

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 13th February 2024 at 7.00 pm,
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

Present: Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman
Cllr R Bolden, vice-Chairman
Cllr J Cosslett
Cllr A Deakin
Cllr A Lyons
Cllr B Maude
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr R Spraggon

24.10 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

24.11 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Medhurst and Cllr Webb.

24.12 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

24.13 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed accordingly.

24.14 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed for invoices as follows:

	Received	Paid
Thomas Lowes football pitch use	£25.00	
HMRC PAYE		£259.20
Bank charges		£8.00
Electricity		£30.00
Lands defibrillator		£1,000.00

Further to a request from Village in Bloom volunteers, it was resolved that £100 will be donated towards plants.

24.15 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- A Fairfield resident has raised concerns about the mud on a path caused by residents of 56 Fairfield driving across the green area.

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- Cllr Pettit raised concerns about the amount of dog faeces on the footpaths throughout the area. Cllr Lyons provided an update on lack of progress following this issue being raised at last month's meeting. Derogative comments posted on social media about the problem in Ramshaw was discussed and it was agreed that a joint approach should be taken to address.
- It was advised that Joe Said has made progress with the seat he is making for siting at Bank Top.
- It was reported that the refuse wagon is ploughing up the green when reversing to collect a bin from 1 property. Photographs will be supplied to submit with the report to DCC.
- Cllr Cosslett advised that a new path is being laid by DCC at Bowes Close.
- To consider request for donation towards High Lands defibrillator

An update on the defibrillator at Ramshaw was requested and it was advised that a suitable location cannot be found; funding cannot be given to site the device on private property.

The request for support with funding a defibrillator for High Lands was made and it was resolved that £1,000 will be donated towards the device.

- To receive an allotments update

It was advised that the allotments are generally good considering the time of year. Some allotments were reported to be in a poor state and one tenant has fenced the plot preventing access for inspection. Clerk to write to individuals concerned.

- To receive update on clerk vacancy interviews

It was advised that the new Clerk has been appointed and will commence 1 April 2024.

24.16 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

- No issues were raised.

24.17 To CONSIDER CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- There were no planning issues for consideration.

24.18 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 12th March 2024

- To review allotment rents.

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