

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday May 30th 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Walker (Chairman), Allen, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Rouse, Scott and Ms White

with District Cllrs Lee and Payne, County Councillor Wallace, five members of the public, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk.

3989 Chairman

One nomination was received for Cllr Mrs Hurst, who was duly elected and declared Chairman. Cllr Mrs Hurst signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Chairmanship and thanked Cllr Walker for his hard work during his time as Chairman.

3990 Vice Chairman

One nomination was received for Cllr Ms White, who was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

3991 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Books, Mrs Lee and Major Mortimore.

3992 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mrs Hurst and Walker (as serving members of the District Council) declared a personal interest to any issue relating to Newark & Sherwood District Council. Cllr Walker (as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council) also declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

3993 Public Participation

The meeting was closed to take public comments. One member of the public suggested that when outside organisations attend and make presentation at Council meetings, they should be time restricted to a suggested fifteen or twenty minutes to minimise impact on the other scheduled agenda items. One member of the public raised his concerns about possible implications to wildlife at Lakeside in relation to the Y.M.C.A.'s plans to carry out supervised paddle boating on the water. One member of the public raised three issues, namely: that a litter bin is needed in, or near to the bus stop outside Lidl on London Road, could the lights from Lidl possibly be distracting drivers causing them not to react to the pedestrian crossing traffic lights, and why was Coronation Street resurfaced when other roads in Balderton such as Hawton Lane are considered to be in a far worse state? They were all thanked for their comments and the meeting re-opened.

3994 Representatives

The following representative was appointed:

British Gypsum Liaison Group
Cllrs Major Mortimore and Walker.

3995 **Committees**

The committee members and officers are as follows:

Finance and General Purposes Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Page, Rouse, Walker and Watt

Amenities Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Major Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Scott, and Watt.

Council Review Committee Councillors Allen and Mrs Brooks.

Planning Committee Councillors Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Page, Rouse and Scott.

Cemetery Sub Committee Councillors Mrs Brooks, Green and Major Mortimore.

Allotment Sub Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks and Scott.

Lakeside Working Party Councillors Mrs Brooks, Councillor Green, Mrs Lee, Cllr Major Mortimore with Head Groundsman Mr Brown.

Village Centre Sub Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Newstead and Newstead.

Café Project Working Party

Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Lee and Rouse.

(The Chairman and Vice Chairman are ex-officio on all committees).

Footpaths Officers Councillors Allen and Mrs Lee.

Emergency Officer Councillor Allen

Safety Officer Councillor Allen.

3996 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday April 18th 2018, having been circulated previously were approved, confirmed as a true record and signed.

3997 **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:-

a) Council

b) Planning

- 1. Re Minute 0438 90 Erect four dwellings at 90 Main Street** This application is scheduled to be considered by the District Council Planning Committee on Tuesday

June 5th 2018. No members were able to attend the meeting but their original objection comments will automatically be submitted to the Committee.

- c) Café Working Party
- d) Council Review
- e) Lakeside Working Party
- f) Amenities
- g) Finance and General Purposes

Cllr Owen left the meeting at approximately 7.30pm.

3998 Committees

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

- Planning
- Café Working Party
- Council Review
- Lakeside Working Party
- Amenities
- Finance & General Purposes

3999 Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on April 18th 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed. No items were discussed from the minutes.

4000 Internal Audit Report and Annual Governance Statement

Copies of the Internal Auditor's Annual Audit Report were provided for members and noted. Copies of the of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2017/18 were circulated; these were duly approved and it was,

AGREED to authorise the Chairman and Clerk to sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement.

4001 AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18

It was,

AGREED to authorise the Responsible Financial Officer and Chairman to sign Section 2 Accounting Statements of the 2017/18 AGAR.

4002 Financial Statement

The details as published were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £45,772.27 for April 2018.

4003 Reports from Representatives

County Cllr Wallace advised that the authority has assisted local youth football club 'The Warriors' secure a new building with changing facilities on the Newark Academy site.

He undertook to ask the relevant County Highways Department to look into the reported problems at the pedestrian crossing traffic lights near to Lidl as reported earlier in the meeting, and also explained that Coronation Street was resurfaced as he considered it was one of the worst roads in his specified County ward area; Hawton Lane is not in his ward.

District Cllr Payne informed that the Highfields School planning appeals will now be determined at full hearings rather than written submission as originally requested by the District Council; this is because the Planning Inspectorate considers the cases are too complex to be considered in this way. The hearings are likely to take place towards the latter part of September.

District Cllr Lee reported that he is working with the Police and District Council staff to try and ease the anti-social behaviour problems currently being caused by certain groups of young people in the vicinity of the playing field and Lidl car park. He encouraged all such incidents to be reported to the Police to help build the case and requested that any Police incident numbers be passed onto him personally. He also advised that a review of litter bins is being undertaken and this will include the request made earlier in the meeting under the Public session.

Cllr Walker reported that Hawton Lane is scheduled to be resurfaced in October. He had enquired why the Council's bid to the County's Local Improvement Scheme fund for a new surface on the Lakeside car park had been unsuccessful, but he had not been provided with a satisfactory answer.

4004 Clerk's Additional Information

The following items of correspondence/information have been received:

- a) Notice that the Bullpit Road level crossing will be closed overnight on June 9th /10th 2018.
- b) An invitation to the County Council's Civic Service on Sunday June 24th 2018 at 3pm at Southwell Minster; any Councillors wishing to attend to notify the Clerk as soon as possible.

4005 Future Agenda Items

No agenda items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.45pm