

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2019/20

Cllr Spraggon proposed Cllr Nicholson for Chair. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Sewell
RESOLVED: Cllr Nicholson accepted the nomination and took the chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2019/20:

Cllr Lyons proposed Cllr Maude as vice chair. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Townsend.

RESOLVED: Cllr Maude accepted the nomination.

3. DECLARATION OF OFFICE FORM SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

RESOLVED: Declaration signed and witnessed by the Clerk

4. DECLARATION OF OFFICE FORM SIGNED BY THE VICE CHAIR:

RESOLVED: Declaration signed and witnessed by the Clerk

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

6. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20:

All meetings are at the Randolph Community Centre unless stated otherwise

11 June 2019 (Lands VH)	10 December 2019	12 May 2020
9 July 2019	14 January 2020	
10 September 2019	11 February 2020	
8 October 2019	11 March 2020	
12 November 2019	14 April 2020	

RESOLVED: The programme of meetings for 2019/20 was agreed

7. MINUTUES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2019:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 9 April 2019 was proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Maude.

8. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk read out his report submitted with the agenda but added details of further fly tipping reports made and a request to have the Bank Top bus a shelter removed. It is a poor vandalised state and is a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Webb referred to the shelter opposite Evenwood School in need of cleaning.

RESOLVED: The Progress Report was noted.

9. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

9.1 To approve the May Finance Report:

The Clerk informed members of one additional invoice:

Richmondshire Museum (purchase of historic document postage) £20.00

RESOLVED: The May Finance Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Spraggon

9.2 Annual Governance statement (Section 1 of external audit)

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Sewell and seconded by Cllr Maude that Evenwood & Barony Parish Council has met the accounting statements required for the 2018/19 external audit

9.3 To approve the draft end of year 2018/19 accounts (subject to audit):

RESOLVED: The end of year accounts were proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Maude

9.4 Effectiveness of Internal Audit and the appointment of internal auditor for 2018/19 accounts

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the internal audit effectiveness was in order and that Mrs Beverley Stout be appointed internal auditor for 2018/19. Proposed by Cllr Maude and seconded by Cllr Lyons.

10. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Lyons asked if DCC had written to the parish yet about the future control of Ramshaw play area. It is their asset, and they have not yet cut the grass in the area.

Flower tubs from Evenwood Gate to the top of Oaks Bank – a budget was set for planting and replacing damaged tubs.

Cllr Nicholson asked if it would be possible to get the memorial in the cemetery power washed and the lettering looked at. **Action:** The Clerk will contact Stonemasons to look at and price any work.

Bollards have been removed around the green that require replacement/returning. **Action:** Clerk to arrange this work.

Look to relocate the large litter bin from the village green, at the Centre to outside McColls as the one at that site is too small for the amount of rubbish. **Action:** Clerk to speak to DCC about this and bins.

Cllr Nicholson spoke on the recent damage/vandalism on the Welfare ground but specifically the 5-a-side pitch. A request from a resident has been made to remove the fencing around the pitch. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to defer any decision until the next Welfare Ground Trustees meeting. Another agenda item for that meeting was agreed – cleaning of pavilion

Cllr Spraggon referred to the grass cutting and proposed the item is discussed as an exempt item due to a contract. The item was considered exempt and the press and public will be excluded, and the item discussed after item 13 but recorded in the minutes under Local Maintenance.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business

Members discussed the current grass cutting contract and the poor quality of the works that have been carried out to date. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Townsend that as the contractor had failed to meet the terms of the agreement, the contract is terminated with immediate effect. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Spraggon

11. COPELAND ROAD ALLOTMENTS:

The Clerk advised members that a response to the enquiry to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government about designation of the Copeland allotments. Their advice was for the council to seek its own legal advice.

A response had been received from the agents acting for the owner concerning what would be an acceptable figure to enable to parish council to purchase the land.

Without prejudice and subject to contract the owners would be prepared to accept £15,000 plus their reasonable legal and surveyors fees. The Clerk informed members that any final figure would be nearer £20,000 once council solicitors are added on.

The response went on to say that as the matter was in the public domain the owners had received interest and offers from third parties. They would prefer to reach an agreement with the council.

It was agreed that before anything else a meeting is arranged with the allotment holders to relay this information to them - Wednesday 22nd 6pm at the Randolph Community Centre.

12. CORRESPONDANCE:

None

13. PLANNING:

DM/18/02313/OUT – 38 residential units, access & public open space (Kays Hall Farm) – Outline planning approved by committee. Clerk and Chair gave members a summary of the planning committee meeting and explanation of the difference between FPA and outline.

DM/19/01196/TPO – Land opposite Joss House, Evenwood – T1 Sycamore crown lift to 4.5 metres, remove epicormic growth, sever ivy at the base and crown reduce/reshape by 4 metres.

Following the earlier discussions with residents the council felt it cannot support this work on trees in the area. The residents referred to them not being notified of the works and now not being allowed to comment online via the portal. It was agreed the Clerk would contact DCC to express its concerns and those of the neighbouring residents.

DM/19/01353/FPA Mr & Mrs Metcalf 54 Fairfield, Evenwood. Single storey rear and side extensions. Some concerns were raised from the previous permitted development at this address and the parking of a vehicle against what had been reported to the planners. Driving across public footpath and verges to access the area with no dropped kerbs or alleged highways permissions. It was thought dealing with this should be considered with this application given the drawings.

DM/19/00431/FPA Mr G Reynolds – Land to the North West of the A68 Café Toft Hill. Siting of 10 holiday lodges. Noted.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 11 June 2019, 7pm, Lands Village Hall

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