

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Wednesday July 1st 2020 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Dikkez, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mayall B.E.M., Mrs Newstead, Newstead, and Roberts M.B.E.

with County Cllrs Walker and Wallace and the Clerk.

4171 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lynch and Scott, and District Cllr Lee.

4172 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Ms White, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

4173 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

4174 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on March 4th and June 3rd 2020, and the minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on May 27th 2020, all having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4175 **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) i. Council March

ii. Extraordinary Meeting May

1. Re Minute 4173 CCTV Camera Cllr Wallace urged the Council to check that the new camera's resolution would be of a sufficiently high quality to secure a prosecution if footage was ever needed in a trial. The Clerk undertook to check with the District Council who are arranging the order.

iii Council June

b) Planning

c) Amenities

1. Re Minute 3206.2 Business Rate Relief Cllr Ms White undertook to expedite the requested meeting with the District Council's Business Rates Manager regarding this issue. The Council has just received an invoice for business rates of £5489.

d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

4176 **Committees**

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

Planning

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4177 Financial Statements

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £24227 for May 2020.

4178 Reports from Representatives

County Cllr Wallace advised that the authority is still reviewing the reported speeding vehicles issue on Main Street; a temporary camera has been requested.

County Cllr Walker reported that the County Council is reviewing the speed limit between the new secondary school located on the Fernwood business park and the A1 roundabout in Balderton. Cllr Ms White asked about the possibility of the County Council also reviewing the speed limit between the A1 roundabout and Main Street at the same time.

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported that some roads and small areas of green land on the Lakeside estate are being advertised for sale by auction, even though it is understood that two of the green areas listed are owned by this Council. Enquiries are ongoing and the Council's solicitor is checking the Title Deeds.

Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that one of Balderton's Police Community Support Officers, who has been on both long term sick leave and then light duties for many months now, is very unlikely to return to patrol duties. It is hoped that the post will be replaced with another officer to support the Balderton Team.

Cllr Ms White reported that the RSPCA has advised that it will not be able to attend reports of sick and/or injured wild birds at the Lake owing to staffing restrictions under the Coronavirus pandemic situation.

Cllr Newstead reported that there have been a number of complaints from residents about the number of heavy goods vehicles using Hawton Lane. Though mindful that little can be realistically done about it he had been asked to mention the issue at a meeting.

4179 Highways Faults

1. The pavements and road on Thoroton Avenue are very badly broken up and appear to be crumbling in places.

4180 Clerk's Additional Information

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

- a) A request for help from a Main Street resident about the number of speeding vehicles near to the railway bridge, claiming that there are many near misses and have been at least two ‘right off’ collisions. Cllr Wallace undertook to contact the resident concerned.
- b) Notice that Staple Lane from London Road to Bilton Close will be closed on July 9th - 10th, and July 13th – 17th 2020 for electrical cables to be installed.
- c) The Council’s play area has been closed since the Coronavirus lockdown started in March. Government guidelines state that children’s play areas may open from July 4th as long as safeguarding criteria can be met. The play area will not open on that date as the groundstaff are part way through painting the equipment; the project has been hampered by a shortage of specialised paint initially and latterly by wet weather. The Clerk is scheduled to participate in a virtual briefing to give guidance on undertaking risk assessments on re-opening Council facilities such as play areas and public buildings. Only when adequate measures can be implemented and complied with will those facilities re-open
- d) There will be a further ‘round’ of virtually held meetings, commencing on July 15th for the Amenities Committee, F&GP on July 22nd and Full Council on 29th July. It is then intended that the Council’s original schedule of meetings will resume in September.

4181 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Ms White asked that the issue of Lakeside wild bird emergency treatment be included on the next Amenities agenda.

4182 **Exempt Item**

The tabled exempt agenda item did not take place.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.05pm.