

**Evenwood & Barony Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016**

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

**Visitors: 4 residents whose names was recorded**  
**T. Brookes – Teesdale Mercury**  
**Ron Hogg – Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Chair welcomed Ron Hogg to the meeting

**Public Participation:**

A resident commented on the parking in parts of the village – parking on yellow lines, bends and on the pavements

*Parking enforcement is now a county responsibility but the Police can still enforce in circumstance that warrant. The issue will be referred.*

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were tendered and accepted for Cllr Brabbam (unwell), Cllr Townsend (unwell), Cllr Lyons (unwell) & Cllr Gibson. No apologies were tendered by Cllr Elliott

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

**3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13 September 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Maude

**4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016:**

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda

**RESOLVED:** The report was noted.

**5. POLICE REPORT:**

The Clerk read out the report from the Police:

Criminal Damage

Unknown youths throwing stones. *No damage confirmed.*  
Unknown person smashed the window of an empty property. *No CCTV, witnesses or forensics*  
Damage to concrete floor. Youths names engraved into concrete. *Under investigation.*  
Graffiti on bedroom wall. *Complainant visited, unable to provide any details to officer.*

Vehicle Crime

Vehicle left unlocked. Items taken from vehicle. *Awaiting forensics.*  
Works van stolen. *Joint investigation with Lancashire police in progress.*

ASB

Dispute over rent owed on field.  
Youths causing a nuisance in the area.  
Youths climbing a tree located in complainant's garden.

It was reported a group of local youths assisted the PCSO in locating two vulnerable young females who were recorded as missing from home.

The report was noted.

5.2 Police & Crime Commissioner, Mr Ron Hogg

Mr Hogg introduced himself and explained his strategic role.  
The Chair asked if any member of the public present had any questions  
A resident of Evenwood Gate referred to his petition to DCC to look at reducing the speed or moving the signage to alleviate the speeding problem through Evenwood Gate.  
*Mr Hogg was aware of the situation and the resident's views. Mr Hogg asked to be kept informed and he would be happy for the Police to feed into discussions with DCC. He is happy to listen to what residents would like – local needs.*  
A resident referred to the speed of vehicles and the increase in large HGV's going through the village (particularly Swan Street)  
*Mr Hogg said the problem of HGV's going through villages was a constant problem but like others they should not be speeding. If the haulage company names are given to him he would write to them.*

*Parking becomes a problem when it is causing an obstruction. There is a need to clampdown on inconsiderate parking through education, leaflets and enforcement.*

Members questions:

A system of criminal justice which focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large.  
What does the Commissioner feels about this system and what value it has for victims of crime. Should more be done to listen to victims if they wish to challenge offenders in this controlled environment?

*Mr Hogg is a big advocate of restorative justice and believes it gives the victim a clearer voice and enables them to get their views across to the perpetrator.*  
*Restorative approach can assist with neighbourhood disputes. The caveat is that the offender can't be forced currently to take part in this approach – this is being looked at.*

Signed.....

Dated.....

What, if anything could he do with regards youth's causing nuisance that goes unreported because they have moved on before the Police arrive.

*You must report things because if you don't then how do the Police know of a problem? Frontline resources are stretched but that is no reason not to report issues causing concern. Hot spot areas can be identified and looked at. Mr Hogg referred to the issue of rural crime and the work being done to reduce response times in rural areas.*

Cllr Nicholson thanked the Commissioner for attending

## **6. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

6.1 The gully drains around the road junction at Brookside have been reported in need of clearing of debris. The storm drain on the path previously reported has been chased up as no work has taken place.

6.2 A drain on Oaks Bank is in need of repair as raised. **RESOLVED:** This will be reported to DCC

6.3 The coal tub monument outside the club is looking in need of some repair. The memorial was obtained with money from the Tidy Village Campaign a number of years ago. The parish council have, by default become responsible for it. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk will look at what work is required and source external funding to carry out the repairs.

6.4 The white bollards at the Bank Top memorial. Several have been removed and in need of replacement. **RESOLVED:** A further order will be made to Glasdons.

6.5 The wooden treated bollards around the main village green – at least 10 currently need replacing

6.6 Allotments (Delaware) – Those that are not working their plots are breaking the tenancy agreement. Letters will be issued asking them to work the plots or they will be given notice.

6.7 Copeland allotment access and gate. Ongoing action

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

7.1 Historic England – Confirmation the Evenwood War Memorial, Evenwood Cemetery, Oaks Bank has been added to the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed at Grade II.

## **8. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:**

8.1 The October Finance Report

**RESOLVED:** The October Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Bogle

## **9. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:**

9.1 DM/16/02668/FPA – Brown Jug Inn 39 Evenwood Gate – Erection of 13 dwellings  
Following a discussion members agreed to submit the same comments recorded on the outline plans – concerns over the access onto the A688 which has a problem with speeding vehicles. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk will submit comments

9.2 DM/16/02963/TPO – Mr B Hunter-Gordon, 1 Jubilee Terrace – To fell sycamore T2, T3, T4 and T5. Trees under a current Tree Preservation Order.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Bogle and seconded by Cllr Maude to object to the felling on sycamore T2, T3, T4 and T5. The trees were placed under a TPO for their importance and the reasons given to fell them are not enough to warrant this action.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will submit the objection.

**10. RANDOLPH SOCIAL WELFARE GROUND:**

A request had been received from the Cricket Club to hang some old pictures in the pavilion. Members agreed this could be done after the choice of picture had been seen and cleared by trustees.

The Cricket Club had also put forward the idea they could carpet the main room in the pavilion. It was felt this was something the Trustees should be looking to do, and not the user groups. The offer was welcomed but will be declined.

The Clerk reported the water bill from July recharge was still outstanding and a further bill has now been received.

Members were disappointed this had not been cleared, even after the rent free year had been agreed following the scoreboard damage. Any outstanding money will be added to the 2017 rent bill.

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

Tuesday 8 November 2016, 7.00pm, Parish Hall, Evenwood

Signed.....

Dated.....



















