

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Dikkez, Green, Mrs Hurst, Lynch, Mallard, Mayall B.E.M., Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M. B.E. Rouse and Scott

with County Cllrs Walker and Wallace, District Cllr Lee and the Clerk.

**4113 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Lee.

**4114 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.

**4115 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

Members had anticipated meeting Mr Terry Bailey the District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer at this point but he was not present. Members agreed to proceed with the scheduled agenda business and close the meeting if he arrived later.

**4116 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

**4117 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

**1. Re Minute 4104.f4 Flood Store** Cllr Mrs Hurst informed that the issue of financial responsibility for re-stocking of flood stores is being debated by the District Council; a decision is expected imminently.

b) Planning

**1. Re Minute 0496.a Former Working Men's Club Front Wall** District Cllr Lee undertook to expedite the Planning Department to confirm that the area of removed wall complies with planning approval.

c) Council Review

**1. Re Minute 0095 Council Income** A further Committee meeting will be held to discuss ongoing issues relating to income and cost cutting measures.

d) **Café Working Party**

**1. Re Minute 0036 Café Patio** Cllr Allen advised that the groundstaff have identified a spare section of bow topped fencing that can be installed across the side of the patio to prevent cyclists riding straight through the area. This will be installed as soon as possible.

e) **Amenities**

**Re Minute 3148 Heron Way Car Park** Members gave further discussion to the possible installation of a swing barrier across the car park entrance; it was decided on balance not to proceed at this time. The situation will be monitored.

f) **Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)**

**1. Re Minute 7212 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 £266 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.

4118 **Committees**

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

Planning

Council Review

Café Working Party

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4119 **Y.M.C.A.**

Members were advised of the solicitor's comments regarding the draft agreement in principle to allow the Y.M.C.A. to use an area of the Lake for supervised canoeing and kayaking. The document was essentially referred to ensure that the Council would be absolved of all liability issues relating to the proposed use. However, the solicitor has raised a number of concerns about it namely that the document itself is not a formal agreement in its own right, just an outline from which an agreement can be created. A strong recommendation for further public consultation was also advised. In essence the advice is that a legal agreement should be drawn up by a qualified solicitor and the Council should not be liable for that expense. On balance members agreed to ask the Council's solicitor to draw up a formal agreement and a further meeting will be arranged to clarify certain aspects of the content. Any costs must be met by the Y.M.C.A. who will be notified of the authority's intentions in the interim.

4120 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £28,982.55 for June, £23,914.15 for July and £45,670.71 for August 2019.

**4121 Reports from Representatives**

D/Cllr Lee reported that some concerns about the safety of the Lake for the proposed boating activity have been expressed personally to him. As a result of those concerns he intends to refer the issue to the District Council's Environmental Health Department for their comments. Members reassured him that safety checks and tests have been undertaken by the Y.M.C.A. who were also made fully aware of the Lake's historical use and issues. He also reported that the District Council has 10,000 trees to give away to residential properties and community projects.

County Cllr Wallace reported that he is applying for temporary speed monitoring equipment to be installed on Main Street to assess whether permanent speed reduction measures are required there. He has put forward for resurfacing work to be undertaken to the road surface on Bullpit Road; hopefully this will take place during the next Highways programme.

County Cllr Walker reported that he had arranged and taken part in two site meetings in the village with County Council personnel which took place in July and September; he was optimistic that several ongoing issues would be resolved as a result of those meetings.

Cllr Ms White reported that a multi-agency meeting had taken place earlier today regarding flooding issues. A focus group was formed of the relevant agencies and authorities who will address and work towards satisfactory solutions to the village's long standing problems. She also reported that members had met with the County Highways Manager Ms Horton immediately after this morning's meeting to further request that all of London Road be subject to a 30 m.p.h speed limit. Cllr Walker has been asked to take this forward and propose this as a priority.

She had also met with Mr Bailey the District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer regarding fly tipping on Lowfield Lane. The authority is looking into the possibility of installing CCTV cameras to try and address the problem.

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported that if households have used batteries to dispose of they can be placed in a separate bag on top of the general green waste bins on collection days and they will be taken away by the waste collection operatives.

**4122 Highways Faults**

The following issues were raised to pass onto the relevant authority:

- a) Some of the surface water drains on Hawton Lane seem to be very slow to clear after rainfall – this problem seems to have occurred after the road was resurfaced.
- b) There is a large pothole on Staple Lane around a drain cover.
- c) A large builder's bag of rubbish has been dumped on Bowbridge Lane near to the industrial units.

**4123 Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice that the phone box by the John Hunt School is scheduled to be removed by British Telecom. The phone has only been used eighteen times within the last 12 months. Members asked that enquiries be made about adopting the phone box which could possibly be used to house a defibrillator.
- b) Details from one of the Community Protection Officers (CPO) regarding incidents of young people fishing the Lake who are not members of the Angling Club; the CPO team are working with the Angling Club to address these issues.

4124 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Allen asked that the Amenities Committee consider fencing off an area of Lakeside close to the 'Moonstone'.

Cllr Mrs Brooks asked members to give some thought as to where the donated 'Tommy Soldier' statue could be installed.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.55pm.