

# Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00 pm,  
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

**Present:** Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman  
Cllr A Deakin  
Cllr C Hodgson  
Cllr B Maude  
Cllr B Medhurst  
Cllr E Pettit  
Cllr R Spraggon

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

There were no members of the public present.

## **23.82 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Bolden, Cllr Cosslett, Cllr Lyons and Cllr Webb.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

## **23.85 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		£192.47
Clerk's salary		£1,036.80
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£204.00
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£595.20
YESSS electric lock		£55.00
DCC Swing seat replacement		£124.03
Cricketers' Water Rates	£192.47	

- i. To review and consider approval of September quarter end financial accounts

The September quarter end financial accounts were approved by those present.

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- ii. To consider Remembrance Service

It was confirmed that the Remembrance Service will take place on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 11.00 am. Both local schools will be notified and invited to attend.

- iii. To consider budget & precept setting

The 2024-2025 proposed budget was set and it was confirmed that there will be no increase in residents' precept for the coming year.

### **23.86 To Consider Councillors' Reports**

- It was advised that there will be a lighting parade through the village this Christmas and the committee formed to provide Christmas lights are making progress.
- It was reported that residents have concerns about the school bus stopping at Evenwood Gate. It was advised that Cllr Cosslett is looking to have the speed reduced but as this takes time, it was suggested that temporary signs will assist. It was suggested that County Councillors be asked to consider using their community budget for speed signs.
- A notice board was requested for Evenwood Gate. The Clerk was asked to obtain a cost.
- It was advised that the cricketers have requested a meeting with the Trustees representatives; the meeting will take place on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6.15 pm and the Clerk has requested agenda items ahead of the meeting.
- Following consideration of recent issues with the footballers use of the pavilion, it was resolved that Chris Geddes will be contacted to confirm that the hire will revert to £175 and electric charges will be incurred throughout the season.

### **23.87 To Consider Local Issues to Report to Durham County Council**

- It was reported that the path repair near the cemetery gates on Oaks Bank has now sunk and created a lip; the location was reported as at the first lamppost down from main cemetery gates.
- A fence and gate on south side of lands between the village hall and playing field is reported as damaged and requires replacement.
- A drain on a gutter at Lands has been tarmacked over and pavement between 7 – 22 High Lands require repair.

### **23.88 To Consider Current Local Planning Issues**

There were no planning issues for consideration.

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**23.89 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

- To consider purchase of notice board for Evenwood Gate
- To receive update form Parish Council and cricketers meeting

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