

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Mayall B.E.M., Scott and Ms White  
with Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

### 3157 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Green, Mrs Newstead and Newstead.

### 3158 **Declarations of Interest**

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

### 3159 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

### 3160 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

1. **Re Minute 3122 Heron Way Car Park** County Cllr Walker will be asked to expedite the authority's response to a request for funding towards the project cost.
2. **Re Minute 3133.2 Granby Drive Grass** County Cllr Walker will be asked to expedite the authority's solution to this issue as vehicles are still driving over the grassed area using it as a through route to Priory Close.
3. **Re Minute 3150 Play Area Upgrade** Members noted and were grateful to a resident for suggestions relating to play area upgrade and improvement ideas.

### 3161 **Lakeside Fencing**

Consideration was given to cordoning off an area of shoreline near to "The Moonstone" at the Lake for wildlife protection purposes. Members agreed it beneficial to hold a site meeting prior to making any decision.

### 3162 **Playing Field Artwork**

Consideration was given to asking local artist Christine Goldschmidt to create a painting of the Playing Field, similar in style to the one commissioned earlier this year for Lakeside which cost £167 for the original artwork and a quality copy. Members approved this proposal and expenditure.

3163 **Christmas Competition**

Members discussed the option of re-introducing a Council competition to select the best externally decorated house and business in Balderton at Christmas-time. It is a number of years since the Council has run the competition which was always judged by the Chairman in office at the time. Members supported the suggestion, agreeing that the two winners should each be presented with a certificate and bottle of wine.

3164 **Britain in Bloom**

Initial consideration was given to Balderton entering the 'Britain in Bloom' competition which allows groups to compete on a regional basis initially and then nationally if successful, using gardening to transform their communities. Members supported this idea in principle and Cllr Roberts, who was unable to attend the meeting but had asked that this item be considered, will be asked to take it forward and become the co-ordinator.

3165 **Budgets for 2020/21**

Members reviewed and approved the committee 'running cost' estimates for the next financial year, copies having been previously circulated. These budget costs will form part of the process to determine the Precept requirement for 2020/21.

3166 **Highway Faults**

The following faults/issues were raised and will be passed onto the relevant authorities:

- a) The poor state of the road surface on Manners Road in general which is breaking up in several places.
- b) A section of Hawton Lane near to the bridge, immediately next to where the road was re-surfaced, regularly floods during heavy rainfall.
- c) Grove Street has numerous potholes all the way along the road.

3167 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) A letter from a Lakeside resident regarding Council tree branches which are overhanging his back garden, asking that they be cut back. The Head Groundsman advised that the trees have been inspected and do require some attention; this work will be undertaken during the autumn/winter months as part of routine tree work.
- b) Two of the Council provided defibrillators have recently been deployed- the unit located on the Cricket Club building and the one on the Chuter Ede School fence.
- c) The Council's MacMillan Coffee Morning which was held on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 raised £372.44

3168 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Lynch asked that the issue of road safety in the Staple Lane/London Road junction be discussed. This will be included on the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting agenda next week.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.45pm.