

# Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Sharon Proud, Clerk

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Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 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 A Lyons  
Cllr B Maude  
Cllr E Pettit  
Cllr R Spraggan  
Cllr J Sewell  
Cllr R Webb

## **22.41 Chairwoman's Report & Annual General Meeting**

Cllr Barbara Nicholson, Chairwoman read out her Chair's Report which will be included in the Parish Council's Annual Report.

## **22.42 AGM**

### **i. Election of Chairperson and signature of Acceptance of Office & Code of Conduct for coming year.**

Cllr Barbara Nicholson was nominated and agreed to remain Chairwoman for the coming year.

### **ii. Election of vice-Chairperson**

Cllr P Coulson was nominated and accepted the position of vice-Chair.

### **iii. Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct**

All Parish Councillors sign the required Acceptance of Office.

### **iv. To agree annual subscriptions**

It was resolved that the annual subscriptions for the following were approved:

- CDALC
- ICO

v. **To confirm minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The previous meeting Minutes were agreed.

vi. **To review/amend Standing Orders/Financial Regulations & Risk Assessments**

There were no changes requested to the above.

vii. **To consider adoption of Power of Competence and agree Statement of Intent**

It was resolved that the above will be adopted for the coming year.

### 22.43 Ordinary Meeting

#### To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Prince.

### 22.44 Public Participation

A period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to raise questions/concerns. Members of the public are welcome to remain after this period but cannot speak on agenda item unless invited by the Chair.

### 22.45 Clerk's tabling of correspondence and endorsing of cheques for invoices received

The following receipts and payments were approved:

|  | Receipt    | Payment    |
|--|------------|------------|
| DCC Precept & LCTSS Grant                | £59,014.15 |            |
| Clerk's Qtr Salary                       |            | £1,036.80  |
| Northern Powergrid                       | £180.88    |            |
| Allotment rents                          | £2,450.00  |            |
| HMRC VAT Reimbursed                      | £4,366.94  |            |
| Broadband Randolph - annual contribution |            | £120.00    |
| Queen's Jubilee seat plates              |            | £144.00    |
| CDALC subscription                       |            | £328.99    |
| Randolph Community Centre                |            | £39,754.00 |
| Welfare Ground Account Transfer          | £8,046.05  |            |
| HMRC PAYE                                |            | £259.20    |
| S Dunn - Invoice 90 Welfare Ground Roof  |            | £5,898.00  |
| Footballers' Annual Fees                 | £175.00    |            |
| Bank charges                             |            | £48.25     |
| CE Walker Grass Cutting 22022            |            | £595.20    |
| CE Walker Grass Cutting 22023            |            | £204.00    |
| Viking Paper & Ink                       |            | £60.79     |
| Welfare Ground Electricity - Apr & May   |            | £140.00    |

### 22.46 To consider maintenance and any local issues requiring attention

- Police & Crime Commissioner, Joy Allen, attended the meeting and provided details of the Durham Police & Crime Plan and End of Year Report. It was emphasised that it is vital that incidents are reported to provide the police with vital data to allow the gathering of local intelligence to identify hot spots; this encourages the police to target their resources to prevent crime through a partnership problem solving approach.

- It was confirmed that the Randolph grass verge has not been cut recently due to daffodils still being in flower.
- It was reported that an ALMS house has become available and Cllr Bolden will update on any progress with this.
- A problem with dog fouling at Ramshaw was addressed by a Parish Councillor offering a resident whose dog had fouled a waste bag to clean it up.
- Railway path has been signed off as cleaned up and it was confirmed by Aiden, Clean & Green team that grass verges will be cut in due course. It was advised that if residents choose to cut the grass themselves, they will do so at their own risk.
- It was advised that DCC representative, Laura is willing to meet with the group to support with setting up an Emergency Plan. Cllr Pettit and Cllr Bolden confirmed they are attending a meeting at Spennymoor Town Hall.

#### **22.47 To receive allotments update**

There were no issues raised relating to the allotments.

#### **22.48 To receive Welfare Ground Committee Update**

- It was reported that, due to increased charges, the electric meter at the Welfare Ground required £120 top-up before registering a credit balance.
- It was reported that a piece of equipment has been smashed at the play area and the police have been informed.

#### **22.49 To consider current local Planning issues**

There were no planning issues raised for consideration.

#### **22.50 To receive items for next meeting to be held Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

There were no additional items requested for inclusion in the next agenda.