
2. Audit fees decreased based on new fee system
3. No pay rise for Clerk
4. Donation budget increased for first time in 5 years
5. A 3% reduction in the grant to the Randolph Community Centre for 2018/19

Recommendation to use reserve funding for projects in 2018/19:

War Memorial (centenary)	£1200
Benches (windmill)	£800
Village festive lights	£1200

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Community £1000\*

\* A project or series of smaller projects to be consulted on and open to the community to see what they would like it used for.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Donovan to accept the budget/precept report and the parish council requests a precept for 2018/19 of £58,274. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Townsend.

- The request was signed by the Chair and Clerk.

**9. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:**

9.1 DM/17/03288/FPA – Derek Campbell, 8 Accrington Terrace, Evenwood – Two storey extension to rear. Noted

9.2 DM/17/03991/FPA – Mr G. Taylor, Chapel Lodge, High Lands – Outbuilding to rear Concern was raised because this was the property that appeared to be grabbing land at the side. Several small trees and bushes had been removed on land belonging to DCC. Another outstanding concern was the property has no access off the road and the alleged land grab was in preparation for one to be used. These matters were under investigation by the Assets Team at DCC. It was felt that no planning permission can be given until the land issue is resolved as they are related.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Lyons and seconded by Cllr Webb the council make a strong comment to the planner bringing their attention to the outstanding issues.

9.3 The Clerk informed members of the Planning Inspectorate Inquiry in relation to Millhouse Farm, Windmill will take place from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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

Tuesday 13 February 2018, 7.00pm, Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood  
Agenda items:

DCC – Durham County Council

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