

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018

COUNCILLORS: **B. Nicholson (Chair)** **J. Sewell**
R. Webb **M. Prince**
P. Townsend **R. Spraggon**
Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: R. Dyne & K Barrigan, YMCA Teesdale

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Maude (unwell), Cllr Lyons (unwell)
No apologies were received from Cllr English and Cllr Donovan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2018:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 9 October 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Sewell and seconded by Cllr Webb.

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

In addition, the Clerk reported on the recent Children's Remembrance Service event, quoting from a number of emails received from some of those that attended:

"The children that took part were so impressive....." (**Karen Tallentire, CA Group**)

"...the children enjoyed every minute." (**S. Rand, Deputy Head Evenwood School**)

"it was great to see the community supporting it in strength..." (**Major Mike Hosegood**)

"you did your village proud" (**Ruth, Durham Pipes & Drums**)

"..... It was such a heart warming feeling to see the children from the village schools attend the service and play a key role." (**Paul Wharton, Chair DLI Association**)

".... Grateful thanks for everyone involved in making and supplying an excellent food spread in the centre after the service" (**Paul Wharton, Chair DLI Association**)

Further reports on parking issues at Evenwood Gate had been reported and enforcement officers had attended.

RESOLVED: The Progress report was noted.

*At this point the Chair requested agenda item 6 is heard prior to hearing from the YMCA.
This was agreed by the members present.*

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Signed.....

Dated.....

5. YMCA DETACHED YOUTH WORK:

Cllr Nicholson invited Rachel and Kate to speak to the council on the work they have started in Evenwood.

Rachel explained what the aim of the 3 year project being run in Evenwood now to engage with the hard to reach young people in the village. Kate was employed by the YMCA to take the project forward because of her skill set.

Kate explained the community house in Wellgarth is being used to run an after school club for 7 to 11 year olds one day a week, on a Thursday. The children have been doing activities (Halloween, remembrance, arts and crafts and cooking). They have their own rules in place to follow. Parents and the children have been positive.

From 5 to 6pm detached youth work is carried out to meet the young people on the streets. Informing them of a drop-in service available from 6 to 7pm at the house for 12 to 18 year olds. They can come in, have a hot drink, discuss issues and they also set their own rules. Have been helping some CV's. The Police have said they will drop in fortnightly to discuss any issues.

Future plans are being looked at to work with Durham Wildlife Trust where the young people work with older people on activities around wildlife.

Concerns from members was it is only a 1 hour after school club and a 1 hour drop in session. The youths that currently cause the problems in the village are not being engaged. Members understood to engage the younger age group now would hopefully see more youngsters learning to respect.

The council is supportive of the project and it was suggested that Kate contacts a resident who has set up a football team, and more, to try to engage the disengaged. They may be able to work together. **Action:** The Clerk will give contact details.

Cllr Nicholson thanked Rachel and Kate for coming and asked to be kept updated.

6. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Nicholson referred to a recent incident where a youth with an axe damaged several wooden bollards near the Club. The bollards will now need replacing.

A 'gang' of youths has been making a nuisance of themselves, and more, around Central Stores in the evening. The store is losing custom because people are feeling intimidated by this group and will not enter the shop. The owner is at the end of his tether and is looking for help.

Cllr Prince was concerned that the behaviour of this gang could see the owner shutting the shop. Something needs to be done

Cllr Townsend was concerned to hear the Police appear to do very little, and then where does that leave us. What can we do?

7. CORRESPONDANCE:

7.1 CDALC notification – New disqualification rules to prevent people who have committed serious crimes from serving as councillors. Noted

8. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

8.1 The Clerk advised members of 1 further invoice post the report being issued:

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CE & CM Walker (October grass cuts) £816.00

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

9. PLANNING:

None

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

Tuesday 11 December 2018, 7.00pm, Venue: Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood

Signed.....

Dated.....

