



# Balderton Parish Council Amenities Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7pm

**Attendees:**

**Balderton Parish Councillors:** Vanessa Bracegirdle, Mandie Elson (Chairman), Simon Forde, Leigh Marshall and Debbie Moore (Vice Chairman)

**Staff:** Marion Fox Goddard (Parish Clerk), Jim Brown (Head Groundsman)

**Public:** 4 residents joined the meeting

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**1. Declarations to record the meeting**

The clerk recorded the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Buxton, Callingham, Fairbairn, Hall, Mallard, Sellars, and White

**3. Declarations of interest**

Simon Forde – District Councillor

**4. Public Open Forum**

Four residents attended the meeting; Three to discuss item 6 and one to discuss item 7.

**5. Clerk's update**

The report was noted.

**6. Decision regarding a request from resident to put nets on goals for personal use**

Due to byelaws, permission needs to be sought from the parish council. The committee unanimously agreed to allow 2 residents to erect their nets (when practising) for a three month trial period after which a decision can be made whether to extend this. Should any other requests be received, these will need to be considered by the Amenities Committee on a case by case basis

**7. Discussion regarding an artificial cricket wicket**

A representative from Balderton Cricket Club explained that they had applied to WREN for a grant (still awaiting decision) for an artificial wicket as discussed with the council previously. The clerk asked for the following to be sent to the council so all councillors are aware of the proposal:

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- WREN application
- Specification for the artificial wicket
- Map with proposed location.

Clerk and Balderton Cricket Club will liaise regarding this issue so necessary arrangements and agreements can be worked on and taken to full council.

**8. Recommendation to Full Council on the dog waste bins replacements**

Following the last meeting, quotes are being prepared to take to the next full council. We have a spare bin for Staple Lane and permission to site the bin will be sought from the relevant authority. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend to full council that the bins are replaced when needed and budgetary provision be made each year.

**9. Consideration regarding whether to request/install signage Rowan Way/Heron Way:**

After debating the pros and cons of signage and discussion on whether signs would change parking on Heron Way, the committee agreed to suggest to council that leaving a note on windscreens to notify drivers of the car park and putting improved signage in the parish council noticeboard would be the best first step to take, with this being revisited in future should the problem persist.

**10. Recommendation for the Jubilee Clock**

The committee unanimously agreed to recommend to Full Council that this project is shelved (due to the installer informing the council that the planned location is not suitable) and to divert grant money received to another project such as the millennium clock.

**11. Recommendation regarding the possible replacement Millennium Clock**

The committee agreed to recommend to full council to consult with residents on this.

**12. Consideration how to minimise attracting vermin to homes near the lake**

The committee agreed to place signs in the noticeboard (with rats on).

**13. Date for the 2024 summer fete – proposed weekend 13/14 July 2024**

The clerk had sent an electronic poll to all councillors to gauge when most would be available. It was noted that the Sunday would be better. Clerk will take a proposal regarding whether a committee, subcommittee or working group is appropriate for this project.

**14. Damage to trees next to the moonstone at Balderton Lake**

The committee noted the report on the vandalism.

**15. Memorial tree for Tom Scott**

The committee unanimously agreed to plant a Silver birch tree at the Lakeside

**16. Decision on whether to issue keys to Balderton Village Centre to regular users of the building**

The committee unanimously agreed to issue keys and alarm fobs to regular users.

At 9pm the committee unanimously agreed to extend the meeting to ensure all agenda items were considered.

**17. Consideration of buying bulbs to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Coronation Street playing field and 130 year anniversary of Balderton Parish Council (both in 2024).**

It was agreed that Cllr Elson and the head groundsman will get quotes so this can be taken to Full Council for consideration.

**18. Delegation of decisions regarding dogs being allowed in the centre to a case by case basis and Terms and Conditions for use of the hall.**

The committee agreed to delegate such decisions to the clerk and noted that she will make recommendations on the terms and conditions at a later date.

**19. Discussion on the idea having A4 lockable frames for litter posters**

The committee agreed to improve signage in the noticeboard and on Balderton Parish Council bins around the lake (laminated signs). All councillors to send details of litter hotspots to Cllr Forde so he can see if N&SDC can get WISE officers to do patrols. Councillors noted that N&SDC are redesigning their litter posters so these may be able to be used in future. (Lockable frames were not opted for). A policy on litter could be considered in future.

**20. Items of correspondence and information**

- a. Grove Angling Club will be doing the mapping of the lake on 30/31 October. Netting will be done on 26 February 2024.
- b. An email had been received about pond weed in the lake. The head groundsman detailed that this normally naturally disperses but confirmed that he will monitor this.
- c. Emails regarding fencing around Heron Way carpark repairs – Ground staff have started to replace this and aim to get it finished by early November (weather dependent).

**21. Items for consideration on future agendas.**

- a. Request for funding for specific planter from local school for commemoration of King Charles' coronation – *Clerk to look at original decision and take to Full Council for a decision.*

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

**Future parish council meetings – open to the public**

Planning Committee Meeting: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm

Full Council Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm

Amenities Committee Meeting: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm