

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Scott (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Major Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Walker and Ms White

with Head Groundsman Mr Brown, five parishioners and the Clerk.

2208 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Fletcher.

2209 **Declarations of Interest**

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. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

2210 **Public Participation**

One parishioner expressed his concern that two trees at Lakeside which had been cut back as requested to the rear of his property were still overhanging his boundary fence, albeit at height. He acknowledged that the work had been done to a high standard but requested a site meeting in order that members could assess the situation and consider his request that the trees be cut back further. The parishioner concerned had submitted a letter which had been previously circulated to members and this issue was scheduled for discussion under minute reference 2211.

Four parishioners raised concerns about how the Grove Angling Club is being managed and rules ignored, believing that these issues should be brought to the Council's attention. The main focus of their concerns is that carp fishing and course fishing do not mix well, and carp fishing is now far more prevalent at the Lake.

All parishioners were thanked for their attendance and the meeting re-opened. Members considered that a further meeting should be called with the Angling Club and as many Club committee members as possible should be asked to attend in order that these concerns be addressed. The Club will then be asked if Councillor representation can be arranged at Club meetings to ensure rules are enforced and adhered to.

2211 **Lakeside Trees**

Photographs were taken after work was completed to cut back the trees - these were circulated which confirmed that the contractor had cut them back as agreed during a site

meeting held in November. Lengthy discussion was given to this issue but members agreed on balance to the parishioner's request to hold a further site meeting with the contractor in attendance.

The parishioners left the meeting.

**2212 Clerk/Chairman's Update**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. No issues were discussed from the update.

**2213 Café Working Party**

Members were informed that the Working Party had met with Cricket Club representatives on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 to discuss a way forward regarding a new cricket scoreboard. The Club has been asked to submit its requirements as soon as possible with a view to building a new facility, ideally while the Café contractors are on site. The building contractors are due to commence work imminently.

**2214 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) A request from the Playing Field/Centre attendants for 'high visibility' jackets to be provided for locking the playing field when it is dark. Such coats can be sourced locally and range in price from £25-40. Members approved this request and also agreed that torches should be provided for them.
- b) A quotation from a local company to replace the vertical blinds in the large hall of £212 +VAT. The new blinds would have sealed bottom pockets and the price includes a new track. Members considered that an alternative quotation should try to be sourced from another local company.
- c) A substantial amount of rubbish has again been left on the allotments adjacent to the car park area. Some of the rubbish appears to have originated from a plot that has recently been re-let. In order to prevent the pile of rubbish growing, a skip should be hired for the waste to be removed as soon as possible. In an attempt to promote 'self-policing', warning notices will be displayed that if further costs of this nature are incurred all allotment holders will be held jointly responsible and the cost shared at rent time.

**2215 Future Agenda Items**

No items were put forward.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.10pm.