



# Balderton Parish Council Full Council Meeting

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7pm

### Attendees:

**Balderton Parish Councillors:** Vanessa Bracegirdle, Jane Buxton (Chairman), Karen Callingham, Kath Desborough, Mandie Elson, Roy Fairbairn, Simon Forde, Mac Mallard, Leigh Marshall, Debbie Moore, Joy Sellars (Allotment sub-committee members and Cllr Moore joined the meeting late due to prior commitments)

**County/District Councillors:** Keith Girling (County), John Lee (County/District), Emma Oldham (District) (KG left after item 7).

**Staff:** Marion Fox Goddard (Parish Clerk), Sue Lalyk (Deputy Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer)

**Public:** 1 resident joined the meeting

### 1. Declarations to record the meeting

The Clerk recorded the meeting.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Jean Hall (Parish/District), Ronnie White (Parish)

### 3. Declarations of interest

Simon Forde – District Councillor  
E. Oldham, J. Lee – Planning Committee, N&SDC

### 4. Declaration of two parish council vacancies

Following the resignations of Gill Lee and Robert Green, it was confirmed Balderton Parish Council has 2 vacancies and that the clerk would follow the casual vacancy process as advised by N&SDC's elections team.

### 5. Nominations for Vice Chairman of Balderton Parish Council

The clerk read out an email from Jean Hall detailing her wish to stand for the role and her reasoning for this. Members of Balderton Parish Council unanimously agreed to elect Jean Hall as Vice Chairman.

### 6. Public comments

A question was asked about the vacancies (see point 5). There was some discussion about the process. The clerk assured the attendees of the meeting that on behalf of Balderton Parish Council she would follow the process which has been confirmed by N&SDC.

## **7. To received reports from County and District councillors**

*The chair clarified the reasoning for the preference for written reports prior to the meeting and why she had asked for reports to be kept to 3 minutes. If provided, written reports are required by the clerk 1 week prior to the meeting to ensure they can be included in the agenda pack. It was acknowledged some councillors may not send a written report and bring a verbal report to the meeting. A pragmatic approach will be taken going forward.*

County Councillor Girling – reported that the YMCA cycle track had opened and that the first Boots and Berets Awards had been a great success. Regarding NCC land behind Highfields:

- NCC owns 2.4 hectares of the land and recently gained the authority to take back this land which had been allocated for development. NCC has taken back the land, is now in a position to decide how to use it (as indicated may be possible December 2022). The county councillors will consult on this.
- Cllr Girling will look at options for the land but is happy to have a discussion with Balderton Parish Council should the council wish to consider purchasing for community use.

District Councillor Oldham – Grove Street playpark has not been opened due to concerns with youths climbing into the park. There is some new play equipment. New fencing is on order with the hope that antisocial behaviour (ASB) can be designed out. A reminder to Report It was given regarding ASB. A Safer Streets application was sent to the Home Office at the end of August (awaiting a decision). An anti-idling (cars) is being worked on to give proactive messaging for hotspots such as near schools. A petition for 24/7 Urgent Care has been started.

District/County Councillor Lee – Full resurfacing of Lansbury Avenue scheduled for 2024/25 (NCC/Via). NCC has been in touch with N&SDC regarding Lowfield Lane application. There will be a speed reduction on Hawton Lane (just past the hill); this is a condition of the housing development so the timing/delivery of this will be dependent when the developer hits the trigger point in the planning agreement. Has expressed concerns to crime commissioner regarding the Safer Streets application (N&SDC). Residents/Councillors encouraged to use MyNotts App or email/call NCC customer services. ASB – call 101 (police) or email N&SDC. Explained Staple Lane has been closed to ensure safety as large amount of soil is being moved across it for the Southern Relief Road work and also confirmed Staple Lane will not reopen (as the SLR will be opened). Three playparks in Balderton will be getting new equipment (N&SDC project renewing 10 parks across the district).

## **8. Approval of the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record and Councillor Buxton duly signed them.

## **9. Approval of the minutes of the following committees:**

- a. Extraordinary Full Council meeting - September 27th 2023
- b. Amenities Committee - September 20th 2023
- c. Planning Committee - August 17th 2023
- d. Extraordinary Full Council meeting - August 7th 2023
- e. Planning Committee - July 20th 2023

All of the minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record (by the councillors who had attended each meeting) and Councillor Buxton duly signed them.

#### **10. Clerk's/Chairman's update**

The council noted the report. The chair reported that she was elected on to the Executive Committee for Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils when she attended the recent Annual General Meeting there. She recommended to the council to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge (this will be brought to a future meeting for the council to consider).

#### **11. Amendment to section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23**

The Council noted the explanation for the amended AGAR 2022/23.

#### **12. Application for financial support from 1<sup>st</sup> Balderton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association**

The council unanimously agreed to award the full £428 which was applied for.

#### **13. Discussion on whether to change all working parties to sub committees**

It was agreed to defer the decision so the new clerk can make a recommendation to the council for what committees, subcommittees and working groups she would advise. (November meeting).

#### **14. Suggested street name for the land to the rear of 70 Grove Street**

The council unanimously agreed to support the name Booth Gardens.

#### **15. Consideration of the planning application 23/00621/RMA Amended Spine Road/works at Flowserve, Hawton Lane**

The council agreed that the clerk should send a response to the planning authority (N&SDC) raising the following concerns:

- a. Protected Trees (Cllr Mallard will send specific details for the clerk to include)
- b. Concerns regarding traffic
- c. Loss of playing fields (ask to ensure playing fields are not lost)

#### **16. Financial statements approval**

The council unanimously accepted the statements. Thanks were given to Sue Lalyk (Deputy Clerk) who has covered the clerk role for September.

#### **17. Additional information for note**

- a. N&SDC Warms Homes on Prescription information letter.
- b. Leaflet regarding N&SDC's Community Chest Fund.
- c. An email regarding speeding on Hawton Lane which had been forwarded to the county councillor (NCC business).
- d. Email from N&SDC regarding the Coronation Living Heritage fund.
- e. Via East Midlands request for a snow warden – *Councillor Mallard volunteered.*
- f. Letter from N&SDC regarding their CCTV review.

#### **18. Items for inclusion on a future agenda**

- a. Discussion regarding possible compulsory purchase orders (Planning Committee)
- b. Signage for car park near the lake (Amenities Committee)

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

#### **Future parish council meetings – open to the public**

- Amenities Committee Meeting: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm
- Full Council Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm

Key: ASB = Antisocial behaviour, NCC Nottinghamshire County Council, N&SDC = Newark and Sherwood District Council