

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Walker (Chairman), Mrs Hurst (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Page, Rouse, Scott and Watt  
with District Cllr Lee, five members of the public and the Clerk.

### 3957 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Major Mortimore, Owen and Ms White, District Cllr Payne, County Councillors Girling and Wallace.

### 3958 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council. Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

### 3959 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. Parishioners raised concerns about the possible closure of the laundry room at Dorewood Court, a much used facility by local elderly residents. Dorewood Court is managed by Newark & Sherwood Homes (NASH).

They were thanked for their attendance and the meeting re-opened. District Cllr Lee advised that he was aware of this proposal and had arranged a meeting for tenants with NASH the following day, but stated that no decisions have yet been taken. A full consultation process is being undertaken.

### 3960 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 3961 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

An update of ongoing matters from the minutes of the previous Council meeting and subsequent committee meetings was circulated and noted. Updates circulated prior to each committee meeting had been included with the minutes. The following issues were discussed from the update:

#### a) Council Meeting

- 1. Re Minute 3955a Planning Training** Cllr Rouse advised that at the training session hosted by the District Council it was confirmed that Parish Councils are not statutory planning consultees. Whilst acknowledging the goodwill and current practice shown by the local Planning Authority to parish councils in this area, this

fact does raise concerns about the democratic process. A letter will be drafted to the M.P. Robert Jenrick asking for an explanation and/or a change in legislation.

b) Amenities

c) Planning

**1. Re Minute 0431 Gypsum Sub Strata**

Cllr Walker undertook to also raise this issue with the County Council as well as with the British Gypsum Liaison Group at its next meeting.

d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

**1. Re Minute 6068 Flooding/Drainage** Members advised that rain water is slow to clear from London Road at two points; opposite Staple Lane and opposite Sainsbury's. These problem areas will be reported to the County Council.

**2. Re Minute 6070a Free Resource** It was,

AGREED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council approves the payment of

£240 to the Balderton Branch of the Royal British Legion

this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

3962 **Committees**

The minutes of the following committees were then approved, confirmed as a true record and signed:

Amenities

Planning

Finance and General Purposes

3963 **Precept 2018/19**

It was unanimously,

AGREED that the precept requirement be set at £267,330 for the 2018/19 financial year.

3964 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being payment requirements of £27,508.72 for November and £21,396.90 for December 2017.

3965 **Reports from Representatives**

District Cllr Lee advised that a previously agreed, but not implemented, policy change to only provide smaller waste bins for households of two or less people was scheduled to be discussed again by the District Council.

**3966 Clerk's Additional Information**

The following items of correspondence/information have been received and were noted:

- a) Highways England's Strategic Road Network public consultation closes on February 7<sup>th</sup> and seeks opinion on how funding should be prioritised.
- b) A letter from Fernwood Parish Council expressing concern about the impact of closing Hollowdyke Lane for through traffic (other than buses and cycles), asking for this Council's comments. The letter was referred to the next F&GP committee meeting and the Fernwood Chairman and Vice Chairman will be invited to attend the meeting.
- c) An invitation from the Y.M.C.A. to attend a celebration evening on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 where new visuals will be shown of the planned sports village. Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Walker undertook to attend the event.
- d) The new 'Art & Craft Café' on the playing field is scheduled to open on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

**3967 Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Rouse asked the issue of reducing the speed limit to 30 m.p.h. along the entire length of London Road be considered. Similar 'main' routes in Newark such as Lincoln Road and Hawton Road are being made into 30 m.p.h limits, so why not in Balderton? Cllr Walker undertook to arrange a meeting with the County Highways Inspector and County Cllr Cottee to explore this option.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm.