

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Scott, Watt and Ms White with Head Groundsman Mr Brown, one parishioner and the Clerk.

3093 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Owen.

3094 **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.

3095 **Public Participation**

No-one present wished to address the meeting.

3096 **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 from the update:

1. **Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A. Lake Boating** Members agreed that the draft agreement for use of the Lake, once received from the organisation, should initially be referred to the Lakeside Working Party for consideration.
2. **Re Minute 3090a Granby Drive Grassed Area** Members were disappointed that the County Council does not consider the issue of vehicles driving over the grass between Granby Drive and Priory Close worthy of intervention; all affected local residents will be urged to contact the authority individually.

3097 **Heron Way Car Park**

Discussion was given to the preferred option to resurface the car park at Heron Way which is in need of some improvement work. Options include installing a complete tarmac surface or a top dressing of road planings, and bollards could be installed at the entrance to try and reduce the speed of vehicles using the site. The options will be priced in readiness for the next committee meeting.

3098 **Playing Field Dog Waste Bins**

Consideration was given to installing additional dog waste bins on the Playing Field. The field currently hosts two large bins, one at the main entrance and one at the Warwick Road entrance and these are emptied twice a week. Dog walkers have also been using the litter bins near to the Multi Use Games Areas (M.U.G.A.'s) to deposit dog waste but this has been stopped for health and safety reasons. A dog waste bin in the vicinity of the M.U.G.A.s was considered to be useful. Enquiries will be made with the District Council who empty the dog bins because the authority has previously advised that they need to be located closer to where they can park the collection vehicles.

**3099 Café Tenancy**

Members of the Café Working Party had met with the current tenant to check the building prior to his tenancy ending on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019; no issues of concern had been raised. The REACH organisation is still very interested in taking on the café tenancy and is preparing a business plan to take to the charity's trustees.

**3100 Christmas Tree/Memorial Park**

Members gave further consideration to an exact preferred site for the proposed park project to the front of the new Orchard School, London Road. The County Council requires a firm proposal from the Parish to formally consider this requested use of land. Members agreed to meet on site immediately prior to the F&GP meeting next week and asked that the issue be included on that agenda.

**3101 Highway Faults**

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

- a) A number of potholes on Wilfred Avenue/Mount Road outside William Ghent House.
- b) London Road floods between Sainsbury's and Sibcy Lane during heavy rainfall.
- c) Builders vans are parking on the path and cycle track outside 90 London Road, restricting vision for vehicles trying to exit Grove Street. This issue was reported to District Council Planning Enforcement but a reply has been received advising that the authority cannot help, recommending that the County Council or Civic Parking Enforcement Officers be informed instead.

**3102 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) The company which is currently replacing some of the wet pour safety surfacing on the play area has asked if they can defer the remaining work until the warmer weather when the surface finish will set more satisfactorily. The company has undertaken to re-do one particular area which did not set very firmly and young people walked over the surface before it had set; the contractor will also close the play area completely when the work is carried out to prevent this happening again. Members approved the request.
- b) A further set of figures from the District Council showing the number of visits and parking tickets issued in Balderton by the Civil Enforcement Officers. Members were disappointed to note that no tickets have been issued since June 2018.
- c) The Grove Angling Club advised that 147 large Carp were safely removed from the pump pond area of the Lake earlier today. The company that carried out the removal work is scheduled to carry out further sweeps in the main body of the Lake.

**3103 Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.40pm.