

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Ms White (Vice Chairman) Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Rouse, Scott and Walker

with County Councillor Wallace, District Councillor Lee, two parishioners and the Clerk.

4048 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Page and Watt, and District Cllr Payne.

4049 **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.

4050 **Public Participation**

No-one present wished to make any comments.

4051 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2018, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4052 **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 4044 Internal Drainage Board** Clarification will be sought from Cllr Payne regarding the exact location of the organisation's refurbishment work which he referred to at the last meeting.

b) Planning

c) Amenities

**1. Re Minute 3097 Heron Way Car Park** Members acknowledged the possibility of funding the car park resurface project from Community Infrastructure Levy monies; the Council currently holds some £18,000 in this fund. Cllr Walker invited the

Council to write to him in his capacity as County Councillor for a contribution towards this project as he may be able to assist with funding.

2. **Re Minute 3098 Field Dog Waste Bin** Members were happy with the suggested site for a further dog waste bin on the fence between the cricket sight screen storage area and the smaller M.U.G.A. This location has been approved by the District Council department that empties the bins.
3. **Re Minute 3101 90 London Road** Cllr Lee undertook to look into the issue of parked vehicles outside this property; they are causing an obstruction and restricting vision for cars exiting Grove Street.

d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 6158 Free Resource** It was,

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

- a) the payment of £370 to Chuter Ede Primary School
- b) the relevant cost to Newark Community First Aid for hiring the Village Centre

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

2. **Re Minute 6159 Christmas Tree** The alternative option to install Christmas lights on an existing Holly Tree which is located to the front of the new site of the Orchard School off London Road will be confirmed in writing to County Cllr Wallace to allow the authority to formally consider the request.

4053 **Precept 2019/20**

It was unanimously,

AGREED that the precept requirement be set at £279,520 for the 2019/20 financial year.

4054 **Committees**

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

Planning  
Amenities  
Finance and General Purposes

4055 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £22,860.56 for November and £23,580.18 for December 2018.

4056 **Reports from Representatives**

Cllr Walker advised that the County Council has written to ask permission to go on site and clear the unsightly rubble and bricks from the Balderton Scout Group's storage bunker that it demolished. Cllr Mrs Brooks had been informed that the Scouts had recently sent a reply authorising this but the contractors must keep the site secure when they remove the bricks by erecting a fence to prevent unauthorised access into the Scout's field directly behind the site on Queen Street.

Cllr Lee reported that he had consulted Grove Street residents to ascertain if there was an appetite for permit parking in that vicinity to try and ease the parking congestion issues along the road; the process had generated mixed opinions. Today an ambulance had been unable to drive down the street owing to double parking.

He intended to invite the Dog Warden to Balderton to meet and liaise with owners to help promote responsible dog ownership.

There had been an increase in fly tipping; the public is being asked to be vigilant and report sightings as soon as possible.

**4057 Highways Fault**

Cllr Owen reported that a large wooden fence has been installed on Staple Lane near to the junction of Jericho Road which restricts vision for drivers exiting Jericho Road. Enquiries will be made to ascertain ownership of that land and why the fence has been installed.

**4058 Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Correspondence from Via East Midlands regarding the footpath lights along Public Footpath No. 11 between Mount Road Cemetery and Mead Way. The authority now considers that the Parish Council is responsible for these lights which were installed when the footpath was surfaced with tarmac as part of a County funded Local Improvement Scheme (L.I.S.) project in 2012. This had never been the Parish Council's understanding. Cllr Walker undertook to look into this issue on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b) Mr Terry Bailey, the District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer had asked for the Council's initial reaction to his suggestion for a series of activity sessions on the playing field for young people, possibly one a week over the main school summer holidays. Members were happy in principle with the notion subject to clarification of further details such as any cost implications, staff commitments etc.

**4059 Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm.