

## Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

**TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017**

**COUNCILLORS:** B. Nicholson (Chair)    B. Maude  
                         R. Webb                                    A. Lyons  
                         P. Townsend                                   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 approved for Cllr's Bogle and Donovan (unwell).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

**3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2017:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14 March 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Webb

**4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2017:**

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

The Police report was referred too:

21 nuisance incidents reported; 20 relating to the Bank Top area

3 violence against the person                    1 burglary

1 criminal damage                                    1 RTA

The Clerk referred to a planned meeting he had with the Police and three of the youths causing ASB. The young people failed to show but had told the Police what they would like to have:

Floodlights by the pump track and a shelter for them to meet and 'hang out'. They would like any shelter to be located where they wanted.

A full and frank discussion took place on the issues of youth nuisance in the village

- Parents of the younger children should take more responsibility
- No excuses for the behaviour of some
- The council has been down the route of a youth shelter before

- No shelter would be allowed on village green or close to residential areas.
- The den that has been created at Kayshall Farm is causing problems for those next to the site. The site should be made secure and the den removed.
- The play area had been subject to vandalism – sawing parts of the trim trail off!

The Clerk advised members the Police would like to try to arrange a meeting again, if the council agreed. Letters would be delivered to the parents of the three young people. If they failed to attend for a second time it would indicate a lack of engagement to the council and Police and a different approach would be considered.

**RESOLVED:** The council agreed to the request. The Clerk will speak to with the Police and organise a suitable date.

## 5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

5.1 Cllr Nicholson informed the meeting of requests made during the allotment rent collection:

A request to improve the entrance road into Delaware allotments together with the paths between the allotments.

The entrance road had been repaired only 2 years ago at just under £2000. Holders are not supposed to be bringing vehicles on to the site, especially heavy ones. The council agreed that any action would not be considered at this time

The paths will be looked at when the new allotment committee is constituted at the Annual Council meeting

5.2 The play area inspection needs to be programmed for the summer. **Action:** Clerk

5.3 Operation Spruce Up was referred too. **Action:** The Clerk will contact DCC to enquire about the timing and planning.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 Lands Vilage Hall – Request for a £300 contribution to the grass cutting. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Lyons to agree to the request for £300. Seconded by Cllr Sewell

6.2 St Paul’s Church – The Clerk read out a letter from the church referring to their 150 year celebration in September. The church was asking if the council would consider contributing to the cost of the event. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Maude a donation of £150 be made towards the event. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Lyons

6.3 NWG Business – noted

6.4 Citizens Advice County Durham – Request for a donation. **RESOLVED:** A donation of £25 was proposed by Cllr Sewell and seconded by Cllr Townsend.

6.5 DCC Highways – Notification of a temporary road closure – Dobinson Lane, Morley. Noted.

## 7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

7.1 April Finance Report

**RESOLVED:** The April Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Prince and seconded by Cllr Townsend

**8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:**

DM/17/00913/FPA – Unit 4, Randolph Industrial Estate, Evenwood. Change of use from B1 (electronics manufacturing) to B3 (Brewery)

The Chair referred to the previous application and the Licensing application discussed and objected too by residents, parish council and the county councillors.

The concerns remained that whilst the council had supported in principal the brewery business, the licence for entertainment, on and off sales would attract anti-social behaviour and be disruptive to the residents nearby.

It was noted with some concern that the Police had no objections to the licence.

The Clerk informed members the committee meeting to hear the licence application was on the 19<sup>th</sup> April at County Hal.

It was agreed the parish council should send a representative.

**9. RANDOLPH SOCIAL WELFARE GROUND:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that work to repair the waste pipe had been completed in time for the Junior Road Runners return.

It was noted the cricket club had put in place a fence and painted it white. The cricket club will be advised that as a user group they cannot carry out any work without prior agreement with the council.

Cllr Nicholson reported the pavilion and especially the toilets and showers were again in a poor state. It was only a few weeks ago the same issues were reported and a member of Evenwood Town went up and cleaned the toilets. Members were concerned to hear that the football teams are incapable of pulling a chain. **Action:** The Clerk will refer the matter of the state of the building to all users, but request the football teams go and clean up.

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

Tuesday 8 May 2017, 7.00pm, Parish Hall, Evenwood

Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Council Meeting

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