

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday April 17th 2019 at 7.15pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Ms White (Vice Chairman) Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Rouse and Scott
with County Cllr Wallace, District Cllr Lee, three parishioners and the Clerk.

4071 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Owen, Page, Walker and Watt and District Cllr Payne.

4072 Declarations of Interest

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

4073 Public Participation

No-one present wished to make any comments.

4074 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 13th 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4075 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 4064.a3 Responsibility of Street Lights along Public Footpath no. 11

Cllr Mrs Brooks advised that she is waiting for a response from a District Council officer regarding cutting back tree vegetation around the lights. Any outcome of County Cllr John Cottee's involvement in this issue is not known.

b) Lakeside Working Party

1. **Re Minute 00175 Agreement** Members considered that as the revised draft agreement has not yet been received from the YMCA, the whole issue must now be determined by the new Council after the Annual General Meeting on May 22nd 2019.

c) Amenities

1. **Re Minute 3107.2 Granby Drive Grassed Area** It is not known whether Cllr Walker has yet arranged a site meeting with the County Highways Manager regarding the ongoing problem of vehicles driving over the green area.

2. **Re Minute 3113.b Lakeside Information Map** The artist has now completed the artwork which members had the opportunity of viewing at the meeting. A copy of

the design will now be used in a lectern style information board for the Lakeside area and the original will be framed and displayed in the Council Office.

3. **Re Minute 3114 Lakeside Litter Bin** A quote of £326 has been obtained for a galvanised steel basket style bin which members considered to be expensive; Cllr Ms White undertook to obtain an alternative estimate.
4. **Re Minute 3120 Café Tenancy** A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday April 24th to meet with Reach representatives and discuss necessary kitchen alterations. The Working Party will then need to determine the monthly rent in order that the tenancy agreement can be completed in readiness for signing.

d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 6178.1 Christmas Tree** County Cllr Wallace advised that the Council should give careful consideration to exactly what it wants, the extent of responsibility, and future maintenance of, the proposed Christmas tree area to the front of the new Orchard School. Only then should a formal proposal and plan be submitted to the County Council. The issue was referred back to the committee for further discussion.
2. **Re Minute 6178.2 Chuter Ede School Parking** District Cllr Lee advised that he is still extremely concerned about the dangerous parking issues in the school's vicinity. The increased patrols and issuing of fixed penalty tickets do not seem to have had a positive impact. The County and District Councils are scheduled to hold meetings to discuss these issues and try and find a solution.
3. **Re Minute 6179a Free Resource** It was,

AGREED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council approves the payment of £500 to Newark Dementia Carers Group; this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

4076 **Committees**

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

Lakeside Working Party

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4077 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £64,557.92 for March 2019.

4078 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Wallace reported that the bollard has now been replaced near to Brisbane Court grassed area; the missing bollard was exacerbating parking problems in the Chuter Ede

School vicinity. He undertook to look at Bullpit Road between the Veterinary surgery and Brisbane Court where it had been reported the road surface is in a poor condition, and reminded members that any highways issues in his ward could be reported directly to him.

District Cllr Lee reported that ownership of Brisbane Court has been clarified and enquiries show that the hard standing area to the Bullpit Road frontage of the site was not sold off with the rest of the site but retained by the original owner. It may be beneficial to get into dialogue with the owner to try and create proper car parking bays there which could ease the hazardous traffic congestion in the area.

4079 **Highways Faults**

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

1. The surface of Belvoir Road near to Sainsbury's is in a poor condition and badly broken up in places.
2. The medieval hedge located near to Lacey Green should be inspected by the owners Newark & Sherwood District Council; this has been neglected in the past in terms of routine work and then quite drastic cutting back work was undertaken which caused considerable local concern.

4080 **Clerk's Additional Information**

The following item of correspondence/information has been received and was noted:

- a) A World War I Memorial bench, recently installed on the playing field next to the café was vandalised within a week of it being installed. It was sprayed with silver paint and burnt/badly scuffed on an arm. The Police are making enquiries about this instance of criminal damage. It is understood that this is linked to an incident of graffiti on the 'Welcome to Balderton' sign on London Road which had just been brought to the Council's attention this same evening. Members discussed the anti-social behaviour problems that have been experienced recently on the field, ranging from constant misuse and flooding of the public toilet (currently closed) and branches being broken off trees. It may again prove necessary to employ the services of a private security company to patrol the field during the summer.

4081 **Future Agenda Items**

Following the Annual Parish Meeting where the Council's accounts for 2018/19 were circulated and noted, Cllr Allen asked that the reason for the Council's reduced reserves be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.50pm.