

Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 14th June 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 Lyons
Cllr B Maude
Cllr M Prince
Cllr R Spraggan
Cllr R Webb

22.51 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from residents.

22.52 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Deakin, Cllr Pettit & Cllr Sewell.

22.53 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest declared.

22.54 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

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

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

	Received	Paid
Bank charges		£15.13
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22078		£595.20
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22079		£204.00
LJ Digital Media Invoice 506 - Annual website		£102.99

It was resolved that the website requires update and the quote received from current supplier, LJ Media is acceptable; Clerk to arrange.

22.56 LOCAL MAINTENANCE - ANY LOCAL ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

- i. Tree at traffic lights at Ramshaw are overgrown and require cutting back.
Clerk to report to DCC.

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- ii. It was confirmed that DCC have sent a sign off of the walkway at Ramshaw but it is reported as not being any better. It was advised that DCC do not remove cuttings when cutting
- iii. It was proposed and resolved that a replacement seat be purchased for Lands area. Clerk to arrange and request permission from DCC.
- iv. The Emergency Support initiative was reported to be an ongoing generic plan which the Parish Council would need to facilitate.

22.57 TO RECEIVE ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

It was reported that there are horses being kept without permission on a Delaware Allotment. It was advised that 2 tenants at Delaware have historical permission to keep their horses and it was agreed that this requires further investigation.

22.58 TO RECEIVE WELFARE GROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

- It was reported that the Welfare Ground electric meter required £120 to bring it into credit. An additional £20 was added and a further £20 was added on 6th June 2022. It is reckoned there is £1.35 per week standing charge before any electric is used; this requires consideration for long term management.
- It was reported that two cars are parking in the Randolph Centre and children are coming through a damaged wall from the Welfare Ground to reportedly purchase drugs. The police are aware of the drug issue and it was resolved that the damaged wall needs to be rebuilt. Clerk to obtain a quote.
- A funding initiative for sports activities during the summer holidays is available and the Randolph Centre and Welfare Ground will both be applying. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council will also sponsor a sports' coach 2 hours per week over the 6 weeks at a total cost of £300. Clerk to arrange payment in due course.
- It was resolved that, without the support of an 'invaluable go-to' individual for all small jobs relating to the Welfare Ground, the area would struggle to survive. It was resolved that £250 per year will be allocated to cover costs of petrol, equipment, fittings, etc incurred and this will be included in future precepts.
- Further to reports of damage to the cricket field equipment, it was highlighted that, whilst the Parish Council sympathise with any loss, the equipment is the responsibility of the cricketers. The Parish Council have been asked to consider CCTV and following discussion, it was resolved that, as agreed in the past in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy, the Parish Council cannot site CCTV on an open recreation ground. It was also highlighted that they do not have the resource to purchase or manage CCTV. It was reported that CCTV was discussed at a recent PACT meeting and the general consensus was that CCTV should be installed; it was advised by police at that meeting that funding can be obtained if the Parish Council agree to the installation. It was

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highlighted that the CCTV footage at the Randolph Centre did not prove useful to police following recent vandalism. It was proposed that a statement be publicised regarding the legality of installation of CCTV. It was highlighted that the £500 per year paid by the Cricketers for use of the Pavilion does not go anywhere near covering the water, increasing electric and maintenance costs; it was agreed that the financial commitment for the Welfare Ground is a heavy burden for the Parish Council and long-term management needs to be considered further.

22.59 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no current plans for consideration.

22.60 To RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held Tuesday, 12th July 2022, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.

- To receive update on Emergency Plan
- To consider Christmas lights

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