

# Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.00 pm,  
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

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

## **22.61 To INVITE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from residents.

## **22.62 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Coulson and Cllr Maude.

## **22.63 DECLARATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no expressions of interest declared.

## **22.64 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

## **22.65 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

It was reported that the request for the cycle path/walkway at Ramshaw to be cleared of dog faeces has been closed despite the area still being in a poor state. It was proposed that the Teasdale Mercury be asked to report an article on the issue of ongoing dog waste. ACTION: Clerk to request.

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**22.66 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES**

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

	Received	Paid
Bank charges		£8.00
Anglian Water		£312.32
Clerk's Qtr Salary		£1,036.00
Welfare Ground Annual General Maintenance		£250.00
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22130		£892.80
CE Walker Grass Cutting 22131		£306.00
Welfare Ground Fencing		£2,780.00
Welfare Ground Electricity		£60.00
Website Security and upgrade		£195.00

- The Clerk requested guidance following receipt of a water bill. The Clerk understood that historically the cricketers has agreed pay for water used. It was confirmed that there had been a verbal agreement at a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 that the Parish Council pay the monthly standing charge and the cricketers, as the only group using water, would pay for water they have used. ACTION: The Clerk will request payment of the outstanding bill and confirmation in writing that future bills will be paid without objection on receipt.
- Further to the cricketers’ request to park cars on the football pitch it was resolved that under no circumstances can the football pitch be used as a car park. The Parish Council highlighted the efforts required to maintain the football pitch and potential damage cars could cause. ACTION: Clerk to notify cricketers of this decision.

**22.67 To CONSIDER ANY LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

- The long-standing request for a replacement seat at Lands was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact Paul Watson, DCC in an attempt to resolve this. The Clerk advised that Linda Lowes, DCC is already dealing with the request but would seek Paul Watson’s support as instructed.
- A litter bin was requested adjacent to the seat at the middle of Ramshaw village.
- The state of the footpaths throughout Evenwood was discussed and it was reported that uneven cement is causing a hazard outside the cemetery gate.
- It was reported that the footpath towards Evenwood Gate has a pothole storm drain.
- A pothole was reported as developing at Swan Street near the flats at the old COOP site.

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- It was reported that the footpath at the Evenwood Engineering side of the road towards Evenwood Gate is breaking up.

The Clerk will report all issues raised above. Any issues can be reported throughout the month to DCC via telephone General enquiries: 03000 26 0000 or by the Do It Online facility at [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk). There is no need to wait for until the meeting to report anything urgent.

**22.68 TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE**

It was advised that following an Emergency Plan meeting at Lands, each area within the parish and barony would require an individual Emergency Plan template. Cllr Bolden agreed to commence completing a template and advised that a meeting would be required to consider who could take responsibility for implementing a communication network when required. It was reported that grants are available for equipment to support the scheme. It was advised that the next meeting at DCC will be 14<sup>th</sup> September and representatives will feed back via standard agenda item.

**22.69 TO CONSIDER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

It was resolved that ideas for battery operated Christmas lights will be considered at the September meeting.

**22.70 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no current plans for consideration.

**22.71 TO RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING to be held Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7.00 pm at Randolph Community Centre.**

- To consider Remembrance Service arrangements
- To consider Christmas lights

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