

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 9th November 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 Lyons
Cllr E Pettit
Cllr M Prince, Vice Chairwoman
Cllr R Spraggan
Cllr R Webb

21.46 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

DCC, Cllr James Cosslett was in attendance.

Residents attended the meeting to request support to raise funds for 2022 Christmas lights. The Parish Council resolved to support the group and advised that due diligence is essential to ensure Health and Safety and Public Liability requirements are met with only Durham County Council approved qualified contractors used to install lights.

21.47 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr A Deakin & 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
Playdale - Cradle Swings		£3,716.20
Playdale – installation		£7,868.56
CE & CM Walker – grasscutting		£92.40
CE & CM Walker – grasscutting		£297.60
Glasdon - Waste Bin		£222.41
Croft Farms - Christmas Tree		£504.00
RCC to supply Memorial Service refreshments.		£50.00

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Further to a request from Lands' Village Hall Committee for a Parish Council representative at their meeting, Cllr Janet Sewell will be asked to attend future meetings as a non-participatory representative.

It was agreed that the recreation ground footballers' hire fees are due and advised that £175, now overdue, will be used towards utility and upkeep of the grounds in addition to securing guaranteed sole use of the ground. Further to a request for the hire fees to be reduced, it was resolved that as the footballers have had guaranteed access to the pitch the fees should be paid. A resident attending expressed his disapproval that the hire fees were overdue and offered to pay them himself; he was advised to make any donation directly to the footballers who are responsible for payment.

• To consider proposed budget and agree Precept

Prior to consideration of the Precept the following items were identified as necessary for inclusion in the 2022 budget:

- i. It was resolved that CE & CM Walker Limited be invited to provide a quote for a 3-year grass cutting contract.
- ii. It was resolved that Devonshire Place Children's Memorial requires annual maintenance.
- iii. It was resolved that an extension to the current Christmas lights could be developed and suggested that £1,300 from the allotment holders' rents and Chairwoman's Fund be earmarked annually.

The 2022 Budget and Precept were considered and it was resolved to raise the precept for 2022 by 2%.

21.51 LOCAL MAINTENANCE - ANY LOCAL ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

- Clerk to request that the footpath between Copeland Road and West Auckland be cleared and report that the completion of tree pruning at Ramshaw is still outstanding.
- It was reported that the road sweeper drove through Ramshaw without sweeping the roads
- It was advised that a further 16 Rowen trees are to be planted in Ramshaw.
- **To consider vehicles excessive speeds.**

It was advised that the police have agreed to attend the December meeting. DCC Cllr Cosslett advised that he will report on a speed watch outcome at a future meeting.

• To consider a Queen's Jubilee Event.

It was suggested that plans for the Queen's Jubilee be considered in February 2022 to allow the Parish Council the opportunity to obtain details of any events being organised by schools and local groups.

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21.52 To RECEIVE ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

There were no issues raised with regard to the allotments.

21.53 To RECEIVE WELFARE GROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

To receive update on upgrading play area equipment.

It was advised that the play area installation is now complete and local residents were asked for ideas of ways of having the metal railings painted.

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, 14th December 2021, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.

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