

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**

**TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019**

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

Visitors: Representatives of Evenwood & Ramshaw History Group

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No member of the public present

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

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 8 JANUARY 2019 & THE FINANCE MEETING OF THE SAME DATE:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 8 January 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Spraggon

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the finance meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Prince and seconded by Cllr Sewell

**4. PROGRESS REPORT:**

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

He referred to the response from CDALC to the council's withdrawal from the association. As the CDALC constitution stated notice to leave must be by the 31<sup>st</sup> December in any year meant the parish council would still need to pay the 2019/20 subscription.

Members felt the decision approved on its budget spending made at the January meeting would stand and it will not be paying the subscription.

**RESOLVED:** The Progress report was noted.

**5. EVENWOOD & RAMSHAW HISTORY GROUP:**

Mr Brian Carter gave members a brief summary of the groups project Heritage Walk Project. The group obtained a grant from Northern Heartlands to establish a waymarked walk that would highlight places of interest. A draft sketch map was circulated to members.

The walk starts from the Randolph Community Centre towards Ramshaw, the Mill and back up toward Oaks Banks but this has not been confirmed. Little 'way markers' will be placed by

areas of interest to accompany the map and walk. Some of these may be on private land or council land and the group would discuss further permissions. A leaflet or booklet will be produced giving the walk details and more.

Cllr Nicholson asked if the school children will be involved in the design of the project going forward? *Not specifically going into the schools but there are hands on sessions planned where everyone is welcome.*

Cllr Nicholson asked about sustainability. In years to come who will be maintaining the markers? *It is hoped some of the grant would be for this but it's not clear yet*

No other questions from members

Cllr Nicholson thanked them for attending

## **6. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

The Clerk advised members of a report made for fly tipping in the layby along Copeland Lane

Cllr Prince asked what the process was when residential bins that are left unemptied. There are two bins that have not been emptied because they are full of rubbish DCC will not collect. The issue is these are unsightly and smelling. **Action:** The Clerk will speak to DCC to ascertain what happens.

The amount of dog fouling and mess was again recorded.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Heritage Action Zone (Darlington & Stockton Railway) – Details of an event planned for 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Memorial Hall, West Auckland – presentation and workshops. Noted.

## **8. FINANCE:**

### 8.1 February Financial Report

The February Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Webb

Exclusion of the press & Public

Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

### 8.2 Awarding of the 2019 Grass cutting contract

Member examined the two quotes to be considered

CE & CM Walker Ltd & Durham County Council (DCC)

Members discussed the options given by DCC against the price per cut from CE & CM Walker Ltd.

The option DCC gave to have a monthly litter pick, regular bed maintenance and Herbicide applications were discussed at length as these offered value for money.

The ownership of land at Lands and Ramshaw was discussed as to whether these areas should be cut by the parish council.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Townsend to award the 2019/20 grass cutting contract to Durham County Council with the minor amendments to

the cutting at Lands and Ramshaw and taking up the option of litter picks.

**9. PLANNING:**

DM/19/00035/FPA Mr P Collinson, 12 Neville Close, Evenwood – Conversion of stables, tack room and domestic garage to family annex. Noted.

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

Tuesday 12 March 2019, 7.00pm, Venue: Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood

CDALC: County Durham Association of Local Councils

DCC: Durham County Council

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