

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**

**TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

**Clerk:** Martin Clark

Visitors:

M. Paul, Teesdale Mercury  
6 members of the public

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

One member of the public spoke on the issue of dog fouling and how it appears to be on the increase.

*The parish council continues to promote residents reporting incidents if they are witnessed*

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Adams (unwell)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

**3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2019:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 9 July 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Townsend.

**4. PROGRESS REPORT:**

The Clerk confirmed his report issued with the agenda.

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

**5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

Concern was raised over the issue of overhanging bushes beside Gordon Lane, Ramshaw.

The matter has been reported to DCC

Style beside Lands Village Hall is overgrown

Bus shelter at the Centre is beginning to accumulate rubbish. This shelter is being monitored as it was repaired against the council's wishes due to constant vandalism

Concern was raised over the increase in litter being thrown from cars

Cllr Nicholson referred to the floodlights on the Welfare Ground. Correspondence had been received from Sport England advising of £1586 yet to be claimed from the grant. Mr Dunn had been asked to talk to Abacus and get a quote for full maintenance, repair, replacement

and fitting. Total cost £3500. This would be a 5 year contract with all the required safety certificates put in place. The short fall of £1900 will be paid by funding from a youth/sport pot from the Randolph Community Centre.

A question was raised over maintenance – this is covered in the contract

Members agreed bringing the floodlights into use would be a benefit to the community and thanked the Randolph Community Centre for assisting with the funding.

**6. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1939:**

Cllr Nicholson referred to the date being 80 years since war was declared. The parish council had a meeting on that day and the minutes were referred to.

**7. COPELAND ROAD ALLOTMENTS:**

Cllr Nicholson informed members that applying for a loan to purchase the Copeland Road site was proving impossible. Meetings had taken place over the summer to look at other options, one of which is to be put to members tonight.

Proposal

To use the allotment rents banked to date (£3200), together with £9000 from council reserves. The remaining balance required for the purchase (including fees) would come from the Randolph Community Centre (£8500) by way of a loan, repayable over the next 6 years. Repayment would be from the rents collected from Copeland Road.

This action would allow the parish council to purchase the land and to register it in its name.

**RESOLVED:** After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Prince that the proposal put forward to purchase the Copeland Road allotment site be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Maude.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**9. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:**

**RESOLVED:** The September Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Spraggon and seconded by Cllr Deakin

**10. PLANNING:**

None

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

Tuesday 8 October 2019, 7pm Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood

DCC: Durham County Council

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