

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday December 12th 2018 at 7.00pm.

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

with County Councillor Wallace, District Councillor Payne, two parishioners, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk.

4037 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Page.

4038 **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.

4039 **Public Participation**

No-one present wished to make any comments.

4040 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 7th 2018, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4041 **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 4023 Christmas Tree Park** County Cllr Wallace advised members that a definitive written proposal must be submitted to the County Council detailing exactly where the tree would be sited, where electricity would be sourced from etc. The authority can then give formal consideration to the proposal.

b) Centre Management Sub Committee

c) Planning

1. **Re Minute 0465.c East Midlands Building Control** Cllr Rouse undertook to write a letter expressing his concerns about the organisation's competence.

- d) Amenities
- e) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. Re Minute 6133 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 £140 to Photography for Big Cats, this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

4042 Committees

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

Centre Management Sub Committee
Planning
Amenities
Finance and General Purposes

4043 Financial Statements

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £35,536.88 for October 2018.

4044 Reports from Representatives

Cllr Payne advised that discussions are still taking place regarding the two planning applications for the Highfields School site. If the developers re-evaluate their offer for the affordable/social housing contribution to 30%, the District Council *may* decide to refer the offer to the Planning Committee who would need to meet and consider the offer before the appeal hearings are scheduled to re-commence on January 8th 2019. The developer is proposing to give a commuted sum to the District Council to provide social affordable housing off-site. Cllr Payne assured members that *if* the offer is accepted the social housing would definitely be built in Balderton.

He also informed members that the local Internal Drainage Board is refurbishing the Lowfield Lane Works (for surface water disposal only, not sewage waste).

Cllr Allen congratulated the District Council and Newark Town Council on their recent joint decision to purchase of the town's historic Butter Market building.

4045 Highways Faults

The pavement alongside Manthorpe House is starting to break up; this will be reported to the County Council.

4046 Clerk's Additional Information

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

- a) The latest edition of 'The Beat' - the Notts Police and Crime Commissioner's newsletter.
- b) A complaint from a resident regarding a Stagecoach bus service which has cut Wordsworth Drive from its route, thereby necessitating some people to walk to and from either Brisbane Court or Baines Avenue to use it. County Cllr Wallace suggested that the complainant be asked to supply the bus service number in order that enquiries can be made to ascertain why the decision was taken to change the route.

4047 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Mrs Lee asked that the possibility of installing additional dog waste bins on the playing field be considered at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

Seasonal greetings were exchanged
and the meeting closed at approximately 7.45pm.