

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018

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

Visitors: M. Paul Teesdale Mercury.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No member of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Donovan (personal), Cllr Sewell (work) and Cllr Webb (unwell).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2018:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 13th March 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Spraggon

4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2018:

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

The parking on grass verges was referred too and that DCC do not have the finance to repair the amount that have been damaged during the winter months.

The Clerk referred to correspondence from Inspector Andy Reeves, Bishop Auckland about the request for the Chief Constable to attend a public meeting over ASB concerns. Inspector Reeve offered in the first instance that his line manager attends the meeting.

It was agreed to thank Inspector Reeves but members felt the Chief Constable should be invited to attend. **Action:** Clerk will discuss this with Inspector Reeves

The Clerk informed members that a visit to the pavilion on the Welfare Ground had resulted in 20 bags of rubbish to be removed. Professional cleaners were then employed to clean the main areas.

RESOLVED: The Progress report was noted.

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5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

The state of the wall (Travellers Rest) and the bus stop were discussed. Damage is being carried out to both the wall and the shelter by youths. It was noted the damage had been reported to DCC and the Police.

Dog fouling remained a problem. Members agreed that it needed reporting more widely to DCC by residents. Someone needs to be caught and fined.

A replacement for David Place has not been found and without his litter picking in the village the amount of rubbish dropped is being shown up.

6. CORRESPONDANCE:

6.1 Durham Women's Banner Group – donation request

RESOLVED: Cllr Townsend proposed the parish council donate £50.00 to the Women's Banner Group. Seconded by Cllr Maude

6.2 Evenwood School – 25th Anniversary of the nursery – Request for donation

RESOLVED: Cllr English proposed a donation of £100 towards the 25th anniversary projects. Seconded by Cllr Spraggon

6.3 Ramshaw School – Request for donation

Cllr Lyons declared an interest as a school governor and took no part in discussions.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Maude that £100 be donated to the 'rifles' project of Ramshaw School. Seconded by Cllr Townsend

7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

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

8. PLANNING:

Withdrawn application – DM/16/03356/FPA Trotters Arms and car park Gordon Lane, Ramshaw. Noted

DM/18/00802/FPA – Mr B Cunningham, Chutneys Restaurant, Trotters Arms, Gordon Lane, Ramshaw – 1 no. residential dwelling and conversion of existing building to 3 no. flats.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to carry forward the previous comments made under DM/16/03356/FPA

DM/18/00840/FPA – Durham County Council – various properties in Gordon Lane, Ramshaw – External wall insulation with limestone render to finish. Noted

DM/18/00679/FPA – Mr D Firby – 8 Ramshaw Row, Ramshaw – 2 storey extension to rear and bay window to front. Noted

DM/18/00692/FPA – Land to the North of 25 Copeland Row, Evenwood – Production warehouse unit & offices, access, ancillary buildings and associated development and landscaping.

The Clerk distributed a further document to members showing the complete proposed footprint.

Cllr Nicholson opened the discussion by expressing disappointment CA had not communicated with the council or the wider community on such a major development in the village.

Main points from the discussion:

The proposal envelopes Copeland Row, affects a public right of way and the access is on to a narrow stretch of road opposite the allotments.

As the major employer they should have engaged the community

On the positive it is great for employment and the village as a whole

The amount of trees and shrubs (mature) to be removed is a concern

Has the land settled sufficiently since the open cast?

Members felt it appropriate to ask representatives from CA to attend the next council meeting to discuss the proposals in more detail. **Action:** Clerk to approach CA and submit the request.

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

Tuesday 8 May 2018, 7.00pm, Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Council Meeting.

Venue: Parish Hall, Evenwood

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