

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT Councillors Walker (Chairman), Mrs Hurst (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Scott and Watt

with District Cllr Payne, County Councillor Wallace, two parishioners and the Clerk.

### 3927 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fletcher, Rouse and Ms White.

### 3928 **Declarations of Interest**

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

### 3929 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments; the parishioners present did not raise any issues and the meeting re-opened.

### 3930 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2017, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 3931 **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 3898.b Post Box** Members considered that a separate request for a new post box should be submitted to Royal Mail to replace the one removed from the Lakeside Shopping Centre.

#### b) Amenities

#### c) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 6033 Catkin Way Land** Members were advised of the applicant's disappointment and additional comments regarding the Committee's decision not to sell off any Council land, but they remained satisfied that their grounds for the decision were justified.

2. **Re Minute 6035 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 approve the payments of

£500 to the Newark Academy (Drama Department)

£250 to the Magnus Academy (Dance Mania)

£560 to John Hunt Primary School

£100 to Newark Community First Aid

this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

**3. Re Minute 6036 Newark Police Custody Suite** The potential effect, should the local facility be closed, for anyone being arrested and having to get back to Newark from other custody suites in the County was also discussed; this should also be highlighted in the Council's letters of objection to the proposal.

**4. Re Minute 6039d Summer Fete** Cllr Mrs Hurst congratulated those involved in organising the Fete which had been well run and very successful in raising £1000 for the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance

3932 **Committees**

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

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

3933 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being payment requirements of £50,171.54 for June, £69,484.60 for July and £56,762.65 in August.

3934 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Wallace asked members to join him in complimenting the County Council's Emergency Planning Team in their handling of the recent arson incident at the disused Grove Leisure Centre building. They had responded very quickly, carrying out checks for any asbestos and keeping local residents informed of the changing situation.

He also advised that he has put forward Coronation Street and Smith Street for road resurfacing; all County Councillors have been invited to submit priority projects for roads in their own areas.

County Cllr Walker, advised that he had submitted Hawton Lane as one of his priority road projects to the County Council

District Cllr Payne endorsed the comments of Cllr Wallace regarding the actions of the Emergency Planning Team and their very efficient handling of the Leisure Centre fire incident. The District Council has now entirely moved over to the authority's new base 'Castle House' on Kelham Road in Newark. The National Cycle Race which finished a

stage of the race at Sconce Hills Park on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 was a highly successful and prestigious occasion for Newark and surrounding areas. The two planning applications, both for residential development at the Highfields School site had recently been unanimously refused by District Council members, essentially on the grounds that they were not sustainable.

**3935 Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) A request for further seating in a bus shelter off Wolfit Avenue had been turned down by the County Council because to increase the seating area would prohibit access for wheelchairs and pushchairs.
- b) Notice of a District Council Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 where the application is being considered to erect 3 dwellings on land to the rear of 196 London Road. No-one was able to attend the meeting but this Council's written objections to the application have been previously submitted.

**3936 Future Agenda Items**

No items were put forward.

The meeting closed at approximately 7:35pm.