

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday July 26th 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Jane Buxton (Chairman), Gill Lee (Vice Chairman), Vanessa Bracegirdle, Karen Callingham, Mandie Elson, Roy Fairbairn, Jean Hall, Leigh Marshall, Mac Mallard, Debbie Moore, Joy Sellars and Ronnie White

with District Cllr Emma Oldham, twenty two members of the public, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk.

The Chairman advised all present that the meeting was being recorded.

4530 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kath Desborough and Simon Forde, County Councillors Keith Girling, John Lee and Sam Smith

4531 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hall, as a serving member of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllrs Callingham and Hall, as members of local group SWAN, and Cllr White whose employer is based at Y.M.C.A. Newark, declared a personal interest to minute reference 4539 regarding the Y.M.C.A.'s license for Balderton Lane.

4532 Public Participation

The meeting was closed to take public comments relating to scheduled agenda items. One member of the public spoke about Balderton Lake, stating that he hoped the Council would revoke the Y.M.C.A.'s license for boating activity.

The Chairman thanked the resident for his comments and the public for attending, and re-opened the meeting.

4533 Reports from Representatives

District Cllr Hall reported that a lot of her time had been taken up liaising to get the barriers replaced at the Lidl store car park. The District Council is trying to find a compromise regarding the proposed Lowfield Lane residential development, and consideration is being given to planting some trees on the Stafford Avenue estate.

Written reports had been received in advance from County/District Cllr Lee, and District Cllrs Forde & Oldham which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Councillors expressed their appreciation to those Representatives who had been able to do this.

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4534 **Highways Faults**

The following fault/issue was raised for passing onto the relevant authority:

A newly installed telegraph pole on Hawton Lane near to the newsagent shop seems very close to the edge of the pavement, and not in line with others. This will be checked out with the County Council.

4535 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday June 28th 2023, having been circulated previously, were approved, confirmed as a true record and signed.

4536 **Committee(s)**

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

Amenities of July 12th 2023

Planning of June 28th 2023

4537 **Clerk/Chairman's Update, actions and matters arising from the minutes.**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. The following issues were discussed, approved and/or agreed:

a) **Full Council**

b) **Amenities**

1. **Re Minute 3535 Dog Waste Bins** District Cllrs advised that the authority may be able to provide any new bins at cost prices to Parish Councils.

c) **Planning**

4538 **Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**

Members noted a re-draft of the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on April 12th 2023. Members who had previously suggested minor alterations to the minutes were happy with this amended version which will be considered for approval at the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting.

4539 **Y.M.C.A License for Balderton Lake**

It was,

AGREED

with 10 votes for, 2 against and 1 abstention, that the Council terminates the license with the Y.M.C.A. to allow supervised kayaking on Balderton Lake, by serving twelve months' notice on the organisation as per clause 5.1c of that license.

A number of residents left the meeting at 7.30pm.

4540 **Notts Association of Local Councils Executive Committee**

Two nominations were received for representation on the Notts Association of Local Council Clerks' Executive Committee and the following vote was taken; Cllr Buxton

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received seven votes and Cllr Lee 4 votes. Cllr Buxton's nomination will therefore be submitted for consideration as a Council representative on the Executive Committee.

4541 **Grant Request**

Consideration was given to a written application for financial assistance from Chuter Ede Primary School towards its Drug, Alcohol and Resistance Training (DAaRT) programme. It was,

AGREED that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act, a grant of £250 be made to the school.

4542 **Building Society**

Changes to the mandate are required for the Council's Skipton Building Society savings account as three of the former signatories are no longer Councillors following the May election. It was,

AGREED that Cllrs Elson, Moore & Sellars be the new nominated signatories and Cllr White will continue to be a signatory on the account.

4543 **Financial Statements**

The details as published were correct, there being total payment requirements of £25,126.21 for June 2023.

4544 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

1. A suggestion from a Newark resident that the Council considers making a financial contribution to a Lancaster Bomber airplane sculpture project which is to be installed at Norton Disney in Lincolnshire. This suggestion could not be supported as there is no direct benefit to Balderton residents or the parish.
2. Notice that local Police Officers plan to host a 'pop up Police hub' at William Ghent House, Wilfred Avenue on several dates in an effort to patrol the Balderton area as much as possible throughout the school summer holiday when traditionally there are a high number of calls to the Police.

4545 **Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were raised.

4546 **Exempt Item**

It was resolved that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the special nature of the information in the business to be transacted, any public and press be excluded from the meeting for the duration of this agenda item. Any remaining public present left the meeting. A legal issue was duly discussed and agreed upon.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.15pm.

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