

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday February 22nd 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Scott (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Walker and Ms White

with Cllr Allen, Head Groundsman Mr Brown, one parishioner and the Clerk.

2216 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Fletcher.

2217 **Declarations of Interest**

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. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

2218 **Public Participation**

One parishioner again expressed his concerns about Silver Birch trees at Lakeside. These had been cut back as requested to the rear of his property but he considered that they were still overhanging his boundary fence, albeit at height. Though acknowledging that a requested site meeting had taken place, he still considered that the trees should be cut back further (which members did not consider was the case).

He was thanked for his attendance and the meeting re-opened.

2219 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes.

- 1. Re Minute 2214a Attendants** Discussion was given to the problems experienced by the attendants getting people to vacate the playing field at the scheduled closing time of 5pm now that the evenings are getting lighter. Members suggested that two members of staff could attend together if that would help and considered that the Police should be called if people became abusive. Consideration will also be given to installing a large clock in the apex of the new Café that can be easily seen.
- 2. Re Minute 2214c Allotment Rubbish** Members were concerned to hear that asbestos has now also been left at the allotments which will require specialist costly removal in addition to the skip costs for the remaining rubbish. Once the total cost is known letters will be sent to all tenants asking for their help to police the site to prevent fly tipping from happening again along with a warning that any further similar costs may have to be passed on to the tenants.

2220 **Charges and Fees**

Members reviewed the charges and fees for the Cemetery, Sports and Village Centre and agreed that no increases should be made for the next financial year.

2221 **Lakeside Trees**

Members considered an e-mail which was previously circulated from a Lakeside resident complaining that trees had not been removed as he believed was agreed at the September 2016 committee meeting. It was re-iterated that the trees have been cut back as agreed during a site meeting held in November but the committee did not agree to remove the trees as alleged. Cllr Walker asked, and it was agreed, that this issue be deferred for further discussion to the next committee meeting.

The parishioner left the meeting.

2222 **Litter**

A complaint had been made to Cllr Walker regarding litter in the Lansbury Road area although members did not consider that it was particularly problematic in that area. A request for a litter bin at the Warwick Road end of the playing field was approved.

2223 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) A further letter of complaint from a Lakeside resident regarding tree maintenance; this was referred to the next committee meeting.
- b) A letter from a Lakeside resident asking if the Council will enforce its own byelaws regarding no cycling around the Lake and reporting an increase in dogs not being kept on leads there. The Police and District Council Dog Warden will be asked to pay attention to the area.

2224 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were put forward.

2225 ***Exempt Agenda Item***

It was resolved that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the special nature of the information in the business to be transacted, any public and press be excluded from the meeting for the duration of this agenda item. Mr Brown duly left the meeting.

A legal issue was discussed and agreed upon.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.20pm.