

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Dikkez, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mayall B.E.M., Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M.B.E., Rouse and Scott

with County Cllrs Walker and Wallace and the Clerk.

**4160 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mallard, County Cllr Girling and District Cllr Lee.

**4161 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.

**4162 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

**4163 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

**4164 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 from the update:

a) Council

- 1. Re Minute 4156 Newark Academy Pupils** A reply has not yet been received from the Academy about students cycling the wrong way along London Road at the end of the school day.
- 2. Re Minute 4158.b Boundary Map** A revised map showing the new parish boundaries which were agreed last year has still not been received from the District Council; this will again be expedited.

b) Lakeside Working Party

c) Amenities

- 1. Re Minute 3191.1 Marquis Avenue Grassed Area** A written complaint received about the installed wooden posts will be replied to explaining the reasons why they were installed, i.e. to prevent vehicles driving over the grass causing damage to the turf.

2. **Re Minute 3193 Football Pitch Flooding** A football team has requested the Council reconsider its decision not to give any compensation for cancelled games. A reply will be sent re-iterating that the Newark League informed the Council that all matches were re-scheduled at alternative venues at no extra cost to clubs, and suggest that the team directs their enquiry to the League instead.
3. **Re Minute 3194 Café** Members of the Café Working Party had met immediately before the Full Council meeting to consider a request to extend the rent-free period from the previously agreed time, i.e. May to the end of September. They considered on balance that the Café lease should be charged at £150 a month for that period and the rent will be reviewed again before the end of September. Members of the Council endorsed that recommendation.

d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 7254 CCTV Camera** Cllr Allen asked that his concerns be recorded regarding the cost and requirement of an interactive camera for the playing field.
2. **Re Minute 7256 Bullpit Road/Wolfit Avenue Road Markings** The County Council has informed that this Council's additional suggestions cannot be incorporated into the proposed scheme but could be put forward as a further initiative. Members agreed to re-visit this possibility after the existing proposals have been implemented.

4165 **Committees**

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

Lakeside Working Party

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4166 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £22,097.57 for January 2020.

4167 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Wallace reported that the recently corrected long-standing flooding issue on Main Street in the vicinity of the Post Office was down to an underlying highways problem. County monies have been pledged to Balderton Scouts to attend their annual camp and to provide a disabled toilet in the Scout Hut.

Cllr Ms White reported that the District Council has undertaken to reconsider an earlier recommendation not to replace the existing Designated Public Places Order for Balderton with a new Public Space Protection Order. Members welcome this news.

4168 **Highways Faults**

1. The concrete forecourt area in front of the Chemist on Main Street is very uneven in places and badly broken up. This land is privately owned and the Council has reported the trip hazard problems several times in the past, but to no avail. The public should be urged to report the problem to the pharmacy staff personally.
2. The trees along London Road between the A1 fish and chip shop and Sainsburys are overgrown. It is understood that these are the property of Newark & Sherwood District Council.
3. The disused British Telecom payphone kiosk on London Road near to John Hunt School is in a state of disrepair and needs removing.

4169 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) The District Council passed on a report that dog biscuits laced with rat poison had been left at the Lake. Notices were immediately placed around the Lake and D/Cllr Lee had placed a video about it on Facebook on behalf of the Council to advise dog walkers.
- b) The Council's Millennium Clock at the Lakeside Shopping Centre has not been working for a number of months now. One estimate for repair has been obtained at £1450 + VAT and a second estimate from another company has been requested.

4170 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Roberts suggested that the Council could run a Best Garden competition this summer as a possible forerunner to engaging in the Britain in Bloom initiative. This will be discussed at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm.