

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday November 28th 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Newstead, Scott and Ms White

with the Clerk.

3083 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Mrs Newstead, Owen, Page and Watt.

3084 **Declarations of Interest**

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

3085 **Public Participation**

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

3086 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. No issues were discussed from the update.

3087 **Village Notice Board**

Further 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. Following information supplied by Cllr Walker regarding the Collingham open notice boards being misused and not kept up to date, members considered on balance not to proceed.

3088 **Budget Projects 2019/20**

Members gave further discussion to any projects for inclusion in the next financial year's budget. One suggested project was the purchase of a hedge trimmer attachment for the tractor to cut the larger hedges at the playing field and in the Cemetery; further enquiries have shown that this may still not enable the groundstaff to cut the very high hedge in the Cemetery extension so this may not be a viable option. New play equipment and/or a fitness trail, painting the existing play equipment and installing a small skateboard ramp had also been suggested. Members considered that a nominal project budget of £10,000

for play equipment/improvements be set and then exact requirements will be given further discussion.

3089 Café Tenancy

The tenancy for the café is currently being advertised locally. The REACH organisation which is based in Newark, has expressed a strong interest in taking on the tenancy to run it as a community café. Café Working Party members had met with their Chief Executive earlier in the week who is now preparing a business plan to take to the charity's trustees. Committee members welcomed this news.

3090 Highway Faults

The following faults/issues were raised and will be passed onto the relevant authority:

- a) A grassed area between Granby Drive and Priory Close is regularly being driven over by vehicles and the green area is getting badly churned up. This will be reported to the County Highways.
- b) Grove Street and Christopher Crescent were both reported as being in need of complete re-surfacing; the condition of these roads will be brought to the attention of the appropriate County Councillors.
- c) There is a lot of mud at entrance to the Middlebeck building site off Hawton Lane; this will be reported to the County Council

3091 Correspondence and Information

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

- a) Notice that Hollowdyke Lane will be closed from January 7th until March 25th 2019 to undertake carriageway improvements for a new access to a housing development.
- b) A planning application for the new Orchard School and Day Service buildings on the former Grove site. This application was not received in the usual manner and although the closing date for the consultation has now passed the authority has confirmed that any Parish Council comments may still be submitted. Planning committee members present reviewed the plans and no objections were raised. Now that the exact siting of the two buildings is known, a further request will be made to the County Council for the Parish Council to be allocated a small piece of land to the forefront of the Grove site for a Christmas tree and/or memorial area.

3092 Future Agenda Items

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.45pm.