

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Dikkez, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Mrs Newstead, Newstead and Rouse

with County Cllrs Walker and Wallace, and the Clerk.

### 4241 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mayall B.E.M. and Scott, County Cllr Girling and District Cllr Lee. Cllr Roberts had advised he would be slightly late joining the meeting.

### 4242 **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.

### 4243 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

### 4244 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2021, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 4245 **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
- b) Planning
- c) Amenities

**1. Re Minute 3271.1 Pillar Clock** Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that she had spoken to one of the Deputy Managers of the Balderton store who had undertaken to expedite Lidl's head office response to the Council's request to fund clock repairs.

- d) Café Working Party

**1. Re Minute 0040 Café** Members were concerned to hear that a Business Rates bill had been received for the building which the Council is liable for. Enquiries will be made with the District Council Rates Department to see if any rebate can be claimed.

- e) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

**1. Re Minute 7324 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 £500 to Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark

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 7325 Football Fee Refunds** Some flexibility was agreed for staff calculating the amount of refund to be paid to teams as the number of home games actually played is not fully recorded. Any friendly matches to be played at the end of the season once pandemic restrictions are eased will also be factored in to the calculation.

4246 **Committees**

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

Planning

Café Working Party

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

Cllr Roberts joined the meeting at approximately 6.40pm.

4247 **Memorial Walk**

Cllr Ms White informed that she has been approached to enquire whether the Council would like to be involved in some way with a fundraising walk in memory of Captain Sir Tom, planned for next year. Members asked that further details be obtained before committing to this.

4248 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £24,178.79 for January 2021.

4249 **Reports from Representatives**

Cllr Walker expressed praise for the standard of work undertaken to resurface London Road near to Sainsbury's, but also his opinion that the County Council has let Balderton ratepayers down with the general poor quality of most other local highway repairs.

Cllr Wallace, who advised he is retiring from the County Council in May, explained the difficulties in prioritising expenditure across the authority and urged the Council to be proactive in its future liaison with the Council to help resolve some of the local County issues.

4250 **Highways Faults**

Members were invited to raise any new issues or faults to pass onto relevant authorities:

- a) A large amount of fly tipping off Grange Lane on land believed to belong to the County Council. Cllr Green advised that he has reported this issue on several occasions but to no avail. The Clerk undertook to report it again to both the District and County Councils.

Members were urged to use the “MyNotts” mobile phone application to readily report every highway fault they see, even if the system advises that an issue has already been reported.

4251 **Clerk’s Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice that Bowbridge Lane at its junction with Grange Lane and Staple Lane will be subject to temporary traffic signals on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 6pm for electricity supply works.
- b) Advice that the County Council has undertaken to inspect the quality of surfacing work carried out to the cul-de-sacs off Manners Road and will bring their findings back to both County Cllr Wallace and this Council.

4252 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.20pm