

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017

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

Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: T. Brookes – Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation:

No members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

No apologies were tendered for Cllr's Elliott and Bogle.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2017:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10 January 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Lyons

4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2017:

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

RESOLVED: The report was noted.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

5.1 The Clerk informed the meeting of the damage done to bollards, electrical box and the village green following a small car mounting the pavement. Enquiries are being made to see if the driver was insured for a claim to be made.

Cllr Nicholson referred to additional, and recent damage sustained to the village green by the Church. This damage has been done by cycles where they churned up the ground to form ramps. The damage done is horrendous.

Large numbers of youths are congregating in certain areas causing concern to residents as to appear to do what they like.

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Members agreed there seems to be little consequences if they are caught and the parents of the younger children don't appear to give a damn about what their children are getting up too in the village.

5.2 Illegal shooting of wild birds

Cllr Lyons reported several birds had been found shot beside the public footpath along the old railway line (Ramshaw). The matter has been reported to the Police, RSPB and the schools have been asked to bring it to the attention of parents.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 Durham Cathedral news. Noted.

6.2 Litterfree Durham – 27 February to 16TH April

6.3 DCC Asset Management – Notification of a request from Swift Timber Homes Ltd to purchase land at Randolph Industrial Estate, Evenwood. The land belongs to DCC and there were no overriding operational reasons for the land in question to be retained.

7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

7.1 The February Finance Report

It was noted April Clark and Andrew Taylor had finished litter picking as they now had full time employment. A decision on the future of litter picking in the areas they worked will be considered at the March meeting.

Cllr Nicholson informed the meeting that David Place, the litter picker for Evenwood would have been doing this work for 25 years in July 2017. It was agreed to discuss a way of recognising this achievement at a future meeting.

RESOLVED: The February Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Lyons

8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:

Updates on objected applications:

DM/16/03356/FPA – Trotters Arms and car park – Awaiting Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report

DM/16/03555/TPO – Felling of trees under TPO (Rear of Witton Way) – DCC Arboricultural advice supports the proposed works – requested DCC own inspection not being carried out. The issue of habitat for bats and birds still unresolved.

8.1 DM/17/00260/FPA – Mr Daniel McColl, Unit 4 Randolph Industrial Estate, Evenwood – 1 refrigeration unit to the front and 1 x condensing unit outside to rear. Noted.

9. RANDOLPH SOCIAL WELFARE GROUND:

The Clerk informed members that he would have a report for the March meeting that will make recommendations on the rents payable from the Cricket club and football teams.

The report will cover any other issues relevant.

Cllr Townsend reported Evenwood Road Runners had misplaced their key. It was agreed a new key will be cut and the group will cover the cost.

Cllr Townsend reported the cricket club will be required under new league rules to have roll on roll off pitch covers. A grant from the English Cricket Board Ltd has been granted to

purchase 3 covers. The issue is storing the covers to reduce the possibility of vandalism. The cricket club would like to make good the fence enclosure previously used to protect the portacabin – 2 new side panels and a lockable gate. DCC Sports Coordinator, Wayne Brown has some funding the club could apply for to carry out the works. They would require a letter from the council giving them permission to apply. Following a brief discussion, where concerns were expressed with the behaviour of the club in previous years towards the council, it was agreed a letter giving permission would be granted.

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

Tuesday 14 March 2017, 7.00pm, Parish Hall, Evenwood

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