# **Balderton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Coun

Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mallard, Mayall B.E.M., Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M.B.E. and Scott

with County Cllr Girling, one member of the public and the Clerk.

# 4298 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Lynch, and County Councillors Lee and Smith. Newark Police Inspector Charlotte Allardice who was scheduled to attend the meeting had also sent notice that she was unable to attend owing to a last-minute personal issue. Members expressed their disappointment at this news but were pleased however to note that she had undertaken to attend the next Full Council meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2021.

#### 4299 **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.

### 4300 **Public Participation**

The member of the public present did not wish to address the Council.

### 4301 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 4302 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
  - 1. Re Minute 4288 Jubilee Working Party Members undertook to arrange a meeting of the Working Party as soon as possible. County Cllr Girling informed that there could be funding available for Jubilee celebration projects and the County Council is looking to make the application process easier for temporary road closures to encourage street party events.
- b) Planning
- c) Amenities
- d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 7369 Remembrance Sunday Arrangements** Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that St. Giles Church is anticipating a return to a full parade this year despite the Balderton branch of the Royal British Legion having folded and any ongoing Covid 19 restrictions. Cllr Mrs Hurst, who has been involved in the parades in the past through the local British Legion, undertook to make the necessary arrangements on behalf of the Council including any necessary road closure applications. Members expressed their appreciation to her for doing this.

### 4303 Committees

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

Planning

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

#### 4304 Financial Statements

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £23,535.14 for June and £22,273.44 for July 2021.

# 4305 **Reports from Representatives**

District Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that a company has been contracted by the authority to provide personnel support to the Community Protection Officer team to help enforce breaches of dog control orders, littering offences etc.

County Cllr Girling advised that there is new criteria and an easier application process for the authority's Local Improvement Scheme which has a fund of £1,000,000 available for capital projects in the community.

County Cllr Smith had submitted a written report to update members:

He is working with County officers to resolve drainage issues on Wolfit Avenue, Bullpit Road road markings are to be refreshed, and a speed survey undertaken there. He has nominated sections of Coddington Road between Main Street (including the bridge) and Barnby Road for resurfacing. He has requested speed reductions on Bullpit Road and Barnby Road. He has, with Cllr Lee jointly donated £1000 to the Newark Dementia Carers Group who meet twice weekly in the Village Centre.

Cllr Ms White referred to former Councillor Raymond Rouse's recent resignation, asking that the Council's appreciation to him be recorded. He has been a committed and hardworking Parish Councillor for Balderton and will be sorely missed. Members concurred with these sentiments.

### 4306 **Highways Faults**

Members were invited to raise any new issues or faults to pass onto relevant authorities:

1. A considerable amount of fly tipping has again been left on Staple Lane.

#### 4307 Clerk's Additional Information

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

- a) Notice that the junction of Barnby Road and Bullpit Road is scheduled for three-way traffic signs during tree pruning work being undertaken by Western Power on Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm.
- b) Inspector Allardice had provided a written report in her absence to update members, advising that tackling anti-social behaviour has been a priority and plain clothes officers have been operational at the Lake resulting in offenders being dealt with through the restorative justice programme. The Police are working with the District Council to roll out education packages to divert young people away from harming wildlife. Nuisance vehicles ranging from e-scooters to cars are causing problems on the Lidl car park and surrounding area; an officer has been tasked to try and identify these vehicles and owners for targeting.

### 4308 Future Agenda Items

Cllr Roberts asked that the 'Balderton in Bloom' suggestion be discussed in committee.

# **4309 Co-Option**

Members met with Mr Dan Gloster who had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor for the Balderton South Ward vacancy. Mr Gloster had submitted a written application and this had been circulated to members for their perusal prior to the meeting. No other nominations had been received. A show of hands vote was taken and it was,

AGREED unanimously, that Mr Dan Gloster be co-opted onto the Council. He duly signed his Acceptance of Office.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.15pm