

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

with County Cllr Wallace, nine members of the public, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk.

### 4100 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Cllr Walker and District Cllr Lee.

### 4101 **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.

### 4102 **Public Participation**

No-one present wished to make any comments.

### 4103 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 4104 **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 Meeting
- b) Planning
- c) Lakeside Working Party
- d) Amenities

**1. Re Minute 3134 Drinking Water Fountain** Initial enquiries have identified health issues associated with water fountains including a high risk of legionella; members agreed not to pursue this possible project any further at this time.

**2. Re Minute 3136 Heron Way Car Park** The cost of a basic swing arm barrier is £780. Members agreed to refer the decision whether to gate the car park back to the committee for further discussion.

- e) Café Working Party
- f) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

**1. Re Minute 6187 Free Resource** It was,

AGREED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council approves the payment of £500 to Citizen's Advice Sherwood & Newark, this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

**2. Re Minute 6196 Pavement Review** County Cllr Wallace advised the Council to submit specific sections of pavements concerned to be checked for camber and pedestrian safety as a survey of the whole village is considered untenable.

**3. Re Minute 6197 Wolfit Avenue Parking** District Cllr Lee had advised that two designated disabled parking have been suggested in for that vicinity. Members considered that he should contact the County Council's Highways Department for their opinion about the proposal and to ascertain if this is a feasible option.

**4. Re Minute 6190 Flooding Meeting** The Clerk was asked to try and ascertain which authority responded initially to the call about the flooding problem at the Post Office on Main Street. Cllr Mrs Hurst advised that she is looking into the issue of the Council's financial liability for re-stocking/replacing sand bags.

**4105 Committees**

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

Planning

Lakeside Working Party

Amenities

Café Working Party

Finance and General Purposes

**4106 Y.M.C.A.**

Members discussed the Council's previous agreement in principle to allow the Y.M.C.A. to use an area of the Lake for supervised canoeing and kayaking. The Lakeside Working Party has reviewed the second draft of the Schedule of Terms and this document is still being checked by a solicitor to ensure the Council is absolved of all liability issues relating to the proposed use. Members did not consider that they could make a decision until the Council's solicitor has endorsed the document and the issue was deferred to the next meeting in September.

**4107 Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £24,244.47 for May 2019.

**4108 Reports from Representatives**

Cllr Ms White reported from the District Council that action is being taken against 2 young people who were caught catapulting wildlife at the Lake. They will be made to litter pick at the Lakeside area this next weekend under a Restorative Justice Programme. The new Community Protection Officers (CPOs) patrol the Playing Field and Lakeside areas and are aware of ongoing anti-social issues there.

County Cllr Wallace reported that work has commenced to build the new Orchard School and Day Centre on the former Grove site. He advised that he will re-inspect a section of pavement on Brandon Close near to Manthorpe House which has been subject to some work but is still being reported as hazardous; Cllr Scott undertook to liaise with him regarding this.

**4109 Highways Faults**

No faults or issues were raised.

**4110 Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice that Main Street from London Road to Wesley Close will be closed for water drain chamber work from Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>. This is scheduled work with no connection to the recent floods there at the Post Office.
- b) A Village Centre window was smashed during a Balderton Cricket Club match last weekend; the Club did inform the Council of accidental damage. A replacement quotation of £195 has been obtained. Members considered that the Club is responsible and should pay for the repair as soon as possible.
- c) Balderton has not gone through to the second round of the Best Kept Village competition, but has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for the community café.
- d) The YMCA has advised that the Activity Village in Newark will now open in Spring 2021.
- e) Notts County Council's latest Flooding update .
- f) Notice from Police Inspector Sutton that the Nottinghamshire Police Service is actively looking for other public sector partners to share accommodation and therefore costs; no decision has been made.

**4111 Future Agenda Items**

No new items were put forward.

**4112 Co-option for Council Vacancies**

Members met with the interested candidates to fill the four vacancies that the Council has following the local elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. They addressed the Council and answered any questions. A paper ballot was subsequently held, the following four candidates were successful and duly declared as Parish Councillors; Tugkan Dikkez, Ian Lynch, Mac Mallard and Tony Roberts. The four were congratulated and appreciation was extended to the other candidates for their attendance and interest shown in applying for the casual vacancies.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.10pm.