

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2017:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 July 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Maude

4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2017:

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

Cllr Nicholson gave members a report on the possible land grab in Lands – part of the play area and hedges boarding it have been removed and a gate for access installed. This land is Durham County Council's and following a meeting with the resident responsible the matter has been reported.

The Clerk referred to receiving a new report of a resident of Bankwell Drive (Barony) allegedly extending their back garden onto a public right of way. **Action:** The Clerk will visit the area before a possible referral to Durham County.

The Police report received was referred too with only 3 recorded reports of anti-social behaviour.

Signed.....

Dated.....

An update was given by the Clerk on a possible youth shelter. The Police, Durham County Council and North Star Housing have been discussing options which include the type of shelter and location. Members were reminded that any shelter would not be considered for village green or welfare land. It is expected that further progress and any potential decisions will see the parish council consulted.

RESOLVED: The September Progress Report was noted.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Webb Referred to the dry-stone wall damaged and reported in the past with no action taken by Durham County. A further piece of the same wall, opposite the cemetery has been damaged. **Action:** The damage to both sections will be reported once again

Cllr Lyons referred to overgrown bushes along by the bridge and Gordon Lane. **Action:** Clerk to report

The Clerk advised members the street lights that were marked for switching off along Evenwood Lane to Evenwood Gate, has now taken place. An elderly resident had reported her concerns for walkers to Durham County Council. The council had objected to their removal and supports the action being taken by the resident.

6. CORRESPONDANCE:

6.1 CDALC notification – General Data Protection Regulation

The Clerk informed members of the significant change in the Data protection law from May 2018. The implications of the regulation changes will have resource implications on parish councils. The county association are planning training courses for Clerk and councillors for late this year or early 2018. Noted.

7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

7.1 September Finance Report

The September Financial Report issued with the agenda was proposed as a true record by Cllr Lyons and seconded by Cllr Townsend.

7.2 It was noted that one of the council's litter pickers had turned 18. From October, his wage would increase to £45.00

8. PLANNING:

None.

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

Tuesday 10 October 2017, 7.00pm, Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood

