

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday September 26th 2018 at 7.00pm.

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

with County Councillor Wallace, District Cllr Lee, two parishioners and the Clerk.

4016 Apologies

No apologies were received.

4017 Declarations of Interest

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

4018 Public Participation

No-one present wished to make any comments.

4019 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 11th 2018, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4020 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

- 1. Re Minute 4010.2 Defibrillator** Details of the County Council's costings to install a unit at the Library are still awaited.
- 2. Re Minute 4013 Newark Academy Presentation Evening** Generic letters will be sent to the Newark Academy to congratulate participating students as the Academy is unable to provide the names of the students concerned owing to Data Protection issues.
- 3. Re Minute 40158 Village Open Noticeboard** Cllr Newstead's request to consider providing an 'open' noticeboard for the village will be included on the next Amenities Committee agenda.

- b) Planning 16/07/18 & 13/09/18
- c) Amenities
- d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. Re Minute 6122 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 £250 to the Balderton branch of the Royal British Legion, 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 6123 Community Governance Review** Cllr Walker explained why he had voted against the committee's decision to write to the District Council about the proposed boundary changes, believing that the authority's decision had been taken lawfully and District members had been given every opportunity to speak about the issue. Members still agreed, with a vote of nine for and two against, that a letter should be drafted to the District Council.
- 3. Re Minute 6127.g Highfields School Planning Appeal** Cllr Mrs Hurst informed that a preliminary date of January 8th 2019 has been scheduled for the new hearing, following the last appeal which had to be adjourned.
- 4. Re Minute 6126.b N.A.L.C.'s AGM** Cllr Mrs Lee undertook to represent the Parish Council at the organisation's AGM on November 14th 2018 in Epperstone.

4021 **Committees**

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

Planning 16/07/18 and 13/09/18

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4022 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being payment requirements of £30,510.06 for July and £22,378.42 for August 2018.

4023 **Reports from Representatives**

Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that there is a planning application to convert the Post Office at Coddington into a residential property. If the business does close this could cause additional traffic by people using the Main Street Post Office in Balderton. The situation will be monitored.

District Cllr Lee reported that the instances of *recorded* crime to the Police have dropped; members were urged to encourage people to keep reporting incidents in line with the 'Report It' campaign. A lot of hard work had gone into cleaning up the Smith Street area over the Summer and he was disappointed to report that further graffiti had occurred there since.

County Cllr Wallace circulated draft plans for the new Orchard School and Day Services buildings which will be built on the Grove site; this is scheduled to commence in Spring 2019 and be completed by July 2020. The Parish Council has, in the past, requested permission from the authority to create a small public garden area to the front of the site and plant a large tree that could be lit with Christmas lights every year. This could be reconsidered now that the plans for the site are known; Cllr Wallace suggested that this request be put in writing to him from the Council and he will take it forward. He went on to advise that the plans as submitted do not include any intended use for Grove House which is also on the site. This means that the future of this property is still uncertain; if a meaningful use for the building cannot be found the authority may choose to dispose of it.

4024 Clerk's Additional Information

The following item of correspondence/information has been received and was noted:

- a) Notice that the Police have referred the bird shooting incidents that took place on the playing field over the Summer to the Wildlife Officer P.C. Nicholls.

4025 Future Agenda Items

Cllr Allen asked that future discussion be given to:

- a) The mystery surrounding the County Council's recent demolition of the old bunker/shelter building on the Scout's field, Queen Street,
- b) The potential risked loss of Grove House from the Grove site.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.40pm.