

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019

COUNCILLORS: B. Nicholson (Chair) J. Sewell
 B. Maude R. Spraggon
 R. Webb A. Lyons
 Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: A resident whose name was recorded
Dave Webberley, Teesdale Mercury

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No member of the public present wished to speak.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Townsend and Cllr Prince.
No apologies were received from Cllr Donovan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2019:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 12 March 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Webb

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

RESOLVED: The Progress report was noted.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Lyons asked what will happen to the Ramshaw play area now the association has relinquished the lease. The Clerk advised the council that DCC are likely to ask the council about the future of the area by June's meeting.

The issue of quad and motorbikes going down the pathway from Ramshaw to Spring Gardens was reported to the Police. The Police have said they will carry out foot patrols in the area over the Easter school holidays.

A request for additional dog fouling notices along that same pathway from DCC. **Action:** Clerk will put in the request.

Cllr Nicholson reported youths were seen kicking the bollards out from the village green.

6. COPELAND ROAD ALLOTMENTS:

The Clerk explained this will be a standing agenda item so that members receive regular

updates on what action has/is being taken with regard the 'Notice'

- No response has yet been received from the Secretary of State's Office with regarding the issue over 'statutory' sites.
- Written to H&H land asking them to explain their comment in the Mercury '....meaningful negotiations' The council was unaware of any such negotiations.
- A response has been received today asking for a meeting. The correspondence (email) was read out to members.

The consensus was before any meeting is arranged the council should know the figures the owners have in mind, and the offer put forward by the council.

A meeting with the full council could take place but not until the council have been given the financial figures. Any meeting without this would be pointless.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Webb the response to the request is the full council would meet with them but not until the outstanding questions on finance are answered to enable a proper discussion. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Spraggon

7. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

The Clerk informed member that following the disqualification through non attendance by Mr English, and following the election notice period ending, the council could consider co-opting.

The council are able to co-opt for Evenwood Ward vacancy and for one vacancy at Lands Ward.

The Clerk informed the members that Cllr Donovan has disqualified herself from office by missing this meeting. That will be notified to DCC for processing.

It was agreed the Clerk write to Mrs Donovan to that her for all her work whilst on the council.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

It was agreed item 8.1 (Etherley Parish Council) was dealt with as the last piece of correspondence.

Durham Careline (Lyons Court) – Request to the Welfare Ground for an event on the 8th September 2019. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Lyons and seconded by Cllr Spraggon that permission is granted for the use of the grounds and facilities on the 8th September 2019

Citizen's Advice County Durham – donation request. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Lyons and seconded by Cllr Sewell that £50.00 be donated to the CAB County Durham.

Etherley Parish Council – A request for a meeting to take forward their support for a Community Governance Review (boundary)

The Clerk read out the full contents of the letter requesting a meeting to their support for a review and gave an explanation of what is a Community Governance Review.

A full and frank exchange took place (main points):

Cllr Nicholson opened the discussion by explaining she had been aware of the moves to collect enough signatures to trigger a boundary review since 2016. Following press articles in the Mercury and published minutes from Etherley, when they discussed the issue in open meetings.

- The Clerk has also been in contact on a number of occasions with the legal team at DCC.
- It was decided this council would hold off saying anything and to wait
- We have waited almost 3 years to be contacted
- This council should have been afforded the courtesy of contact from Etherley in 2016, and before it started moving onto to collecting signatures on petitions
- This council has an up to date website; uses its Facebook pages – all to communicate across the parish. It is inaccurate to say residents don't get information.
- Both parish council's have to agree to take any review forward to DCC

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Webb that Etherley Parish Council are thanked for their offer of a meeting, but it is declined as there is nothing to discuss. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Spraggon.

It was agreed the response to Etherley Parish Council would be written by the Chair on this occasion.

9. FINANCE:

9.1 April Financial Report

RESOLVED: The April Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Sewell and seconded by Cllr Maude

The Clerk advised members the application for £320.00 for a replacement ground roller had been received with thanks from Cllr Heather Smith.

10. PLANNING:

10.1 DM/19/00954/FPA – Low Garth Farm, Ramshaw Lane, Ramshaw – Equestrian training area. A comment on the visibility splay will be sent but no objection.

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

Tuesday 14 May 2019, 7pm Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood
Annual Parish meeting followed by Annual Council meeting

DCC: Durham County Council

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