

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday December 13th 2017 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Hurst (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Major Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Rouse, Scott and Watt

with District Cllr Payne, three parishioners, the Deputy Clerk and Clerk.

3947 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Page, Walker (Chairman) and Ms White, and County Councillor Wallace.

Cllr Ken Fletcher had advised that he was resigning from the Council on the grounds of ill health. Sincere well wishes and appreciation were extended to Ken who has served on the Parish Council for more than forty years. His resignation will create a casual vacancy; members considered that given the seasonal time of year this should be formally declared at the first meeting after the New Year and then advertised accordingly.

3948 **Declarations of Interest**

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

3949 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments but no-one present wished to speak. The meeting re-opened.

3950 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 8th 2017, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

3951 **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 3941.b Lakeside Trees Photographs were circulated of the five replacement trees that were planted this week.

2. Re Minute 3945.b Fire Service Members considered that the Council's concerns about proposed changes to the crewing models should be conveyed to the Service.

b) Amenities

c) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. Re Minute 6056a 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 approves the payment of £500 to the 1st Balderton Scout Group

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 6058 Street Lighting** It was suggested that if people continue to complain, the County Council could be asked to check light levels in the 'dark spots' by using light meters.
3. **Re Minute 6062a D.A.R.E. Presentation** Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Green and Walker attended the John Hunt School graduation ceremony.

3952 **Committees**

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

Planning

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

3953 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a payment requirement of £30,460.74 for October 2017.

3954 **Reports from Representatives**

Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that the Y.M.C.A. has been granted planning permission for the Sports Village in Newark, adjacent to Balderton Lake.

District Cllr Payne advised that appeals against the two planning refusals for residential development of the Highfields School site are being considered by written representations. He suggested that the Parish Council should liaise with Newark Town Council to co-ordinate their respective written statements.

He also informed members that the District Council has set up a task force to make recommendations to the Full Council regarding the Parish Boundary Review which is being undertaken with implications for Balderton, Coddington and Newark's parish boundaries.

3955 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice of a Planning Training session at Castle House on Monday January 22nd 2018 at 2pm – the session will cover the planning process and material considerations in decision making. Any Councillor interested in attending to notify the Clerk.
- b) Notice that the District Council has adopted its Revised Charging Schedule for Community Infrastructure Levy and that this will come into effect on January 1st 2018.

3956 **Future Agenda Items**

No agenda items were put forward.

Seasonal greetings were exchanged
and the meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm.