

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Walker (Chairman), Mrs Hurst (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Rouse and Scott  
  
with District Cllrs Lee and Payne, County Councillor Wallace, three parishioners and the Clerk.

### 3937 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fletcher, Page and Watt. Cllr Ms White had advised she would be late joining the meeting.

### 3938 **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.

### 3939 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. One parishioner asked whether Coronation Street would be resurfaced by the County Council as previously mentioned? County Cllr Wallace advised that although he has submitted Coronation Street as one of the roads most in need for work within his ward, it will not be known until the next financial year whether the bid has been successful.

The meeting re-opened.

### 3940 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on September 27<sup>th</sup>2017, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 3941 **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) Amenities**

**1. Re Minute 2284.1 Lakeside Trees** Members reviewed the prices and it was,

AGREED with 8 votes for and 2 against, that the preferred option is to dismantle the five dead Silver Birch Trees and leave them on site for wildlife habitat purposes; this will cost £325.

c) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

**1. Re Minute 6045 Free Resource** It was,

AGREED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council approve the payment of

£560 to Chuter Ede Primary School

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 6047 Cafe** Members were pleased to hear that suitable tenants have been found and contracts are presently being drafted for approval. The tenants hope to open the café on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

3942 **Committees**

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

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

3943 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a payment requirement of £25,828.56 for September 2017.

3944 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Wallace advised that he met with the Chief Constable to further express his concerns regarding the further erosion of Police services in the Newark area; this time through the ‘moth balling’ of the town’s police station custody suite. With regard to the Grove site he advised that clearing away of the old leisure centre is now anticipated to be undertaken by the County Council early in the New Year and the exact siting of a new building for the Orchard School is yet to be decided.

Cllr Ms White joined the meeting at approximately 7.15pm.

District Cllr Lee advised that following numerous comments from parishioners he has requested the County’s school parking patrol vehicle to visit the area whenever possible.

Cllr Walker advised that he had met with Newark Tennis Club representatives who had enquired whether they could relocate to the playing field and install six courts and a club house. There is insufficient room on site but he had undertaken to help them ascertain the exact situation regarding their lease with the County Council at their current town centre

location. He also reported that enquiries are ongoing with the County Council reading this Council's request for permission to house a defibrillator at the Main Street Library for public use.

**3945 Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice of the County Council's draft review of its Statement of Community Involvement – this sets out how the authority will consult communities in carrying out planning functions. The closing date for any representations is December 18<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- b) Notice of a Fire Service public consultation on proposals to introduce new crewing models. A dramatic fall in emergency call outs has occurred as a result of increased preventative delivery so the Service is looking to ensure resources are available in the right place at the right time. The closing date for any comments is December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- c) A letter from the Head Teacher of Chuter Ede Primary School asking if the Council can support them to install a community defibrillator to be located on the perimeter fence of the Wolfit Avenue school site. This was referred to the F&GP committee for consideration.

**3946 Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Mrs Hurst asked that discussion be given to the proposed changes and cuts to East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) – this will be included on the next F&GP agenda. Cllr Mrs Hurst also raised the problem of road gullies and drains being in need of clearing - County Cllr Wallace undertook to report this to the authority.

Cllr Green asked that discussion be given to concerns about inadequate lighting from the new lampposts installed by the County Council. Pedestrians report feeling vulnerable because the new columns do not cast as much far reaching light along the pavements as the former lampposts provided. This item will be included on the next F&GP agenda.

Cllr Rouse asked where is the land that the District Council has reportedly purchased for development? The local press originally published that it was on or adjacent to Flowserve land off Hawton Lane but local enquiries have not proved conclusive. This issue will be included on the next F&GP agenda.

The meeting closed at approximately 7:25pm.