



# Balderton Parish Council Strategy

Adopted on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## MISSION STATEMENT

Balderton Parish Council aims to be forward thinking and outward looking, working with the residents of the village to bring about a thriving community and sustainable environment.

The council will work collectively to:

- Improve the quality of life for the residents of Balderton parish by ensuring that the village is a desirable, thriving, and sustainable place in which to live.
- Maintain high standards of governance, integrity, and transparency.
- Adopt high standards of financial management.
- Operate efficiently and effectively.
- Be a good employer.
- Work in partnership with others.
- Communicate clearly.
- Be a learning organisation.
- Fulfil statutory and regulatory requirements.

We pledge to:

1. Effectively communicate parish council work through the introduction of a parish newsletter, delivery of a new website and a parish council Facebook page.
2. Improve the openness of council by encouraging residents to attend our meetings and meeting with residents in the community.
3. Actively engage with stakeholders to understand their views, needs and aspirations for Balderton.
4. Work with residents and organisations to enhance what is on offer for our community and improve facilities in the area.
5. Develop Balderton Village Centre as a community hub of the parish.
6. Manage Balderton Lake effectively, improving the facilities such as bins, lifebuoys, and signage.

7. Develop the Glebe Road allotments to increase the number of plots available and ensure the site is as tidy as possible.
8. Continue our Burial Authority role, providing facilities for burials and ashes interments at Balderton Cemetery.
9. Continue to maintain St Giles Churchyard ensuring a survey is completed on the church walls and necessary repairs made.
10. Work to clean up the environment through the provision of bins at our sites, dog bins across the parish, community litter picking sessions and collaborating with partners who also provide services to keep our environment clean.
11. Work with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire Police to try to tackle pockets of antisocial behaviour in the parish.
12. Work closely with Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and any other agencies on all plans for the Parish. Additionally having good working relationships with parish councils in neighbouring communities with a view to sharing of information and liaising on matters of mutual concern.



## Action Plan

October 2023 to March 2025

For consideration January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Balderton Parish Council prepared this action plan at the end of 2023. Progress on projects will be reported by the Clerk during Amenities Committee and Full Council meetings on an ongoing basis. The council will review this action plan and consider an action plan for the financial year commencing April 2025 during the autumn of 2024.

	Area	Action	Target Completion Date
1	<b>Allotments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Clean up the site.</li> <li>b. Build bays for waste.</li> <li>c. Review the allotment holder agreement.</li> <li>d. Improve signage at the site.</li> <li>e. Clear vacant plots and let out to those at the top of the waiting list.</li> </ul>	December 2023 January 2024 January 2024 2024 January 2024
2	<b>Balderton Lake</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Appoint a company to give advice on a 10-year management plan.</li> <li>b. Review the lease with Grove Angling Club.</li> <li>c. Install new bins and rescue equipment (Safer Streets external funding).</li> <li>d. Install new signage (Safer Streets external funding).</li> <li>e. Install new fencing around Heron Way car park</li> </ul>	Feb/March 2024 Feb/March 2024 March 2024 2024 January 2024
3	<b>Balderton Village Centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Review hire agreement.</li> <li>b. Review pricing.</li> <li>c. Replace lighting (LED more efficient/cost saving in long term)</li> <li>d. Review and replace CCTV.</li> <li>e. Investigate/deliver installation of sound system and fixed projector equipment.</li> <li>f. Increase use of the centre through marketing and encouraging community use.</li> <li>g. Review of processes including legionella and fire risk assessment requirements.</li> <li>h. Review contracts for supplies to the centre. (BT December 2024, Gas March 2024, Sanitary Services January 2024)</li> </ul>	February 2024 February 2024 March 2024 March 2025 March 2025 Ongoing January 2024 Ongoing
4	<b>Balderton Cemetery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continue to maintain the site to a high standard.</li> <li>b. Investigate best way to deal with waste from the cemetery</li> </ul>	Ongoing February 2024

	Area	Action	Target Completion Date
5	<b>Coronation Street Playing field</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Install new four new benches<sup>1</sup> and bins<sup>2</sup> (Safer Streets external funding).</li> <li>b. Install youth pod (Safer Streets external funding).</li> <li>c. Work in partnership with N&amp;SDC and Nottinghamshire Police to review CCTV over the area.</li> </ul>	March 2024 Spring 2024 March 2024
6	<b>Litter/dog fouling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Six monthly inspection of dog bins; budget provision to replace these on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>b. Work with local organisations to deliver community litter picks.</li> <li>c. Improved signage at Balderton Lake and Coronation Street playing field (Safer Streets external funding).</li> <li>d. Work with local stakeholders<sup>3</sup> to address the issue.</li> </ul>	Ongoing  Ongoing July 2024  Ongoing
7	<b>St Giles Closed Churchyard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continue to maintain this to a high standard.</li> <li>b. Conduct a churchyard wall safety review.</li> <li>c. Deliver works required on churchyard walls.</li> </ul>	Ongoing. February 2024 Dept on survey results.
8	<b>Safer Streets Project<sup>4</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Work with partners to deliver this project within the timescales stipulated by the funding provider.</li> </ul>	March 2025
9	<b>Communications/ Transparency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Actively encourage residents to come to Balderton Parish Council meetings.</li> <li>b. Adoption of communication and engagement policy.</li> <li>c. Delivery of new website.</li> <li>d. Introduction of Facebook page.</li> <li>e. Introduction of twice-yearly newsletter.</li> </ul>	Ongoing November 2023 December 2023 December 2023 March 2024 <i>(target for first issue).</i>
10	<b>Administration and Policy review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Review of all processes/training in the parish council office to ensure that we are efficient and delivering best value.</li> <li>b. Introduction of quarterly finance reporting.</li> <li>c. Introduction of councillor induction training.</li> <li>d. Introduction of policies to ensure best practice. <i>(Clerk to prioritise and bring to parish council meetings throughout).</i></li> </ul>	March 2025  January 2024 January 2024 March 2025

<sup>1</sup> Replace four benches in play area.

<sup>2</sup> Replace two bins. Two new bins.

<sup>3</sup> Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council

<sup>4</sup> Safer Streets is a project being delivered in partnership with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire Police to try to tackle antisocial behaviour in certain areas of the parish. This includes provision of bins, benches, youth pod(s), improved CCTV, lighting, and signage, a water safety day, engagement sessions and introduction of a neighbourhood watch scheme.