

# Evenwood & Barony Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00 pm,  
Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9RE

**Present:** Cllr B Nicholson, Chairwoman  
Cllr R Bolden, vice-Chairman  
Cllr C Hodgson  
Cllr A Lyons  
Cllr B Maude  
Cllr E Pettit  
Cllr R Spraggon

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

There were no members of the public present.

## **23.91 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Cosslett, Cllr Deakin, Cllr Medhurst and Cllr Webb.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

## **23.94 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES**

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

	Received	Paid
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£102.00
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting		£297.60
ICO Subscriptions		£35.00
HMRC PAYE		£259.20
B Mundell - Remembrance area shrubs pruned		£360.00
Bank charges		£8.00
Wreaths x 4		£80.00
B Mundell - removal and disposal of bus shelter		£150.00
Evenwood Gate Noticeboard - Greenbarnes		£505.55

- i. To consider purchase of notice board for Evenwood Gate

It was resolved that a notice board 2 x A4 size be purchased for Evenwood Gate.

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**23.95 To CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- The issues with a persistent offender ploughing up various areas throughout the village.
- It was reported that an Emergency Plan meeting has been held with several volunteers attending. It was advised that volunteers are strategically placed to cover the area and they will meet again in early 2024 for a practice.
- It was advised that permission had been given for glamping pods which have now been replaced with second hand cars.
- To receive an update following Parish Council representatives and cricketers meeting

Cllr Spraggon fed back following the meeting with the cricketers.

Further to a cricketers' request for an out-of-season key to use toilet facilities, it was advised that access to the pavilion was not mentioned when the all-weather nets were installed. If access is required then a Facilities Agreement would need to be signed for insurance purposes.

The documents relating to previous requests for a lease were discussed and it was confirmed that although a lease has been discussed in the past, nothing was finalised. Copies of all documents from 2007-2008 are available for perusal as required, confirming a lease is not allowed due to conditions imposed on the Trustees managing the Welfare Ground.

It was suggested that the only option is for the cricket club to take over the land.

Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the pavilion needs to be updated and the Parish Council would support that. It was resolved that, as Trustees, the Parish Council cannot authorise a lease to any user group, due to conditions imposed on them as managers of the Welfare Ground and the Parish Council recommend that the cricketers ask their solicitor to draft what they consider to be an acceptable lease for Charity Commission's approval prior to progressing with consideration by the Parish Council's solicitor.

**23.96 To CONSIDER LOCAL ISSUES TO REPORT TO DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

- The footpath from Evenwood to Evenwood Gate is overgrown and preventing access via the footpath and trees on the opposite side of the road require pruning.

**23.97 To CONSIDER CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no planning issues for consideration.

**23.98 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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