

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday
November 29th 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Allen (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Mrs Hurst,
Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Scott and Ms White

with Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

3002 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Fletcher, Page, Walker and Watt.

3003 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Hurst, as a serving member of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

3004 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

3005 Clerk/Chairman's Update

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. The following issue was discussed from the update:

- 1. Re Minute 2259 Heron Way Car Park** The feedback received from the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Mr Bailey was that just one resident had reported an amount of noise and inconsiderate behaviour at times from young people in the area. Members considered that the situation should continue to be monitored but the installation of a CCTV camera could not be justified at this time given the limited reports of problems. Mr Bailey had also been told about noise from the Grove Angling Club members during early morning matches; a reminder will be sent to the Club about the need to be mindful of adjacent residents.

3006 Playing Field Facilities Survey

Initial discussion was given to seeking the view of visitors as to what facilities they would like to see on the playing field. Members considered it prudent to wait until the café is up and running before giving this idea further discussion.

3007 Field Weed Treatment

Members approved the groundstaff's request for the playing field to be professionally sprayed with weed killer, possibly with a later repeat treatment if deemed necessary. This was last undertaken in August 2015.

3008 Budget for 2018/19

Discussion was given to budgetary requirements for the next financial year, including the committee 'running cost' estimates which had been previously circulated and approved. Projects that the committee would like to include are: a large Parish Council sign for the field side of the Village Centre, a further notice board for Lakeside near to the bird feeding platform area at Orchid Close, refurbishment of the old cricket scorebox building which can then be utilised for storage space, resurfacing and possible extension of the Lakeside car park, extending the Village Centre bar area, and replacement of ten dog waste bins in the village which are in a very poor state.

The groundsmen's request for an additional hedge trimmer at £416, along with a pole pruner at £174 was approved but this will be funded from the current financial year's budget to secure them before price increases in 2018.

3009 Correspondence and Information

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

- a) One of the allotment plots has been used to burn what is believed to be old tyres and fridges. The tenant has been written to reminding him of the regulations, and he has been instructed to remove the debris immediately. There is however no proof as to who carried out the fire so further action cannot be taken at this time.
- b) Members were advised that the groundstaff have installed wooden posts as agreed by the Committee at the Blackthorne/Broome Close green area to prevent parking on the grass which also causes damage to the turf. Several residents have praised the installation work as the issue of vehicles being left on the grassed has been a cause for complaint for some years.

3010 Future Agenda Items

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm.