

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 9 JULY 2019

COUNCILLORS: B. Nicholson (Chair) A. Lyons P. Townsend
B. Maude R. Spraggon J. Sewell
R. Adams M. Prince R. Webb

Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors:

David Qualye, H & H Land
T. Brookes, Teesdale Mercury
6 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No member of the public present wished to speak.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Deakin (personal)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2019:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 11 June 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Spraggon.

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

RESOLVED: The Progress report was noted.

5. COPELAND ROAD ALLOTMENTS:

At this point of the meeting declaration of interest (personal) were made by Cllr Adams and Cllr Townsend due to family members being tenants on the Copeland Road allotments. Cllr Nicholson introduced Mr David Quayle from H & H Land who represent the owners of the land where the allotments are situated.

Mr Quayle reiterated the current position over the Notice to Quit with the owners, Tapton Estates willing to offer the land to the parish council at a reduced price, despite other higher offers being received.

Cllr Nicholson explained that for some having these allotments was a way of life; and had been for many years.

Mr Quayle repeated the decision by the owners to sell the land.

Cllr Nicholson thanked Mr Quayle for his attendance.

6. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Spraggon reported the footpath to the Evenwood School from the farm is overgrown and reducing the path width.

Cllr Prince referred to an overhanging hedge boundary that was in need of trimming as overhanging the footpath. The Clerk referred to the owners being responsible for this but would report.

Cllr Lyons reported a drain cover by the cemetery in need of replacement. Clerk to report
Cllr Webb reported the 'Ramshaw' sign by the bridge has a bolt missing making the sign loose.

The footpath from Ramshaw School to the bridge is overgrown

Could the sign at the cemetery reminding people about dogs on leads be reinstated.

Concern was raised over the parking and congestion at the top of Newholme Crescent by McColls. The Clerk referred to the matter being reported before and the Police were aware. Concerns were raised over the travellers that had set up a camp on DCC land opposite the cemetery.

Action: All matters relating to action required by DCC will be reported to them by the Clerk

7. CORRESPONDANCE:

7.1 CAB Durham – Thank you for the recent donation. Noted.

8. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk referred to additional invoices requiring payment:

CE & CM Walker (June grass cuts)	£760.80
LJDigital Media (website hosting fee)	£85.00

RESOLVED: The July/August Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Townsend

Exclusion of the press & Public

Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

8.2 The council to decide on the offer put forward by Tapton Estates to purchase Copeland Road allotment land, and the means available to raise the finance.

Following a full and frank discussion it was proposed by Cllr Lyons the parish council make an application for a loan from the Public Works Lending Board to help finance the purchase of the allotment site at Copeland Road. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Sewell. No counter proposal was put forward so carried unanimously.

Press & Public to return

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9. PLANNING:

None

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

Tuesday 3 September 2019, 7pm Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood

DCC: Durham County Council

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