

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017

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

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 Donovan (work)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

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

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting as presented, were proposed as a true record by Cllr Prince and seconded by Cllr English

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

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

An update was given on the wall(s) built on to the public footpath in Gordon Lane, Ramshaw.

The Clerk informed members on the asset issue reported at Lands. It had been confirmed by DCC they are now investigating. Concern was raised about a strip of land with no possession. Members felt the property owner could not claim possessory rights due to the short time they have owned the old Methodist Church.

RESOLVED: The November Progress Report as presented be noted.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

- It was reported that fly tipping was taking place at Kayshall Farm site – regular visits by

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vans. **Action:** The Clerk will refer to DCC and the land owner

- Fly tipping continues by Sewells – This is DCC land and for them to deal with.
- A reference was made to leaves on the footpaths. Cllr Webb informed the meeting that DCC had been in the village and cleared some when the gully's were being cleaned.
- Cllr Webb asked if it was possible for DCC to supply a sign 'take your litter home' as these signs have been placed on several main roads. **Action:** The Clerk will ask DCC if this is possible.

6. CORRESPONDANCE:

6.1 Interserve Construction Ltd – River Gaunless NWL Projects

The Clerk referred to the email correspondence from Interserve who would like to do some legacy work in the area when the current works were completed (March 2018). This would be a mark of appreciation from themselves and Northumbrian Water. They were asking the council of projects they could support – i.e. bench seating, notice/information boards, enhancements to war memorials, additional Christmas decorations or other small scale projects.

Members asked for time to consider things. **Action:** Place on January agenda with other requests.

6.2 Great North Air Ambulance – Donation request. It was agreed the request would be considered at the council's February meeting.

7. STANDING ORDERS:

Motion: Members to consider an amendment to the Council's Standing Orders: Correspondence, petitions, statements or otherwise received by electronic means or letter but unsigned or only marked from any kind of action group is noted but does not receive a full response unless an individual named person (contact) is given

RESOLVED: The motion as referred was proposed by Cllr English and seconded by Cllr Webb.

The revised Standing Orders will be placed on the council's website.

8. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT:

Motion: Members to consider adopting the revised wording (June 2017) to the Code of Conduct.

The Clerk explained the amendment to the Code was the adding of the wording:

He/she shall not behave in a manner which a reasonable person would regard as likely to bring the Council, or his/her office as a member of the Council into disrepute.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to defer the matter of adopting the revised Code until the December meeting.

9. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

9.1 November Finance Report

RESOLVED: The November Financial Report issued with the agenda was proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Webb.

9.2 Mid-Year Finance Report issued with the agenda was noted.

10. ALLOTMENTS:

Cllr Spraggon gave members a verbal report from the Allotment Committees walk round Delaware and Copeland sites. It was noted some plots have not been worked and are overgrown. This is contrary to the Allotment Agreement.

It was also noted that some fly tipping was being done on the Delaware site and wagons have been seen entering the area.

The committee's recommendation to the council is for letters to be issued to those who have plots that are not being worked giving notice to quit.

The recommendation was accepted.

Action: The plots identified will be written to by the Clerk serving notice.

11. PLANNING:

None

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

12 December 7.00pm, Methodist Church, Windmill

Agenda items:

Council recording of meetings

Windmill Millennium Project

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