

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday January 10th 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Major Mortimore, Scott, Walker, Watt and Ms White

with two parishioners, the Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

3011 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen and Page.

3012 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council (including minute reference 3016 – St.Giles Churchyard tree work). Cllr Allen declared a personal interest to minute reference 3014 - issue raised in the public session (Playing Field incident).

3013 Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy was formally declared for the Balderton North Ward following Cllr Fletcher's Resignation. The statutory notices will be published on the internet and on the village notice boards.

3014 Public Participation

One parishioner raised his concerns about an incident on New Year's Day when a young man who had got locked onto the playing field was ill and required medical attention. This resulted in the Police attending, accessing the field through the parishioner's gate which backs onto the field. His concerns related to the locking up procedures used by the Council, believing them to be an inadequate way of checking that the field is empty.

He was thanked for his attendance and the meeting re-opened. Members agreed to investigate this issue and it was referred to next week's F&GP committee meeting for discussion owing to its urgency. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with the Police in the interim.

3015 Clerk/Chairman's Update

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

- 1. Re Minute 2272.1 Best Kept Village Competition** The organisers want to install a sign advising that the village won Category A of the competition. Members agreed that the 'Welcome' sign on the Newark side of London Road would be the preferred location.

3016 **St. Giles Churchyard**

Members reviewed three written quotations to undertake necessary tree cutting back work to the Lime Trees in the Churchyard along the Pinfold Lane boundary. It was,

RECOMMENDED that D. Lyne's quotation of £345 +V.A.T. be selected as the preferred option on this occasion.

3017 **Fishing Tender**

Members gave initial consideration to the preferred process of going out to tender for the fishing rights at the Lake. The current lease with The Grove Angling Club expires in October 2018. On balance members considered that the issue should be discussed by the full Committee rather than referring it to the Lakeside Working Party. This item will be included on the next Committee agenda to allow members to give further consideration to what points should be included in the brief for the tender.

3018 **Summer Fete**

Members were disappointed to hear from the Village Summer Fete Committee that due to the resignation of several of their members, the Fete for 2018 has been cancelled. If sufficient support is forthcoming from local community individuals then the Committee could be reconvened for a 2019 Fete. Members expressed their hope that that this would be the case and that this should be advertised as widely as possible.

3019 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) Notice of road closures on Church Lane and Wesley Close from Sunday January 22nd to Friday January 26th 2018 for inlay patching work.
- b) Details of the Temporary One Way Traffic System in Newark Town Centre for the major sewer replacement works; this begins on February 19th and is scheduled to finish towards the end of June 2018
- c) Members were advised that the tines on the tractor mounted spike roller are in need of replacement at a total cost of £680 + V.A.T. The tines should be 15 inches long but have worn down to 4 inches. This expenditure was approved.
- d) Details of an event promoting a new NHS Urgent Treatment Centre for Newark – this will be held on Wednesday January 17th at Newark Town Hall.
- e) An e-mail from a parishioner asking if 'No Parking' signs could be installed on Bullpit Road verges to discourage school traffic leaving vehicles there. This request had been referred to the County Council.

3020 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Ms White asked that the issue of the Council using Facebook be discussed.

Cllr Watt asked that consideration again be given to commissioning a survey to ascertain what facilities visitors to the Playing Field would like.

He also asked that discussion be given to encouraging hedgehogs onto the field.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm.