

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

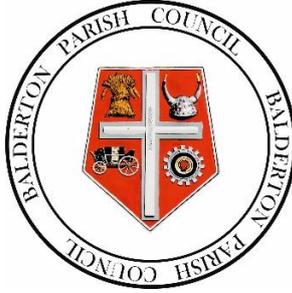
You are summoned to attend the next meeting of the **Amenities Committee** to be held on **Wednesday 14th February 2024, commencing at 7pm**. This meeting will be held in the large hall of Balderton Village Centre, Coronation Street, Balderton, NG24 3BD

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 8th February 2024

AGENDA

14. Declarations of any intentions to record the meeting.
15. To receive apologies for absence.
16. Declarations of interest.
17. Public Open Forum (20 minutes) - **Balderton Parish Council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of public to contribute during this part of the meeting.**
18. To approve the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on January 10th, 2024.
19. To note the clerk's report.
20. To note the minutes from the Allotment Committee held on February 6th and consider the subcommittee's recommendations.
21. To consider how to proceed with requests for memorial benches
22. Coronation street playing field
 - a. To consider updates received regarding the drainage on the playing field.
 - b. To discuss proposal for protecting windows of the dance school and Balderton Village Centre from cricket ball damage.
 - c. To discuss a request to hold Willy Hall Cup matches on the playing field.
23. To discuss a request to store Mending Lines equipment in the container.
24. To discuss the barriers between the pump pond and the main lake and whether to remove them.
25. To note the following correspondence
 - a. Email regarding horse riding around the lake.
 - b. Request for a new dog bin on Bullpitt road next to the crossing.
 - c. Thank you email from Newark Academy for fruit trees funding.



Balderton Parish Council Amenities Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7pm

Attendees:

Balderton Parish Councillors: Vanessa Bracegirdle, Jane Buxton, Karen Callingham, Mandie Elson (Chair), Roy Fairbairn, Simon Forde, Debbie Moore from 8pm) (Vice Chair) and Joy Sellars

Staff: Marion Fox Goddard (Parish Clerk), Jim Brown (Head Groundsman)

Public: 2 Balderton residents and 1 member of Balderton Cricket Club

1. Declarations to record the meeting

The clerk recorded the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Hall and Marshall. Councillors Mallard and White also sent apologies and have stepped down from this committee.

3. Declarations of interest

Roy Fairbairn – Allotment holder. Simon Forde – District Councillor.

4. Public Open Forum

A resident raised concerns regarding the flooding on the playing field and had brought another resident with experience of using a company using a Verti drain machine on pitches. A phone number and indicative price was given to the clerk. (See item 8).

5. Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on November 29th, 2023

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and Councillor Elson duly signed them. Councillor Fairbairn raised a query regarding naming who objects to/supports decisions in minutes and was referred to standing orders¹ on how to request this.

6. Clerk's update

The following report was noted. Note: *Italics indicate where report has been updated (verbal during meeting) since agenda pack issued.*

	Item	Update
1	Artificial Cricket Wicket	Balderton Cricket Club have been informed that their application to National Highways for funding was not granted.
2	Replacement dog	Replacement bins <i>have been installed. Via have approved the amended position</i>

¹ Balderton Parish Council Standing Order 3s.

	Item	Update
	bins	<i>for the new bin on Staple Lane so the grounds team can install this this month.</i>
3	Millennium Clock	Councillors have begun to look for funding options. Approval being sought from landowner before this is moved forward – no update at this stage.
4	Regular user keys/fobs	Issuing of keys/fobs to regular users now in place.
5	Bulbs for Coronation Street playing field.	Bulbs planted on the playing field by Councillor Elson and her partner in December.
6	Fencing around Heron Way carpark	Work to replace this has been delayed due to rainfall and the holes being full of water. this will be done as soon as the conditions are suited to getting the job done. <i>A temporary fence was installed w/c 1/1/24.</i>
7	Lake	Ground staff spent 7 days removing the pond weed from the pump pond last month. On December 13 th , a representative from the Environment Agency came to help and advised that he believed enough weed had been removed. Draft lease is being worked on for the angling club.
8	Allotments	We have joined the Allotment Society. One tenant has handed in their notice in December so this plot will be divided and let along with the other plots that have been prepared for letting. Target date for making offers to waiting list members end of January. Subject to full council approval of new agreement (24/1/24) – See item 9. Final clearance of site underway – HI-AB waste removal will be organised asap this month. Head grounds man is making plans for the waste storage bays.
9	Macmillan Coffee Morning	This went very well last month with £233 raised for the charity, numerous attendees and advice providers well received by residents. The stalls had kindly been organised by NCC's Early Help and Support in the Community Team.
10	Coronation commemoration with local schools	Agreed amount has been sent to Chuter Ede (fruit trees), John Hunt (planter) and Newark Academy (fruit trees). Cllr Elson is liaising with The Orchard School about what they would like to do.
11	Book swap and internal noticeboard – village centre	Now in place.
12	Safer Streets	See item 7
13	Flooding/ Weather	Following recent rainfall Aqua sacs have been given out to 1 resident of Balderton and 1 resident of Farndon from our store. We currently have approximately 500 Aqua sacs. Subject to meetings, I will try to extend office opening times should there be a risk of flooding. I will use our social media page to let residents know. Thank you for Cllr Elson for coming out to issue bags at night (2/1/24).
14	Budget/Precept	The deputy clerk is currently working on actual income/expenditure up to 31/12/23 and we will bring a proposed budget to full council in January. From the recent meetings held regarding the village centre, allotments and lake we will use the decisions you have made regarding these areas to draft a proposal for all members to scrutinise and feedback on.
15	<i>Bin at Cemetery</i>	<i>The bin lorry cannot get down the street to the side of Ghent House so the bin has been moved to outside the gate on Belvoir Road. We are working with N&SDC to find a solution.</i>
16	<i>Church Wall</i>	<i>A meeting was requested with N&SDC but we have been advised that this would be chargeable. The deputy clerk is seeking quotes from qualified surveyors to bring to Full Council for a decision.</i>

7. An update on the safer streets bid

Members had received the written report with a project update in the agenda pack.²

Regarding the idea to have graffiti on the wooden side of the grounds team's workshop in the village centre carpark, the committee were happy with the idea subject to the proposed design being submitted to full council for approval before any work commences. It was

² Available on council's website www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk – council meetings heading.

agreed that any design should be in keeping with the community facility provision and consideration given to ensuring that it is not scary or offensive to members of the community using the site.

Cllr Forde asked what the new benches are made of. They are recycled plastic and full details are in the link in the electronic agenda pack.

8. Coronation Street Playing field flooding

The Head Groundsman gave a brief history of the pitch flooding adding that he has photos of current flooding; the ditches along the edge of pitches had been filled in many years ago by Severn Trent Water with blue pipes under the filled in area. It is thought that this runs into drains behind the houses on Baines Avenue. In recent years N&SDC have investigated and Via/NCC have done work to unblock part of the drains in the area but ran out of funding. The clerk has enquired about whether anymore work can be done and is awaiting feedback. It was agreed that we should wait to hear back but, in the meantime, explore the benefits of Verti Drain Aeration to see whether it could resolve the issue for now.

Cllr Forde asked members to forward details of areas in the parish that regularly flood so he could collate this.

9. Balderton Cricket Club – cricket nets

Prior to the meeting, the club had emailed the clerk with their concerns regarding the current arrangements, citing health and safety concerns and the inadequacy of the arrangement to protect the windows of Balderton Village Centre buildings. It was agreed that the clerk will arrange a meeting so the staff, councillors and cricket club representatives can look at the issue together with a view to hopefully finding a solution to all parties' satisfaction. A proposal with any costs will be brought to a future meeting.

10. Balderton Village Centre

- a. **Village Centre Sub Committee Meeting notes** - were noted. It was clarified that Cllr Buxton had attended the meeting/not Cllr Hall – the clerk will update the notes.
- b. **Recommendations from the village hall subcommittee that the Amenities Committee agreed to recommend to full council:**
 - i. Review hire rates and terms and conditions
 - ii. Upgrade to LED lighting this financial year if possible.
 - iii. Upgrade CCTV in 2024/25
 - iv. Invest in a sound system and mounted projector and screen in 2024/25
 - v. Security cover to be based on type of booking rather than booked for every large booking and bouncy castles be allowed in the hall.³
- c. **Roof** – it was noted that there is a leak in the village centre roof, and we are awaiting a quote to get this fixed.
- d. **Beat Surgeries** – the committee agreed having surgeries with the police and Newark and Sherwood District Council's antisocial behaviour team would be useful for the parish so the centre could be used for this. A member suggested it would be useful to have parish council representatives there too to keep everyone informed and service providers linked in as much as possible. The clerk will take this back to N&SDC to get these arranged.

11. Newark and Sherwood District Council's consultation regarding Public Space Protection Orders in the parish

It was agreed to feedback to N&SDC:

- a. Check if Balderton Cemetery and St Giles Churchyard (maintained by Balderton Parish Council) have dogs on leads orders and if not request orders for these.

³ Subject to licence requirements.

- b. Request an order for the play area at Stafford Avenue.
- c. Request an order for the small play area at Clipsham Close.

A member suggested that a request should be submitted to N&SDC to ask for the streets to be swept regularly in Balderton's conservation area as the leaves often have dog excrement in them. The clerk will write to N&SDC to request this.

12. New Allotment Agreement including introduction of a bond

The committee agreed to recommend the agreement to full council for adoption with the following amendments⁴:

- a. Before clause 1, add a statement to make it clear that the agreement supersedes any previous agreement.
- b. Clause 3.4 change will to may
- c. Clause 4 for existing tenants: 'A £10 key deposit is payable for keys to the allotment; this will be returned to the tenant when the keys are returned to the parish council office'.
- d. Clause 4 for new tenants – as drafted.
- e. Clause 6.2 – words in brackets to be removed.
- f. 10.1.6 – to be removed.
- g. Schedule 1, point 7.1 - remove save rabbits and hens (no cockerels)

The updated agreement will be submitted to full council for a final decision on January 24th. It was agreed that the Responsible Financial Officer should investigate the best way to hold bonds, with a separate bank account to clearly separate these from council funds being suggested.

13. Events

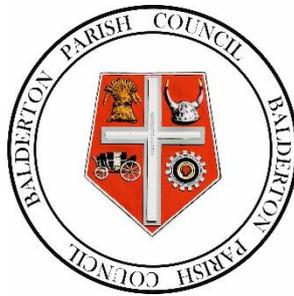
It was recommended to the committee to postpone holding a fete in 2024 due to resources available and other projects that the council has already committed to. Smaller events such as coffee mornings/photograph exhibition could be organised as an alternative this year. The committee agree to recommend this to full council.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

⁴ Proposed agreement can be found in the agenda for this meeting which is available on council's website www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk – council meetings heading.

	Item	Update
1	New dog bin Staple Lane	The new dog bin on Staple Lane has been installed.
2	Millennium Clock	No update at this stage.
3	Fencing around Heron Way carpark	Work to replace this had been delayed due to rainfall and the holes being full of water. The water is receding, and the head groundsman will provide an update in the meeting.
4	Lake	The Environment Agency are due to start a monitoring programme with annual visits to monitor macrophytes and phytoplankton etc. and monthly visits for water samples. Draft lease is still being worked on for the angling club.
5	Allotments	Offers for 6 allotments have been made – Two new allotment holders have completed their paperwork and have been issued keys and we are awaiting completion and hand over of keys for the other four. Bonds will be earmarked in the council's accounts and held in the main bank account. We aim to have the remaining 5 allotments let by the end of this month. HI-AB waste removal being completed on 8/2/24. Waste storage bays are going to be built in February.
6	Safer Streets	Our grounds team have installed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 new bins at Balderton Lake (replacing the open metal mesh bins) • 4 new benches in the play area of Coronation Street Park <p>At the time of writing this report, they are installing 2 replacement bins at the need the MUGAs on Coronation Street playing field and a new bin near the boot cleaner.</p> <p>The Lawful Development Certificate Application has been submitted to planning at N&SDC and we have provisionally order the pod. The timescales are tight on this and the external funding provision is subject to delivery this year. An upgrade of the CCTV at Balderton Village Centre may be possible this financial year if the youth pod can be delivered.</p> <p>Lockable lifebuoys (3) and lifelines (3) for around Balderton Lake are on order and should be delivered and installed in March. We are liaising with the Fire Authority to ensure the details are registered with their control rooms.</p> <p>We have been able to buy litter picking equipment with the safer streets funding too. I am working closely with officers at N&SDC/Nottinghamshire Police to ensure this project is delivered effectively within the timescales set down by the funding provider.</p>
7	Bin at Cemetery	The bin at the cemetery has been moved and a key to the Belvoir Road gate provided to N&SDC's refuse team. Once the tree next to Ghent House has been pruned we will consider moving it back to it's original location.
8	Church Wall	We have been advised by the diocese of an architect we need to liaise with. I have emailed him and am awaiting a response.
9	Memorial safety testing	I am working with the head groundsman to formalise the process for this. We will ensure that the website is up to date and communications are in place to ensure cemetery church yard users are aware before this is done.
10	Village Centre	Quotes for LED lights and required electrical work will be taken to the next full council for consideration. It has been established that the licence does not disallow bouncy castles and door security is not stipulated. Air conditioning units in the main hall have been replaced. The plumbing work

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		<p>recommended by the Legionella Risk Assessment has been completed and the water fountain replaced with a water bottle filler (changing room end).</p> <p>One of the pumps in the packaged underground sewerage pump system has failed and we are obtaining a quote to replace this. Cllr Fairbairn has suggested a service contract may be advisable so I will look into this.</p> <p>Table racks are due for delivery 9/2/24. The methodist church have taken the old black chairs that were not being used. The grounds team are rearranging the store cupboards to make the table/chair store easily accessible/safe for users to help themselves to tables and chairs.</p> <p>I have arranged for a PRS licence for Balderton Village Centre. This will not be backdated.</p>
11	Public Space Protection Orders	<p>Following feedback has been given to N&SDC since last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Check if Balderton Cemetery and St Giles Churchyard (maintained by Balderton Parish Council) have dogs on leads orders and if not request orders for these. b. Request an order for the play area at Stafford Avenue. c. Request an order for the small play area at Clipsham Close. <p>N&SDC have asked if the council wishes to keep the three dispersal orders in place (due to end in June for Coronation Park, Balderton Lakes and Lakeside Shopping). I have confirmed this would be preferable.</p>
12	Littering	<p>Following Cllr Forde contacting N&SDC officers regarding tackling littering in Balderton a meeting has been held with them to discuss this issue. Hotspots were shared so their new contractor, District, can focus on these areas. Regarding the council's request for weekly street cleaning in the conservation area, this can be requested as needed through the district council website. N&SDC are piloting a programme of school visits to promote anti-littering so there may be scope to visit other schools dependent on the outcomes of the pilot. We discussed the safer streets 5 water safety day due to be held in July and the possibility of a school visit on anti-littering as part of this will be investigated. N&SDC officers also suggested that Balderton Parish Council could consider local approaches which may build on the sense of pride in the community as a means to changing behaviour. A suggestion was also made to investigate the current arrangements for verge cutting in the parish to see if alternative arrangements may be beneficial.</p>



Allotment Sub Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on February 6th, 2024, at 10.30am

PRESENT

Councillors: Fairbairn (Chair), Buxton, and Sellars

Allotment tenant representative: John Eyres

Staff: Jim Brown (Head Groundsman), Marion Fox Goddard (Parish Clerk) and Laura Hickling (Clerical Assistant).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Hall and Marshall. Mr White (allotment tenant representative)

1. Declarations of Interest

John Eyres and Cllr Fairbairn - allotment holders.

2. To note the resignation of one allotment representative and to discuss finding a replacement

The Committee agreed to put notices on the allotment gate for allotment holders to contact the Council office if they wish to be a representative.

➤ Clerical Assistant to arrange a sign.

3. Terms of reference for the Allotment Sub Committee

The committee noted the terms of reference. The Chair suggested that the allotment representatives should have the power to vote. It was agreed this could be considered when terms of reference are reviewed at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

4. Minutes of the Allotment sub-committee held on October 4th, 2023

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

5. Water Update

The Head Groundsman explained to the committee that switching the water on is weather dependent. Regarding the suggestion to drain the system over winter, this was deemed unnecessary expenditure as the current system works.

6. Feedback from consultation poster

The Clerk confirmed that the office had not received any feedback. Once a new notice board is put in place a sign will be put up requesting all suggestions can be directed to the office.

7. Bike rack

Following on from the previous meeting's suggestion of installing a bike rack the committee concluded that at present it would not be required. The allotment representative confirmed that tenants bring bikes right up to their own plots for convenience.

8. Update on tidying up the site

The Head Groundsman gave a report on the progress made on clearing plots to be relet and removal of the waste in the car park area. It has been arranged for the 'bonfire waste' to be removed using an HI-AB which will take it for recycling. The majority of the blue construction material bags will be removed with a couple to be sited to the left of the new bays for ground staff to keep building materials. Three new bays will be built for hedge cuttings, grass and large clippings which will be shredded and composted. The allotment representative suggested that grass and leaves are kept separate due to different types of compost. The head groundsman will investigate if one bay can be halved for this (within agreed cost) or if this waste could be kept in the same bay with leaves on one half and grass on the other.

Metal waste, cones etc. will no longer be stored at the site and once the bays are installed the car park will be available to use.

9. New allotment holder agreement

The Clerk explained that the new agreement has been approved by the council and is being sent out to all new allotment holders. The agreement is based on the Allotment Society template and is more comprehensive than the original agreement.

This includes a £100 bond requirement.

All current holders will also receive the new agreement to sign, however they will not pay the bond.

10. New tenants/use of vacant plots

The Clerk detailed that we now have 11 plots cleared and to offer to people on the waiting list. 7 offers have been made, with only 1 turning it down due to moving out of the area. Two agreements have already been signed. Plots 2a, 15c and 21b are offered as a half plot. Plots 5b, 5c, 15a, 15b, 23a, 23c, 24b, and 24c will be offered as quarters.

New agreements will be sent out to existing allotment holders in the summer. It was noted that when in communication with any current plot holders, they will be asked to consider downsizing if they would like to reduce their allotment size.

- Administrative assistant to contact all current allotments holders to obtain email addresses (to minimise cost of posting new agreements).
- Remainder of vacant plots to be offered this month.

It was suggested that for the 'community plot:

- This should be cleared (grass area) to make 2 new quarter allotments
- Owner of machinery in the shed to be contacted to ask them to remove them as the shed will be taken down
- Shed to be removed (unstable)
- Fruit trees to remain for use of all allotment holders.

- The subcommittee agreed with the proposal so this recommendation will be taken to the Amenities Committee.

11. Plans for improved signage

As per the action plan agree by full council, new signage will be purchased for the allotment gate this year with key messages (welcome, office contact details, feedback....) A replacement notice board will also be investigated as part of this.

- New signage and noticeboard to be organised.

12. Correspondence

An email from an allotment holder was circulated for the committee regarding a shed door lock being broken. Ground staff have checked all the fences which are still secure. It was suggested that some fencing (north facing side) around the site is close to needing replacement.

- The head groundsman will investigate replacing the top strand of chain link on the fence and report back on this.

The meeting closed at approximately 11.40am.

Next Meeting: to be arranged in July

Inspections: to be arranged for March.

We have 2 families wanting to know what the council’s policy is on benches. In the past benches have been arranged by families and installed by our staff; their design and durability has varied according to what families have chosen. I understand that the previous council had suggested the idea of standardising memorial benches. I believe this is a good idea and suggest that this is extended to memorial bench requests for all parish council land. Many councils have memorial bench policies and I recommend we introduce one for our council.

The committee is asked to consider whether the bench pictured below would be suitable as a standard bench offered to families wishing to purchase a memorial bench for their loved one. Should committee members have alternative suggestions they are asked to share them with the clerk and committee.



Description: This cost-effective solution to outdoor public seating is environmentally friendly and made from recycled materials. The Duo Phoenix Seat is a compact version of the standard Phoenix Recycled Material Seat, which comfortably seats two people. Weather and vandal resistant, it is ideal for parks, community areas, shopping centres, and pavements.

Length 1300mm, Depth: 574mm, Seat Height: 428mm, Overall Height: 702mm.

Suggested charge:

Bench	List price
Installation material	£100
Arrangement/ Installation fee	£150
Total	List price plus £250

The Amenities Committee is asked to consider:

1. Whether it would be a good idea to standardise the benches installed.
2. If yes to item 1, whether the bench/costs suggested are agreeable or whether alternatives should be sought.

From: @newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:05 AM
To: @viaem.co.uk>

Item 22a

Subject: RE: Flooding McCauley Drive, Balderton Playing field

OFFICIAL

Dear REDACTED,

Newark and Sherwood District Council commissioned desilting and CCTV of the culvert in June 2022, report reference: 0622-1016 . The head of the drain is marked on the map below which you attached, it was found to be capped off at that point, from the CCTV survey it does not appear that there are any drains from the playing field running into the head of the drain or along the 19.34 metres section downstream to the next inspection chamber which would be well past the curtilage of the playing field. **(I have also emailed contacts at IDS Drainage who undertook the survey on behalf of NCC, to try to categorically confirm there are no inlets to date I have had no response, Matt any help would be appreciated)**

This would seem to suggest that the field does not drain into the culverted water course so any works to be scheduled, in this case removal of tree roots would not improve the drainage of the playing field. As there is a steady flow to the drain and the field is not draining readily this would seem to further support this. It maybe reasonable to assume also if there is drainage on site that if no one at the facility is aware of any land drainage on site or where it runs if at all it clearly will not have been maintained over the years and may have become defective and silted up.

Matt if you could chase up regarding the works to remove tree roots from a section of the culvert and further CCTV investigation that were scheduled for August 2023 and then postponed to October 2023, I would be grateful. I have been emailing contacts at NCC since November but have not had a reply as to whether the works have been done or when they are now scheduled for. I last emailed NCC on 2.1.2024 to REDACTED and REDACTED

I have in the past met staff (i.e., groundsmen) on site with my previous manager REDACTED to look at the issue but there is no record of any land drainage being installed on the site or signs of any. This was discussed also with Marion Fox Goddard, Clerk to Balderton Parish Council recently.

It maybe that the Parish Council as the landowners will have to look at employing a drainage engineer to look at installing a drainage system.

I have emailed REDACTED from the IDB to see if he can offer any input or knowledge regarding the issues with the playing Field as it appears to be in an area where the IDB maintain.

From looking at the field there may have been a drainage ditch along the boundary with properties on Macaulay Drive, Brooke Close, Balderton many years ago, but this would be speculation, maybe it was filled in when houses were built on the boundary.

The watercourse re-emerges between the John Hunt School and The Care Home having passed under London Road (the section under the road is maintained by NCC) for 15m approximately and is culverted for approximately 5 metres before re-emerging for 30 to 40metres. The section is cleared and maintained by NSDC on an annual basis and was done October/November 2023. It is then culverted at the bottom of the school playing field under several gardens on Christopher crescent then opens again for two properties before being culverted again and running into the water course at Balderton Lakes in the Heron Way Car Park where NSDC responsibility ends, and it merges with another watercourse.

I last visited the watercourse to look at the flow in early January 2024 and removed some vegetation/debris that had collected at the culvert outlet at the bottom of the playing field (Christopher Crescent) and the flow was then constant from the outlets at the Heron Way Car Park, Balderton.

I hope this helps in some way.

Regards

Newark and Sherwood District Council

www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk



From: REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 10:26 PM

To: REDACTED

Subject: Re: Flooding McCauley Drive, Balderton Playing field

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Hi

My apologies for the delayed response on this. It's been a little busy!

We investigated the highway drainage assets in the vicinity of Warwick Road and Baines Avenue and found that they connect to a culverted watercourse that runs under the rear gardens of properties on Masefield Crescent. You can make out the route of the former open watercourse on the boundary line on the plan below:



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The culverted watercourse then runs under London Road and outfalls into an open ditch next to John Hunt Primary School.

NSDC are responsible for the culvert and at the time of the investigation it was in need of extensive desilting works. From memory my colleagues in the Drainage Maintenance Team provided a quote to Jon Ozimek for us to arrange for the culvert to be cleared. I believe that works were started but that problems were experienced and I'm not sure to what extent the works were completed.

Jon, are you able to advise? I'll also see if our Drainage Supervisor can recall.

Kind regards

REDACTED

Drainage Manager

Via East Midlands Ltd working in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council

VERTIDRAIN QUOTE

From:

Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 8:01 pm

To: James Brown

Subject: Re: Vertidrain Hire

Hi James,

I've just looked at the site on Google and it works out about 7 football pitches. For the accessible areas. Does that sound about right ?

The site looks smaller.

To vertidrain an area roughly 44000.00 Square meters will be £750.00 plus vat.

That would be using 1 inch diameter tines to a good depth ground conditions allowing.

If you need to discuss anything further please don't hesitate to contact me on REDACTED

Many thanks

REDACTED

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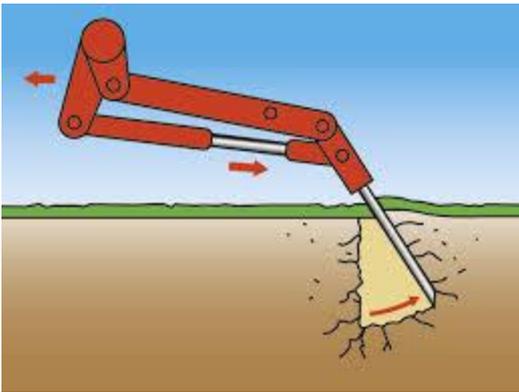
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This in turn relieves the compaction problem and allows air, water and fertilizer to be effectively dispersed throughout the soil.

Healthy turf resists stress and requires less frequent watering and less costly maintenance.

A proposal for protecting windows of the dance school and Balderton Village Centre from cricket ball damage

Members of Balderton Parish Council and Balderton Cricket Club met on February 1st to discuss how to tackle the issues around erecting nets each time the cricket club play and them not sufficiently protecting the windows. The following solutions are proposed for consideration:

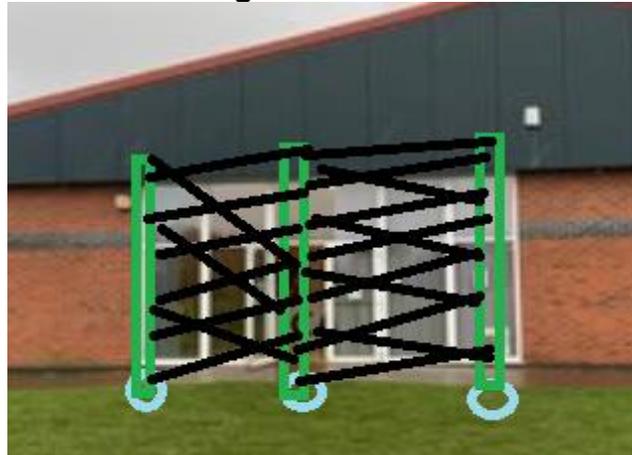
1. Dance studio

- Move bracket next to the pillars in front of the dance studio back by 12 inches (see yellow circle on image)
- Add a bracket onto the pillar (behind the railings) for the net to be tied back when cricket is not played during the cricket season (see red arrow on image).
- The cricket club could then pull the net across at the beginning of each cricket game (Cricket club would need a key to the gate).
- When the cricket season is over, gather the net and pin it to above the right-hand side of the dance school windows (possibly use a bag). Bracket to be added to the wall (see green arrow on image).

Dance School



Balderton Village Centre



2. Doors/windows to the rear of the main hall – Balderton Village Centre

- Balderton Cricket Club have metal poles which are long enough to make the nets high enough to protect the windows. The nets can be attached to the poles. They can have metal sockets/caps made for these.
- Balderton Parish Grounds team could set the sockets into concrete as indicated on the image above (see blue circles)
- Once the sockets are in place, each time they play, Balderton Cricket Club will carry the poles out (with the nets attached) and insert them into the sockets. They will remove them once cricket finishes for the day and ensure the caps are in place.

It is estimated this will cost Balderton Parish Council approximately £60 for materials to set the sockets and a key for the gate. There will be 2-3 hours of labour to complete the work.

The Amenities Committee are asked to consider the proposed solution and decide whether to proceed in readiness for the new season.

From: REDACTED

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 12:04 PM

To: Balderton Parish Council <office@baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Willie Hall Cup Semi-Finals

Item 22b

Good afternoon,

Last April you very kindly allowed us to play our 2 Willie Hall Cup matches on Balderton Playing Fields and we would like to know if it is possible to use these 2 pitches again for this year's competition.

The date we require these facilities would be Sunday 14th April.

Please advise if this is acceptable along with the costs for hiring the 2 pitches under the same requirements as last year?

Kind regards

Secretary Newark Football Alliance

From: REDACTED

Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:32 AM

To: Balderton Parish Council <office@baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Horse at Balderton lake.

Hello,

I was walking my dog around Balderton lake on Saturday 6th January at around 10.55 am when I saw two people on horseback riding round the footpath.

I spoke to one of the ladies and explained that horse riding was not allowed under the local by-laws.

Horses

8a. No person shall take or allow a horse in the ground except to gain direct access between the nearest highway and the adjacent disused railway at the two access points identified. The rider shall be dismounted at all times when in the ground.

She was totally unconcerned about this and told me that she had seen police when doing it and the police said nothing.

I have to pick up after my dog but I have yet to see anyone picking up the piles of horse droppings that happen.

Is there any possibility of notices to state that horse riding is not allowed and also inform Newark police about the by-law.

Regards, REDACTED

Note from clerk – informed local police. Signage to be reviewed as part of safer streets 5 project so this can be considered.