

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday March 13th 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Ms White (Vice Chairman) Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Rouse, Scott and Walker

with two parishioners and the Clerk.

4060 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Page and Watt, County Cllr Wallace and District Cllr Lee.

4061 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.

4062 Public Participation

No-one present wished to make any comments.

4063 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 30th 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4064 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 4052.a1 Internal Drainage Board** Clarification had been obtained that the organisation's refurbishment work had only extended to the routine clearance of dykes and ditches in the locality.
- 2. Re Minute 4052.d2 Christmas Tree** County Cllr Wallace had advised that the authority will consider the request to put Christmas lights into an existing tree in front of the new Orchard School once work has commenced. The County Council can then assess the exact location of on-site lighting columns that could be used to power the Christmas lights. He will also seek approval for this project in principle from the School.

3. **Re Minute 4058a Street Lights along Public Footpath no. 11** Cllr Walker undertook to raise the issue regarding responsibility for maintenance of the street lights in question at a scheduled meeting with County Cllr John Cottee.
- b) Amenities
1. **Re Minute 3107.2 Granby Drive Grassed Area** Cllr Walker undertook to arrange a site meeting with the County Highways Manager and local members regarding the ongoing problem of vehicles driving over the green area.
 2. **Re Minute 3108 Heron Way Car Park** A letter will now be submitted to Cllr Walker to enquire if the County Council would assist with funding towards the resurfacing project.
 3. **Re Minute 3109 Allotment Rent** As the outstanding invoice for water used at the allotments over the past two years has just been received, members agreed to reconsider the setting of allotment rent. The issue will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.
 4. **Re Minute 3110 Café Tenancy** The Reach organisation has now published an advert for the position of café manager and it is still their intention to open in the latter part of May.
- c) Lakeside Working Party
1. **Re Minute 0015 Rats** Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that a complaint has been submitted to the District Council about the number of rats at Lakeside, particularly from a garden in a Catkin Way residential property. Members agreed to see what happens as a result of that complaint and give further discussion to this issue at the next committee meeting.
- d) Planning
1. **Re Minute 0476c New Fence 106 Hawton Lane** The District Council has responded to the complaint about the new fence and agrees that the structure is unauthorised and requires planning permission. The planning authority will consult with the County Council's Highways Department in the meantime.
- e) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)
1. **Re Minute 6170 Chuter Ede Primary School Parking** District Cllr Lee had advised that additional patrols will be undertaken outside the village schools to issue fixed penalty tickets where appropriate. This will be carried out by both the District's Civil Enforcement Officers and the County Council's Camera Car to try and ease the thoughtless and dangerous parking problems.

4065 Committees

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

Amenities

Lakeside Working Party

Planning

Finance and General Purposes

4066 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £27,113.45 for January and £28,932.05 for February 2019.

4067 **Reports from Representatives**

No reports were received.

4068 **Highways Faults**

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

1. Hawton Lane flooded recently after heavy rainfall and it had then taken a long time to drain away. A similar situation had taken place on London Road near to Highfields School.
2. A large pot hole on London Road between the Highfields School and The Woodwards has still not been repaired despite being reported to the County Council some time ago.
3. A number of potholes and/or the road surface is in a poor condition near to William Ghent House on Mount Road.

4069 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice that it is no longer a requirement for candidates home addresses to be published on ballot papers for local elections.
- b) NALC will be holding several training courses for new Councillors after the local elections on May 2nd 2019.
- c) Lamp post poppies are once again available from the Royal British Legion at a suggested donation price of £3 each. The Council currently has seventeen which are an adequate number for the Remembrance Sunday Parade route along Main Street. Members considered it would be preferable to also install some along London Road; approval was given to purchase up to twenty three additional poppies for this purpose.
- d) The latest Police Commissioner's newsletter advising that 40 additional police officers will be appointed across the county in 2019/20.
- e) The District Council has adopted its Amended Core Strategy Development Plan which forms part of the Development Plan for the District.
- f) A request to hold a fund raising, open air cinema event on the playing field one summer evening. Members considered on balance that this is not a feasible activity for the playing field.

4070 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.45pm.