

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday January 25th 2017 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillors Walker (Chairman), Mrs Hurst (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Major Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Rouse, Scott and Ms White

with three representatives of the Y.M.C.A., two parishioners and the Clerk.

3869 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fletcher, Green, Page and Watt, and District Cllr Lee. A leave of six months absence was approved for Cllr Fletcher on the grounds of ill health.

3870 **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.

3871 **Public/Y.M.C.A Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments, including hearing from representatives of the Y.M.C.A. who outlined the organisation's wish to undertake supervised boating activity on the Council's Lake. This would form part of the organisation's Sport and Community Village (SCV) located next to the Newark Sport and Fitness Centre off Bowbridge Road which is only separated from the Lake by the Sustrans track. The aim is to provide modern integrated sport and community facilities, in addition to programmes and activities that engage the wider community. The Lakeside proposal includes provision of a boathouse (located on the SCV itself, not on Council land) which has toilets and a café kiosk, a security fenced boat launch/dock platform and a well-being/sensory meditation garden. The organisation would work with the Council to help secure the whole Lakeside area, manage noise disturbance, help with environmental, wildlife and erosion concerns, and support anglers and the general public. Booklets outlining the proposals were circulated and members were invited to ask questions.

They were thanked for their attendance and information and they left the meeting at approximately 7.35pm. The parishioners present did not raise any issues and the meeting was re-opened.

3872 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 14th 2016, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

3873 **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 3862.f Community Speed Watch It was considered beneficial to invite District Council officer Mr Terry Bailey to a meeting regarding the Community Speed Watch programme where volunteer groups can deploy hand held 'speed guns' to promote traffic calming in problem areas.

b) Café Working Party 14/12/16 & 09/01/17

- 1. Re Minute 0012 Building Agent** Members considered it beneficial to obtain and review a third quotation to appoint a Building Agent for the project; the appointment will be agreed at the meeting scheduled for next week.
- 2. Re Minute 0011 Cricket Scorebox** The Club will be expedited for its scorebox requirements.

c) Amenities

1. Re Minute 2211 Lakeside Trees The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Amenities Chairman undertook to hold a further site meeting on Monday January 30th 2017.

2. Re Minute 2214b Vertical Blinds Members reviewed the quotations and it was,

AGREED with nine votes for and two abstentions to accept the quotation of £226.67 from North Notts Blinds for fire retardant, sealed bottom vertical blinds and new track.

d) Planning

e) Finance & General Purposes

1. Re Minute 5078 Web Site The District Council has provided a report of the 'web traffic' for the Council's web-site since the District Council took over its hosting in July 2016, showing how many people have accessed the site and which pages have been read.

3874 **Committees**

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

Café Working Party 14/12/16 & 09/01/17

Amenities

Planning

Finance & General Purposes

3875 **Parking outside Schools**

Concerns were expressed about constant inconsiderate and, at times, dangerous parking which occurs outside the village schools which only seems to ease when the Civil Enforcement Officers or the County Council's 'camera car' are patrolling the area. Members considered that the Council needs to take a more pro-active approach and it was agreed that the County's Road Safety Officer be invited to a meeting to discuss possible options and strategies.

3876 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a payment requirement of £21,222.93 for December 2016.

3877 Reports from Representatives

District Cllr Lee had asked that members be advised that on a recent visit to the Lakeside area he had received complaints about the number of dogs being walked off the lead which contravenes the 'Dogs on Leads' order for the area. He had been asked if additional signs could be installed. He had also reported that there was a lot of litter visible at Lakeside (Council groundstaff had just carried out a considerable amount of cutting back/clearing vegetation which had revealed it – this has since been picked up).

Cllr Owen reported that on a recent icy day, the Wordsworth Drive road surface was very slippery. He asked if the route is on the Winter gritting programme as it is on a bus route? Cllr Walker undertook to make enquiries with the County Council.

Cllr Newstead reported that the parking bays at the remaining Lakeside Shopping Centre are often full of Lidl contractors' vehicles, making it difficult for customers to park and thereby affecting business to the shops. He enquired whether the contractors could be allowed to park on the old Leisure Centre car park site to ease the problem. Enquiries will be made.

3878 Clerk's Additional Information

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

- a) An e-mail asking the Council to support a resident's request to Nottinghamshire County Council for Pinfold Lane to be resurfaced. Cllr Walker undertook to raise this issue with the authority.
- b) An e-mail complaining about a wind turbine which has appeared in fields off Lowfield Lane. It is understood that the turbines are actually part of the windfarm which is located in Hawton parish.
- c) A letter from Robert Jenrick M.P. that the government will not be imposing the Council tax referendum principles for parish councils in the 2017/18 financial year.
- d) An invitation from the Recycling Officer at Veolia for community tours of the Material Recovery Facility in Mansfield. Several members expressed an interest in attending; further enquiries will be made.

3879 Future Agenda Items

1. Cllr Owen asked that consideration be given to the "playstreet" idea where a street is closed for 2-3 hours to allow children to play safely there. Further details will be obtained and the issue included on an Amenities committee agenda.

2. Members considered it appropriate to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the Y.M.C.A.'s proposal for Lakeside – date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.20pm.