



Dear Councillors Bracegirdle, Callingham, Elson, Fairbairn, Forde, Hall, Mallard, Marshall, Moore, Sellars and White,

You are summoned to attend the next meeting of the **Amenities Committee** to be held on **Wednesday 18th October 2023, commencing at 7pm**. This meeting will be held in the large hall of Balderton Village Centre.

Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by the Local Government Act 1972 Section 100 unless precluded by the Parish Council by resolution during whole or part of the proceedings. Such entitlement does not however include the right to speak on any matter except at the beginning of the meeting (public open forum). As issues raised during the public session may not relate to items on the agenda no resolution for action can be taken.

Marion Fox Goddard, Balderton Parish Clerk, Thursday 12th October 2023

AGENDA

1. Declarations of any intentions to record the meeting.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of interest
4. Public Open Forum (15 minutes) - **Balderton Parish Council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of public to contribute during this part of the meeting.**
5. To note the clerk's update.
6. To consider request from resident to put nets on goals for personal use.
7. To discuss the artificial cricket wicket and how to proceed.
8. To discuss the Council's dog waste bins and consider the introduction of a replacement policy (with a view to making a recommendation to full council).
9. To consider whether to request/install the following signage:
 - a. 1 or 2 car park signs on Rowan Way to highlight where the car park is on Heron Way
 - b. A sign at the car park on Heron Way
10. To receive an update and discuss the Jubilee Clock and consider whether there is another suitable location or whether to recommend to full council to shelve this project and consider diverting grant money to another project such as the millennium clock (subject to approval of grant provider).
11. To receive an update and discuss the replacement millennium clock and agree what recommendations to make to full council.

12. To consider how to minimise attracting vermin to homes near the lake.
13. To agree a date for the 2024 summer fete – proposed weekend 13/14 July 2024 and note that the clerk will take a proposal regarding whether a committee, sub committee or working group is appropriate.
14. To note that there has been damage to trees next to the moonstone at Balderton Lake (including action that has been taken).
15. To make a decision on where to locate the memorial tree for Tom Scott
16. To consider whether to issue keys to Balderton Village Centre to regular users of the building.
17. To consider buying bulbs to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Coronation Street playing field and 130 year anniversary of Balderton Parish Council (both in 2024).
18. To discuss delegation of decisions regarding dogs being allowed in the centre to a case by case basis. Also, to note the new clerk will make recommendations on the terms and conditions at a later date.
19. To discuss the idea having A4 lockable frames for litter posters.
20. Items of correspondence and information.
21. Items for consideration on future agendas.

**Previous Minutes for reference only
(approved during full council 4/10/23)**

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday September 20th 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mandie Elson (Chairman), Vanessa Bracegirdle, Jane Buxton, Karen Callingham, Roy Fairbairn, Simon Forde, Leigh Marshall and Joy Sellars.

With two members of the public and the Deputy Clerk

The Chairman advised all present that the meeting was being recorded.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect in memory of former Balderton Parish Councillor Mr Tom Scott who had passed away recently.

3540 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mac Mallard, Jean Hall and Ronnie White. Cllr Debbie Moore had advised she would be slightly late joining the meeting.

3541 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Forde, as a serving member of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any District Council issue.

3542 Public Participation

The meeting was closed to take public comments on scheduled agenda items. One resident asked about the weed on the Lake especially in the pump pond area. The public were thanked for their comments and the meeting was re-opened.

3543 Clerk/Chairman's Update

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. The following issues were discussed from the update:

- 1. Re Minute 3530.3 Coronation Planters for Schools** Cllr Sellars advised that Newark Academy and Chuter Ede would prefer fruit trees and John Hunt would like a planter. Enquiries are still being made with The Orchard School.
- 2. Re Minute 3530.4 Skatepark** Cllr Buxton advised that enquiries are still ongoing.

3544 Lakeside Working Party Update

Councillors have had several meetings to discuss issues at Balderton Lake including bank erosion, curly weed and duck weed. The curly weed has now settled and is not harmful but the duck weed remains in the pump pond area as the water is stagnant, although it does provide food for the swans. Cllr Callingham advised that last week she attended a three hour free consultation with the East Midlands Environmental Consultants recommended by Notts Wildlife Trust. A land management

plan is required to look at carrying out work over a ten-twelve year period. Notts Wildlife Trust can quote to provide this and we will also be looking to contact two other similar organisations for comparison. Cllr Elson is already looking into funding options and Severn Trent Water Authority could be a possibility. Cllr Forde suggested that updates should be included on the website to advise what work will be carried out.

3545 Churchyard Committee

Councillors decided to form a new Churchyard Committee to take forward current boundary wall issues. The following Councillors have agreed to join the committee: Cllrs Bracegirdle, Callingham, Forde, Hall and Moore.

3546 Dog Waste Bins

A list of all dog bins in Balderton and an assessment of their condition was provided by the Head Groundsman. Councillors agreed that they would change the existing policy and repair or replace any bins as necessary. Cllr Forde suggested that we apply for funding and set up a program for replacements. It was agreed that a dog bin should also be installed on Staple Lane near to the Bilton Close junction as requested by a resident. Enquiries will also be made with District Councillor Jean Hall to see if District Council are able to assist in any way.

3547 Barriers at Heron Way Car Park

The gentleman from the security company who deploys the barriers at Heron Way car park had called the previous day to request that our notices be changed to closure at dusk. He advised that it was working very well and he had only encountered a few problems. It was agreed that we should continue with their services.

3548 Council Review Committee Update

Cllr Elson advised that interviews for the position of Balderton Parish Council Clerk would be carried out the following day and there would be an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday September 27th to select a suitable candidate.

3549 Village Centre Hirer Request

A Village Centre hirer had asked if she would be allowed to bring her dog to her wedding reception next year. After a discussion it was decided to check if it was a support dog and if any others would be attending. This should be referred to the next Amenities meeting for a decision and consideration should also be given to amending the booking form rules.

3550 Installing a Post box at Mount Road Cemetery

Consideration was given to installing a 'post box to heaven' in Balderton cemetery. Cllr Fairbairn suggested that these were more appropriate for larger crematoriums and was concerned about vandalism. It was agreed with one vote for and seven against that this should not be installed.

3551 Balderton Summer Fete

Councillors would like to reintroduce holding a summer fete next year especially as it would mark 130 years since Parish Councils were first established. It was agreed to set up a new committee to

look at organising this and apply for funding so that the event is cost neutral. The following Councillors have agreed to join the committee: Cllrs Bracegirdle, Buxton, Callingham, Elson, Hall, Moore and Sellars.

3552 Memorial Tree In Memory of the Late Councillor Tom Scott

Cllr Sellars knows Tom Scott's daughter who thought the idea of a tree was very thoughtful. It was agreed that a tree and plaque should be purchased. The Head Groundsman should be consulted as to the type of tree and where it should be planted. Councillors would also like to consider planting some fruit trees in the future.

Two members of the public left the meeting and Cllr Moore joined the meeting at 7.05pm.

3553 Purchase of a Shredder

Cllr Fairbairn explained the benefits of purchasing a tractor driven shredder to be used alongside the chipper. This would shred the smaller branches and leaves which could be reused as mulch on the site from which they were removed. This would also alleviate the problem of bonfires at the allotments. The Head Groundsman should be consulted regarding a suitable shredder and price so that we can then apply to Nottinghamshire County Council for funding.

3554 Highway Issues

Members were invited to raise any new issues or faults to pass onto relevant authorities: No new issues were raised. It was decided to remove this regular agenda item from the Amenities committee and just include it on the Full Council.

3555 Correspondence and Information

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

- a) A roadworks bulletin advising of work on Wilfred Avenue 28th-29th September.
- b) Two quotes to repair the public toilet, one suggesting that we consider a stainless steel anti vandal one. A claim will now be submitted to the insurance company, although we do have an excess of £250.
- c) An email regarding the cricket club's request for an artificial cricket strip next to our existing cricket square. The Head Groundsman will be consulted and the cricket club invited to the next Amenities meeting to discuss.
- d) An email from The Grove Angling Club asking for permission to net the whole of Balderton Lake to check fish stock and use a specialised remote boat to map the lake for underwater features. It was agreed that these are both allowed.

3556 Future Agenda Items

Cllr Marshall asked to include purchasing several A4 lockable frames to display litter posters around the village.

Cllr Fairbairn suggested we write to Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the length of time that Staple Lane will be closed for work on the Southern Link Road. This will be put to our County Councillors at the next Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.50pm.

Topic Update	
Tree location/type Mr Scott	The Head Groundsman, Jim, will talk to the committee about his idea regarding the location for the tree during the meeting and suggest a tree to use. Once this has been agreed quotes can be taken to full council.
Update on dog bins	<p>Replacements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Head Groundsman Jim has fixed the bin at the dance studio so this no longer needs to be replaced. b. We have 1 spare bin so will replace the bin in the worst condition w/c 16/10/23. c. I aim to take quotes for the other 5 replacements to full council on 8/11/23. <p>New bin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Head grounds man and I are due to go to look at the location for the new bin on Staple Lane (near Bilton close, w/c 16/10/23). We will seek permissions as necessary and get this bin installed ASAP (we have a new bin and pole in the machinery store ready).
Update on shredder	Head Groundsman Jim has been seeking quotes and will update the committee during the meeting. We will aim to get quotes on to the agenda for the November Full Council.
Churchyard boundary wall	Clerk will be making recommendations to full council regarding committees, subcommittees and working groups.
Variseeder	Arriving 12/10/23
Replacement Toilet	The insurance company agreed to pay for fixing the damage to the vandalised toilet but we have agreed to change to a stainless steel (more vandal proof) toilet. This is more expensive than a porcelain toilet therefore the council will pay the difference. We are awaiting a date for the work to be done. The Deputy Clerk reminded the contractor that we need a date and I hope to have a date to report at the committee meeting on the 18 th .
Grove Angling Club	An email granting permission to check the fish stock as detailed item 3555a (20/9/23) has been sent to Grove Angling Club.

Football Nets – Personal Use

Item 6

-----Original Message-----

From: Balderton Parish Council
Sent: 09 October 2023 15:03
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Football Nets

Hello REDACTED,

Thanks for your email. I will raise this at the Amenities meeting next week at the Balderton Village Centre - you are most welcome to join the meeting. It is at 7pm on October 18th.

Best wishes,

Marion Fox Goddard
Clerk to Balderton Parish Council
Telephone: 01636 703626
www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: REDACTED
Sent: 06 October 2023 20:05
To: Balderton Parish Council <office@baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Football Nets

I write to you to ask permission to be able to attach my own goal nets to the goalposts on coronation street park, my son is a goalkeeper and likes to do extra practice and we have been using the posts with our nets attached for several years, my son went today to use them and was told that he is not allowed. If this is the case then can I ask why he is not allowed to use them. I was under the impression that it is a public playing field and all he is trying to do is better his football keeper skills. There is already very little they can do that doesn't cost a fortune and my son is not damaging property or causing any bother he is simply playing football on a field that we assumed was for public use. If this is not possible could you please explain why.

Yours REDACTED

Jubilee clock

Item 10

The Council decided to purchase a large, bespoke external clock to be installed in the apex of a building on the Council's Coronation Street playing field park to celebrate the Jubilee. The company attended site several times to look at where it was to be installed and they then encountered difficulties providing the clock from their supplier. On Friday 22nd September the clock company came out but advised that due to the roof structure they are unable to fit the clock on the front of the Village Centre building. A refund of the deposit monies was requested and has now been received.

The Council did receive a grant from N&SDC for £750 but also spent £319.68 on electrical work to prepare for the installation.

Millennium Tower Clock

Item 11

The Millennium clock has not been working for several years. At an Amenities Committee meeting in March 23 the following was noted with an agreement:

Members again discussed the option to either repair or remove the Millennium Tower Clock. The District Council has awarded a grant of £500 towards the repair. The 'rumour' that Lidl is prepared to take on future responsibility for the clock was disputed as the company took an exceptionally long time to respond that they were not prepared to contribute to the clock's repair costs, and if they were to take it on that would not necessarily guarantee its future. It was suggested that a plaque could be placed on the clock stating that it was repaired in 2023 to commemorate the King's Coronation. After lengthy discussion it was,

AGREED with nine votes for and one abstention, that the Millennium Tower Clock be repaired.

Following this the work was ordered but when the clock company came out they advised that it was beyond repair and the top clock section needed to be removed immediately as this was a health and safety issue. A local builder was asked to do this and it was removed on 9th August.

Cllr Sellars has obtained a quote for the supply of: double sided dial housing with 2 x 610mm clock dials from our standard range. This would be between £2300 and £2900 dependent on the specification of the clock the council would require.

1. On 9/10/23 Cllr Hall raised concerns with the clerk:

I have recently received complaints about trees on Balderton lake being attacked by what looks like an axe I am aware a resident has already sent an email and was advised the ground staff would look into this .

I have been made aware today of more damage and would appreciate it if this could be looked into as soon as possible as I would imagine this is classed as vandalism and would not want this to progress further .

2. The Head Groundsman, Jim, has been to look at the damage and provided the following photos:



3. The Head Groundsman, Jim has advised:
 - a. Seven trees have been damaged
 - b. They pose no immediate danger.
 - c. Grounds staff will coppice the trees where they cannot be saved w/c 16/10/23.
4. A laminated sign has been put near the site to ask anyone who sees vandalism to report it. Cllr Sellars has reported this incident and we have an incident number.

BALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

BYELAWS

Made under Section 164 of the
Public Health Act 1875 with respect to

The Playing Field

Coronation Street

New Balderton

Newark, Notts

BYELAWS made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 by the Parish Council of Balderton, with respect to a Playing Field.

- 1) Throughout these byelaws the expression 'the Council' means the Parish Council of Balderton, and the expression of 'the ground' means the Balderton Playing Field.
- 2) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty on the ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council, shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws.
- 3) A person shall not in the ground without reasonable excuse remove or displace any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground or any barrier, railing post or seat or any part of erection or ornament or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.
- 4) A person shall not in the ground walk, run, stand, sit or lie upon any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant.
- 5) A person shall not by operating or causing or suffering to be operated any wireless set, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument or by playing any musical instrument or by singing, make, cause, or suffer to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or so repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons on the ground.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person taking part in a band show, musical concert or any other entertainment held in the ground in pursuance of any agreement with the Council

- 6) A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to remain in the pleasure ground unless such a dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained,
 - (i) from causing annoyance to any person;
 - (ii) from worrying or disturbing any animal.
- 7) A person shall not except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought on to the ground any beast of draught or burden or any cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs.
- 8) (i) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or

cause to be brought on to the ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than a wheel-chair or perambulator drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.

Provided that where the Council set apart a space on the ground for the use of any class of vehicle this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving in or to that space by a direct route from the entrance to the ground of any vehicle or the class for which it is set apart.

(ii) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle or other similar machine or any part of the ground.

9) A person shall not affix any bill, placard, or notice to or upon any tree, or to any part of any building, seat or other erection on the ground.

10) Where the council set apart any such part of the ground as may be fixed by the Council, and may be described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position on the ground, for the purpose of any game specified in the notice board, which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing or for the prevention of damage, danger, or discomfort to any person on the ground, may necessitate the exclusive use by the player or players of any space on such part of the ground - a person shall not in any space elsewhere on the ground play or take part in any game so specified in such a manner as to exclude persons not playing or taking part in the game from the use of such place.

11) A person shall not except with the consent of the Council erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure on the ground.

12) A person shall not on the ground intentionally obstruct, disturb, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the ground, or intentionally obstruct or disturb any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duty, or any person or servant or any person employed by the Council in the proper execution of his duty.

13) Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

14) Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified; that is to say -

(i) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the

byelaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable.

(ii) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and, from the nature of the infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance on the ground of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of a byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS.....Nineteenth.....

DAY OFAugust..... 1981

(Signed)S F White Seal

(Signed)R Oram..... Seal

MEMBERS OF THE BALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The foregoing byelaw(s) are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 4th Day of May, 1982.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

G. I. de Deney

An Assistant Under-Secretary of State

Home Office

LONDON, SW1

21 April 1982

I confirm that the above byelaws are an accurate retype of the byelaws originally submitted and approved by the Secretary of State on 21 April, 1982.

Signed

A. Young

Clerk to the Council