

**Evenwood & Barony Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**

**TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017**

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

**Clerk: Martin Clark**

Visitors: T. Brookes, Teesdale Mercury  
2 residents whose names were recorded  
County Cllr S. Hugill

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No members of the public present wished to speak

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Donovan (work), Cllr English (unwell) and Cllr Spraggon (personal)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

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

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

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

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** The December Progress Report as presented be noted.

**5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

- Cllr Prince referred to the drain on the footpath by the entrance to Brookside. It had been agreed with DCC the drain entrance would be widened due to it blocking up. This has not been done and could it be followed up. Action: Clerk to speak to DCC
- A section of footpath at Bank Top was extra icy due to cars parked on the verge after

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boiling water used to de-ice. The water running of the vehicle froze on the path making it treacherous. It was agreed that if this continued a letter would be issued to the houses in the area asking them to consider their actions.

- Cllr Nicholson spoke on the damage done to the village green by a JCB driven over it in, an attempt to enter Kayshall Farm for scrap. The owner has made an attempt to secure the farm site, but this has not been adequate. **Action:** It was agreed the owner, Mr Linsley, is written too asking him to improve security.

- It was agreed the Memorial, Allotment and Welfare Committees need to meet, where practicable before the next council meeting.

## **6. CORRESPONDANCE:**

6.1 DCC – Notification of Christmas and New Year Waste Collections. Noted

6.2 CDALC – Royal Garden Parties 2018. No member wished to be put forward for the draw for places

6.3 CDALC – Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1972. Reminder of what is prohibits an individual councillor when setting the annual precept

6.4 CDALC – Bird Flu information.

6.5 CDALC – Notification of external auditor appointments for 2017/18 financial year. In Durham those appointed are Mazars LLP

## **7. FUTURE PROJECTS IN WINDMILL:**

Cllr Nicholson informed the meeting that following correspondence about bulb planting earlier this year the council could look at possible small street furniture projects in Windmill. The two benches were in poor condition and the Millennium Project area could be tidied. The council had considered a small notice board in the past and this could be looked at again.

Cllr Sewell referred to the bench by the Millennium Project being very well used but the one at the opposite end of the village, not so much.

Reference was made to the legacy funding from Interserve/NWA – that funding would be for a project in Evenwood

The Clerk informed members that a decision will be made on replacing benches or other works in January as part of the budget and precept recommendations.

## **8. FINANCE/ACOUNTS:**

8.1 December Finance Report

**RESOLVED:** The December Financial Report issued with the agenda was proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Sewell

Cllr Nicholson informed members a separate bank account will be opened for the allotment rents from April 2018

## **9. 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 Cllr Nicholson proposed a counter motion:

The Parish Council does not adopt the revised Code of Conduct (June 2017) but continues to follow the current Code.

Cllr Nicholson felt that it was hard enough to attract people to become councillors without adding a sentence that could be used to make unwarranted referrals.

The amended motion was seconded by Cllr Prince

**RESOLVED:** With no one speaking on the original motion the amendment was carried.

**10. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:**

None

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

9 January 2018, 7.00pm, Parish Hall, Evenwood

Agenda items:

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