

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday April 5th 2023 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Mrs Lee (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Buxton, Fairbairn, Green, Mallard, Mrs Newstead, Mrs Newstead, Roberts M.B.E and Ms White

with County Cllrs Lee and Smith, seven members of the public and the Clerk.

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

4479 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Gloster and County Cllr Girling.

4480 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.

4481 Poliomyelitis

Members had expected to meet with Mr Norman Bertram from Rotary in Long Bennington about this subject, but as he was not in attendance the business of the published agenda progressed.

4482 Public Participation

The meeting was closed to take public comments relating to scheduled agenda items. No-one present wished to address the Council and the Chairman re-opened the meeting.

4483 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday March 8th 2023, having been circulated previously were approved, confirmed as a true record and signed.

4484 Clerk/Chairman's Update

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. The following issues were discussed:-

a) Full Council

- 1. Re Minute 4474 Day of Action** The District Council Day of Action on March 23rd targeting various issues including littering, speeding and graffiti removal had gone very well. Further detailed feedback will be provided for the next Amenities Committee meeting.

b) Amenities

1. Re Minute 3495 Attendants Annual Leave The agreed payment in lieu for any untaken annual leave for the attendants is effective for future years, not just the 2022/23 year.

c) Planning

4485 **Committee(s)**

The minutes of the following committees was confirmed as a true record and signed:
Amenities of March 22nd 2023
Planning March 20th & 27th 2023

4486 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £24,205.87 for February 2023.

4487 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Smith thanked the Parish Council for their involvement in the installation of a bench seat he had purchased; the bench is on the County Council's grassed area off Bullpit Road.

No parking zone warning signs have been installed outside Chuter Ede primary School. The surface water drains in the vicinity of the Wolfit Avenue/Main Street junction will be replaced.

County Cllr Lee reported that the Southern Link Road will be completed by December 2024.

No vehicles had been found to exceed the speed limit on Rowan Way during the recent Day of Action, despite numerous reports of speeding along that road being made historically. He had been contacted by several residents concerned about the planning applications for a gypsy/traveller site at Chestnut Lodge on Barnby Road and a residential development on land off Lowfield Lane.

The planned resurfacing of Wilfred Avenue will be given priority when future major works are scheduled.

County Council officers do not consider that any road layout changes are necessary relating to school pupils crossing over the entrance to the Welcome Break Services (located in Fernwood parish) despite concerns raised by Parish Councillors.

4488 **Highways Faults**

The following faults/issues were raised for passing onto the relevant authority:

1. The village surface water drains are in need of routine jetting and clearance; County Councillors invited members to report to them any particular surface water drains that require attention.
2. Potholes on Rowan Way (these had already been reported to Cllr Lee).
3. The dog waste bin outside John Hunt School is in disrepair.
4. There is an amount of fly tipping on Staple Lane near to some yellow bollards.
5. The 'Welcome to Balderton' gateway sign near to the A1 roundabout requires cleaning.

4489 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) The latest Stakeholder Update from Newark Police Inspector Charlotte Ellam.
- b) The latest Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Newsletter from the District Council's Community Protection Team Manager Yvonne Swinton. The Nottinghamshire Police Designing Out Crime Officer had visited the Lidl shopping centre, reviewing what simple changes could be made to the landscape of the site to ease ASB. This can include changes to lighting, removal of shrubbery etc. The officer's recommendations are awaited.
- c) Members were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place next Wednesday, April 12th 2023 at 6.30pm.

4490 **Future Agenda Items**

No future items were raised.

4491 **Poliomyelitis**

Mr Bertram and a colleague from Long Bennington Rotary had entered the room during the latter part of the meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting to welcome them and they gave a presentation to members regarding the organisation's work to raise money to help fight Polio by selling crocus corms. Several local primary schools have been involved in the planting schemes.

They were thanked for their information and attendance.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7:10pm.