

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017

COUNCILLORS: B. Nicholson (Chair) B. Maude
 R. Webb O. Bogle
 P. Townsend J. Sewell
 M. Prince
Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: 11 residents whose names were recorded
County Cllr's Turner & Smith

The Chair requested a change in the agenda running order: item 8 heard after item 6 and item 7 heard after item 9 .Proposed Cllr Prince, seconded Cllr Townsend. The minutes are written as per the order published.

Public Participation:

Residents present wished to speak on the licencing application by McColls Brewery agenda item 8.1. A spokesperson for the residents explained they had heard by default of the licence application, after they had objected to the planning application. They felt it was inappropriate to create a 'pub' on a small industrial unit close to their houses: noise and anti-social behaviour were a concern. It was not a suitable location.

The Chair informed the residents that members would discuss the issue of the licence on the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr's Lyons and Donovan. No apologies were tendered for Cllr Elliott

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

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

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

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

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

RESOLVED: The report was noted.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Nicholson asked about the council’s website.

The Clerk informed members that at present the website was impossible to update. A complaint has been lodged with the director of Parishcouncil.net with a deadline to sort things out. If things are not resolved the council would need to consider a new website.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 Email from residents regarding dog fouling and dogs being allowed to roam free to foul on the village green

Members agreed with the resident that things need to be done to try and stop this anti-social behaviour. It felt residents should report the matter to DCC if they are aware of who is allowing their dogs to foul the greens and paths. If a couple of people are fined heavily it might deter others.

Comment was made of the habit by some of using dog bags and then hanging them on trees. Members felt this action was totally inappropriate and lazy.

7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

7.1 March Finance Report

RESOLVED: The March Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Townsend

Item 7.2 was exempt under the LGA 1972 S12A

Members of the press and public were asked to leave the meeting

7.2 Grass cutting tenders 2017 – 2019

Members to receive a report on the tenders from the Clerk

Following an examination of the two tenders it was proposed by Cllr Bogle that CE & CM Walker Ltd are awarded a further 3 years of grass cutting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Maude.

Press and public able to return

8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:

8.1 Licensing application

Application for new premises Licence – McColls Brewery Ltd, Unit 4 Randolph Industrial Estate, Evenwood. Application details: Sale of alcohol (on & off sales) and indoor & outdoor regulated entertainment (including live & recorded music) from 12:00 – 21:00 Monday to Sunday inclusive. Also, the provision of plays (indoor & outdoor) from 12:00 – 21:00 Friday to Sunday inclusive

Members had listened earlier to the concerns of the residents. Following a discussion on the application it was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Bogle the parish council objects to this application because it is in effect creating a licence premises on a small industrial unit close to resident’s bungalows. The noise, smell and possible anti social behaviour associated with alcohol is not acceptable in that area. In addition, the council

were concerned the planning application seen was for a micro brewery and this licence is change of use and should have been included in the planning application. It was also noted the council and residents were surprised to read 'outdoor and indoor plays' - given this is an industrial estate with little open space for these activities.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will submit the objection to the Licensing officials

9. RANDOLPH SOCIAL WELFARE GROUND:

9.1 Members received a report from the Clerk on the payment of water bills and rents by the main pavilion user groups: Evenwood Cricket Club, Evenwood Town FC and the Club West Auckland FC. The report informed members of the water bill costs and the problems of getting reimbursed in good time. The report recommended raising the cricket club rent to £650 (+150) and the two football clubs to £170 (+20 each) to include the water bill costs. This would avoid the problems being experienced currently obtaining reimbursement. The clubs will be made aware the water bill costs will be monitored and future adjustments would be made to encourage them to be more 'water aware'

The recommendation was proposed by Cllr Townsend and seconded by Cllr Prince.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will notify the clubs of the changes.

9.2 Cllr Townsend informed the council Evenwood Road Runners (Juniors) will be accessing the Welfare ground from the 4th April. The key to the side entrance is to be cut to replace the one misplaced by the group.

9.3 The Clerk informed the council that under a Trade Waste contract with DCC the charity (Welfare) could have 2 bins that would be supplied and collected with no charge. It was agreed to take the bins but to ensure the user groups are responsible for putting them able to collected each week.

10: PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

The Clerk advised members of the election date and timetable for nominations to be submitted by hand to county hall

11. 2017 ALLOTMENT RENTS:

It was agreed the allotment rents will be collected on Saturday 1 April (10.00am) at the Randolph Community Centre

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

Tuesday 11 April 2017, 7.00pm, Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood

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