

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday January 29th 2020 at 7.00pm.

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

with District Cllr Lee, County Cllrs Girling, Walker and Wallace, one member of the public and the Clerk.

4149 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts M.B.E.

4150 **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.

4151 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. The parishioner who has instigated an application with Royal Mail to have the prefix 'New' removed from all Balderton addresses updated members on the progress to date. The process is going well except that he is waiting for a letter of support from local M.P. Mr Robert Jenrick - the Chairman undertook to expedite this on his behalf. The next stage of the process is for Royal Mail to seek the opinion of all addresses in the village to ascertain if there are any objections – more than 20% would need to object to the proposal to halt the process.

He was thanked for his attendance and information. He left and the meeting resumed at approximately 7.10pm.

4152 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 18th 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4153 **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 4141.a1 British Telecom Phone Box** The agreement to adopt the phone box on London Road has been reviewed, revealing some liability issues. Members agreed on balance not to proceed with the proposed adoption.
2. **Re Minute 4146 Hawton Lane Shop Parking** The County Council has replied that it will not implement any parking restrictions in that vicinity. They advised that any vehicles found to be obstructing driveways should be reported at the time, to the Police, and the District Council's Parking Enforcement Officers could be requested to patrol the area.

b) Amenities

c) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

4154 **Committees**

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

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4155 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £22,718.67 for December 2019.

4156 **Reports from Representatives**

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported that homes in Balderton, Newark and Fernwood had been without water for an hour last week and no prior notification had been given. She had asked through the District Council that Severn Trent improve its communication system to keep local authorities and members informed of any similar incidents. She also reported that pupils leaving The Newark Academy after school are creating hazards by cycling in the opposite direction along the cycle track – members agreed that a letter should be sent to the Principle.

County Cllr Wallace reported that he has requested that a temporary interactive speed camera be installed on Main Street. He also informed that the County Council is to undertake a public consultation process for the introduction of additional double yellow lines and additional parking restrictions in the vicinity of Chuter Ede Primary School to try and ease hazardous parking. School parking issues are considered to be a major concern across the whole county.

County Cllr Girling advised that despite there only being two Balderton roads in his Ward which mainly covers Newark, he has made financial contributions from his Divisional Funds to last year's Report It Campaign, and a cycle safety initiative programme that is to be carried out in the village by the District Council's Community Protection Team. He also reported that the County Council is organising a 3-day event at Rufford Park in May to

commemorate 75 years since VE Day and undertook to get details of the same forwarded to the Parish Council.

District Cllr Lee reported that there will be increased Police and Community Protection Officer presence in the village following an increase in reported anti-social behaviour.

4157 Highways Faults

1. The notice board near to the Library has been sprayed with graffiti - this is the property of the Parish Council.
2. There is an increased amount of graffiti along the cinder track – this will be reported to the District Council.

4158 Clerk's Additional Information

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

- a) An invitation from the County Council for members to attend a service of Commemoration and Remembrance at Southwell Minster on Sunday May 10th at 3pm. Any Councillor wishing to attend to notify the Clerk.
- b) It has still not been possible to get revised maps from the District Council following last year's parish boundary changes; efforts will continue.

4159 Future Agenda Items

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.50pm.