

# Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 pm,  
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

**Present:** Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman  
Cllr R Bolden  
Cllr P Coulson  
Cllr A Deakin  
Cllr E Pettit  
Cllr M Prince, Vice Chairwoman  
Cllr J Sewell  
Cllr R Spraggan  
Cllr A Webb

## 21.26 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr John McMennum, Sportsman public house landlord attended the meeting to raise awareness to the proposal for a link road to be introduced to bypass Toft Hill. The Parish Council advised that although the proposed route will impinge and cross Evenwood and Barony borders there has been no communication or notification of consultation from DCC. ACTION: Clerk to request details from DCC.

## 21.27 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R Webb.

## 21.28 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no agenda item Expressions of Interest received.

## 21.29 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 meeting were approved and signed accordingly.

## 21.30 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed for invoices as follows:

	Received	Paid
Stamps via S Proud		£18.12
Welfare Ground Play Area Groundworks		£1,900.00
Clerk's Qtr Salary		£1,036.80
CE & CM Walker - grasscutting		£892.80
CE & CM Walker - grasscutting		£277.20
Welfare Ground Reimbursed	£1,900.00	

- The June quarter end bank reconciliation was confirmed as reviewed and approved by those present.

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- Further to a request from DCC for expression of interest in developing a Community Woodland, Cllr Deakin thought this could be beneficial to High Lands and agreed to be DCC contact to take this forward.
- An invitation from the Police and Crime Commissioner was discussed and it was agreed that a face-to-face meeting would be more appropriate to discuss issues relevant to Evenwood & Barony.

The following members were co-opted:

- Cllr Robert Bolden , Evenwood Ward
- Cllr Paul Coulson, Evenwood Ward
- Cllr Ellie Pettit, Ramshaw Ward
- Cllr Janet Sewell, Lands Ward

### **21.31 LOCAL MAINTENANCE - ANY LOCAL ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION**

- Various issues with Rights of Way were discussed and it was resolved to invite the Rights of Way Officer to meet with a representative from the Parish Council.
- It was reported that the main drain gully from the corner of Brookside up to Bank Top is blocked.
- The footpath between Ramshaw and Ramshaw school was reported as overgrown.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with DCC on the above 3 items.

- Parking issues near Five Arches, Evenwood Gate have been reported and the police advise that there has been no illegal parking seen there. It was advised the problem has reduced and agreed that the situation needs to be monitored.
- It was reported that Planning Permission is required for the sculpture Dr Said has kindly offered to donate to Evenwood. It was resolved that the Parish Council will fund the Planning Application if necessary and Clerk to submit the application, if required, once permanent site for the sculpture is confirmed. ACTION: Clerk to action on go-ahead from Chairwoman.
- It was advised that the Ramshaw play area has been reported to DCC and is being tidied up by them.
- It was suggested that Stuart Carse, Neighbourhood Warden be contacted to support with management of repeat offenders who allow their dogs to foul as he has been proactive with removal of rubbish in the area. ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Stuart Carse.
- A Parish Council Trustee is required for the Jacob Wrights meetings. It was advised that the meetings are four times per year; the were no volunteers.

### **21.32 TO RECEIVE ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

All tenants are being issued with the new Allotment Holder's agreement.

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**21.33 To RECEIVE WELFARE GROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**i. To receive update on upgrading play area equipment**

Works to remove rubber matting and remove equipment highlighted in the recent RoSPA report, has been completed to bring the play area up to standard. A meeting has taken place with Jonathan Dunn, Playdale to consider suitable play equipment for the area. It was reported that wooden equipment is preferable and longer lasting. It was advised that the replacement equipment cannot be installed until October. It was therefore agreed that the play area could be made useable within 4 weeks by adding swings to an existing frame and resurface beneath existing swings. This is referred to as stage 1 prior to the final stage 2 being completed in October.

It was reported that there have been a number of complaints about the poor state of the play area. It was resolved that Cllr Prince could proceed with phase 1 at the earliest convenience.

**21.34 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no formal planning issues for consideration.

A Licencing application for McCalls Brewery, Saddler Lane to increase their opening hours 7 days per week was considered and it was decided no comments would be submitted on the application.

**21.35 To receive any items for meeting to be held Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.**

No new items requested for inclusion in next agenda.

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