

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors Allen (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Scott and Ms White

with District Cllr Lee, Mr Rawlinson the Parking Services Manager of Newark & Sherwood District Council and the Clerk.

### 3073 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Page. Cllr Mrs Brooks (Committee Chairman) had advised she would be late joining the meeting.

### 3074 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mrs Hurst, as a serving member of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

### 3075 Parking Issues

The meeting was closed to meet with Mr Rawlinson from the District Council who had been invited by the Parish Council, to discuss parking problems in the village and what options could be available to try and address these issues. Parents/guardians who park on London Road and adjacent streets to take and collect children to and from John Hunt School, regularly cause considerable congestion problems. Mr Rawlinson advised that County Camera Enforcement Cars are the best method of targeting this problem, although Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) do also patrol the village at times. Members asked whether an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera could be deployed outside schools so that fixed penalty tickets could be issued? Mr Rawlinson undertook to look into this possibility and to also advise the Council when the CEO's are scheduled to patrol the village.

The ongoing parking problems outside Tesco on Main Street were also discussed. Mr Rawlinson again undertook to look at the possibility of trying to create an order whereby store deliveries were time restricted to try and ease the situation. This would necessitate liaison with the store and ultimately approval from the County Council; it would be very difficult to control as lorry deliveries are often delayed owing to traffic issues, accidents etc. which are out of their control. Members considered that regular ticketing would help stop parking on double yellow lines. Cllr Allen asked for some statistics of how many tickets have been issued in the village, number of patrols etc. Mr Rawlinson advised that they are looking to change CEO's hours to cover tea-time and early evenings when many of these problems occur. Legislation is being reviewed to cover pavement parking which is prevalent in many areas, although if more cars park entirely on the road this could

further restrict access for passing traffic. Blue badge holders need to be mindful that they should still not cause an obstruction when they park their vehicles.

District Cllr Lee advised that he has been asked to look into the possibility of permit parking for Grove Street. Members commented that as the parking issues in that area are almost entirely all from residents, such a scheme would not help the situation.

Mr Rawlinson was thanked for his information and attendance. He left with Cllr Lee and the meeting resumed at approximately 7pm. Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Watt joined the meeting.

**3076 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**3077 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 3048 Anti-Social Behaviour** Two young people have been banned from Council property; one from the Playing Field and one from the Field and Lakeside following incidents where they used catapults to kill birds and wildlife.
- 2. Re Minute 3071 Newts** Cllr Watt advised that he had made enquiries in the interim and the Lakeside area is not a suitable habitat for newts, so his previous request that the Council discuss ways of encouraging them need not be undertaken.

**3078 Village Notice Board**

Consideration was given to providing an 'open' village notice board that could be accessed by all to publish community notices of events and articles that may be of local interest. Members supported the idea in principle but had some concerns about possible misuse, management etc. It is understood that there are a number of this style of open noticeboard in Collingham; enquiries will be made to see how the village manages them.

**3079 Budget Projects 2019/20**

Members reviewed and approved committee 'running cost' estimates for the 2019/20 financial year. They also gave consideration to any projects for inclusion in the budget. Suggested projects include the purchase of a hedge trimmer attachment for the tractor to cut the larger hedges at the playing field and in the Cemetery, some new play equipment and/or a fitness trail, painting the existing play equipment and installing a small skateboard ramp. Some costings will be obtained for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

3080 **Highway Faults**

The following fault/issue was raised and will be passed onto the relevant authority:

- a) A number of potholes on Grove Street.

3081 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) The road closure for Coddington Road between Fen Lane and Vicarage Gardens for sewer project work has been postponed and is now scheduled to start on November 12<sup>th</sup> and will be completed on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2018
- b) Gulley cleaning work will be carried out on Wolfit Avenue from Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and on Hawton Lane from Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>; temporary traffic signals will be deployed.
- c) Notice from the current café tenants that they will be leaving at the end of the current lease which expires on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 – the last day of business will be December 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. A meeting of the Café Working Party was convened for Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 to discuss this.
- d) The Council will hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Village Centre on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018; all members are asked to assist and get involved.
- e) An invitation for members to attend the Official Launch of the YMCA community and activity village; this will take place on Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6pm in the Newark Town Hall. Any members wishing to attend to notify the Clerk.

3082 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm.