

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 12th October 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 E Pettit
Cllr M Prince, Vice Chairwoman
Cllr J Sewell
Cllr R Spraggan
Cllr R Webb

21.46 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Bannister, Cricket Club representative attended for an update on progress with grant applications. Sport England applications are available and it was resolved that a combined application can be submitted to include cricketers and footballers. It was confirmed that there has been no follow-up from Susan Redfearn and the Chairwoman agreed to follow-up on this.

Paul Martin, Teesdale Mercury reporter was in attendance.

21.47 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr A Lyons, Cllr A Deakin and Cllr B Maude.

21.48 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

21.49 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed accordingly.

21.50 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

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

	Received	Paid
Clerk's Qtr Salary		£1,036.80
Playdale - Recreation area upgrade 50%		£7,868.54
Memorial Groundworks & Pruning		£960.00
DCC s106 Play Area	£11,100.00	

The September quarter end bank reconciliation was approve and it was agreed that the 2022 Budget and Precept will be considered at the next meeting.

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21.51 LOCAL MAINTENANCE - ANY LOCAL ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

- The footpath passed the cemetery towards Oaksbank on both sides is overgrown. ACTION: Clerk to report to DCC.
- It was highlighted that traffic speeding through the village is an ongoing problem with cars speeding and heavy wagons disregarding courteous driving and ploughing through the village. It was resolved that DCC councillors and the police should be invited to the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk to invite.
- Congested parking at Evenwood Gate is an ongoing problem and concerns were raised about the number of near-misses. ACTION: Clerk to link with the police PCSO.
- The children's Remembrance Service will be held on Friday, 5th November 2021 at 11 am and refreshments will be provided afterwards. ACTION: Clerk to notify both schools.
- It was confirmed that the Christmas tree has been ordered.
- To store the history of the Parish Council it was proposed that a fireproof cabinet is required to protect the records which go back to 1874. Various options will need to be considered as a new cabinet will cost approximately £6,000. ACTION: Clerk to enquire about any recycled option.
- The Queen's Jubilee was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council wish to mark the occasion with an event; this will be discussed at the next meeting to allow Parish Councillors the opportunity to consider appropriate options.
- It was advised that a Parish Council volunteer is required for Jacob Wright Trustees who oversee the Jacob Wright cottages. Cllr Bolden kindly agreed to volunteer to fill the vacancy.

21.52 TO RECEIVE ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

There were no issues raised with regard to the allotments.

21.53 TO RECEIVE WELFARE GROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

i. To receive update on upgrading play area equipment

It was confirmed that the DCC s106 funds have been received and will be put towards the improvements for the play area with the installation of new equipment.

21.54 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no planning issues raised.

21.55 To receive any items for meeting to be held Tuesday, 9th November 2021, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.

- To consider vehicles excessive speeds.
- To consider a Queen's Jubilee Event.
- To consider proposed budget and agree Precept

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