

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday May 25th 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, Mrs Batey, Mrs Brooks, Fairbairn, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M.B.E. and Scott
with County Councillors Girling and Lee, twelve members of the public and the Clerk.

4371 **Chairman**

One nomination was received for Cllr Ms Hurst who was unanimously elected as Chairman and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Chairmanship. She thanked her fellow Councillors for their support in electing her as Chairman, and thanked the outgoing Cllr Ms White who had worked tirelessly during the past three years, particularly for steering the Council through the Covid crisis and all that the situation had entailed.

4372 **Vice Chairman**

One nomination was received for Cllr Mrs Lee who was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr Mrs Lee thanked members for their support.

4373 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Cllr Smith, and Cllr Gloster had advised he would be late joining the meeting.

4374 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Ms White (as serving members of the District Council) declared a personal interest to any issue relating to Newark & Sherwood District Council.

4375 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. Residents raised issues relating to the specifics of the agreement with the YMCA to undertake kayaking/canoeing on the Lake.

Cllr Gloster joined the meeting at approximately 6.50pm.

During the public session a resident accused the Council of 'dodgy deals' with the YMCA; members took exception to this and asked that the comment be recorded in the minutes.

4376 **Representatives**

The following representative were appointed:

British Gypsum Liaison Group

Cllrs Green and Mrs Lee.

4377 **Committees**

The committee members and officers are as follows:

Finance and General Purposes Committee Councillors Mr Allen, Mrs Brooks, Fairbairn, Gloster, Green, Lynch, Roberts and Ms White.

Amenities Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Batey, Mrs Brooks, Fairbairn, Gloster, Green, Lynch, Mallard, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts, Scott and Ms White.

Council Review Committee Councillors Mr Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mallard and White.

Planning Committee Councillors Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Roberts and Scott.

Cemetery Sub Committee Councillors Mrs Brooks and Green.

Allotment Sub Committee Councillors Mr Allen, Mrs Brooks and Scott.

Lakeside Working Party Councillors Mr Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green and Ms White with Head Groundsman Mr Brown.

Village Centre Sub Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Newstead, Newstead and Ms White.

Dance Studio Working Party

Councillors Mr Allen, Mrs Brooks and Ms White.

Committee Term of Reference Working Party

Councillors Mr Allen, Roberts and Ms White.

(The Chairman and Vice Chairman are ex-officio on all committees).

Footpaths Officers Councillors Allen and Mrs Lee.

Emergency Officer Councillor Allen

Safety Officer Councillor Allen.

4378 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday April 13th 2022, having been circulated previously were approved, confirmed as a true record and signed.

4379 **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:-

- a) Council
- b) Planning
- c) Amenities

d) **Re Minute 3403 County Grassed Areas** County Cllr Lee advised that the authority has decided not to go ahead with tree planting schemes on the grassed areas owing to the disproportionately high cost. Alternative options are being considered to prevent vehicles driving over the areas such as installing bollards or large wooden posts.

4380 **Committees**

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

Planning

Amenities

Finance & General Purposes

4381 **Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 4th 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed. No items were discussed from the minutes.

4382 **Annual Internal Auditor's Report**

Copies of the Annual Internal Auditor's Report for 2021/22 had been previously circulated; these were formally noted.

4383 **Annual Governance Statement**

Copies of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22 had been previously circulated; these were duly approved and it was,

AGREED to authorise that the Chairman and Clerk sign Section 1 of the AGAR

4384 **AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22**

The Responsible Financial Officer had prepared, signed and circulated Section 2, the Accounting Statements for members' consideration. These were considered and approved, and it was,

AGREED that they be signed by the Chairman.

Appreciation was extended to the Responsible Financial Officer for her hard work preparing the year account and audit papers.

4385 **Financial Statement**

The details as published were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £44,201.45 for March and £29,137.96 for April 2022.

4386 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Girling congratulated Cllr Mrs Hurst on her election to Chairman and thanked Cllr Ms White for her hard work, steering the Council through a very difficult time. The issue of pavements not serving the needs of pedestrians over vehicles, which had again been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting has been acknowledged by authority managers but balancing the needs of both is complicated. He outlined the planned activities for local war veterans at Rufford Park over the Queen's Jubilee bank holiday period.

County Cllr Lee reported that the authority is looking into the feasibility of locating a glass recycling bank in the vicinity of the Orchard School/Newark Academy site. Lansbury Road is to be re-surfaced and Hawton Lane will be subject to 30 m.p.h. along the entire route, once any Middlebeck development that fronts onto Hawton Lane has been completed. He advised that Fernwood Parish Council continues to want Hollowdyke Lake/Main Street junction open for two-way traffic, which is contrary to Balderton and Coddington Parish Councils' preference. He also reported as District Cllr for Balderton North; cases of re-offences for littering of those issued with fixed penalty notices in Balderton is almost zero.

County Cllr Smith had advised that Coddington Road will be resurfaced in the current financial year, instead of 2024/25 as previously scheduled. Members welcomed this news.

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported that the public footpath between Mead Way and Flowserve has been closed during clearance work on the former factory site. Although the path is now open the County Council's Rights of Way Department is checking its surface condition and it may need to be re-closed while improvements are undertaken.

4387 **Highways Faults**

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

1. A blocked gully outside the dental surgery on Hawton Lane..

4388 **Clerk's Additional Information**

The following item of correspondence/information had been received and was noted:

- a) Maintenance work is scheduled for the Sustrans route between the Lake and Bowbridge Lane from June 20th for approximately 4 weeks. Potholes and raised tree root areas will be treated.

4389 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Fairbairn asked that the Amenities Committee consider allowing tenants to keep bee hives on the allotments.

Cllr Mrs Batey asked that the 'Friends of Balderton Lake' issue be given consideration.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm