

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Mrs Lee (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Batey, Mrs Brooks, Fairbairn, Green, Lynch, Mallard, Mrs Newstead and Newstead  
with County Cllrs Girling and Smith, seven members of the public and the Clerk.

The Chairman advised all present that the meeting was being recorded.

4393 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gloster, Roberts M.B.E., Scott, Ms White and County Cllr Lee.

4394 **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.

4395 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments relating to scheduled agenda items. During this item a resident questioned the Council's practice of not publishing draft minutes and any supporting papers that are on the agenda for approval.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

4396 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2022, having been circulated previously were approved, confirmed as a true record and signed.

4397 **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:-

- a) Council
- b) Amenities

1. **Re Minute 3416 Anti-Social Behaviour at Dance Studio** An application for the cost (£4745) to fence off the canopy area of the Studio building has been submitted to the Police Commissioner's projects fund. County Cllr Smith has personally supported the bid.

2. **Re Minute 3418 Bee Hives at Allotments** Members considered that a registered bee keeper should be invited to the next committee meeting to advise members about this subject before a decision is taken whether to allow hives to be sited on the allotments.

c) Planning

1. **Re Minute 0620.a Fences** A retrospective planning application has been submitted for the new fence and gates at 218 London Road.

d) Finance & General Purposes

1. **Re Minute 7453 Free Resource** It was,

AGREED in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council approves the payments of £500 to Chuter Ede Primary School and £250 to Newark Academy, this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

4398 **Committees**

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

Amenities of June 29<sup>th</sup> 2022

Planning of July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

Finance & General Purposes of July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

4399 **Council Minutes**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed. No items were discussed from the minutes.

4400 **Policies & Documents**

The following documents and policies, copies having been previously circulated, were approved:

Publication Scheme and Information Available

Documents & Records Management Policy

Recruitment Policy

Cyber Security Policy

4401 **Football Fees**

Members reviewed the football fees for the forthcoming season and it was,

AGREED that the fees be increased by 5% with immediate effect.

4402 **Financial Statement**

The details as published were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £36,111.45 for May and £23,335.82 for June 2022. The sharp increase in water usage at the allotments was raised - checks will be made to ascertain whether there are any leaks on the system.

4403 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Smith advised that the County Council is investing an extra £15 million for road repairs. Local roads that have benefitted recently are Smith Street which has been partially resurfaced (further work is due imminently) and Wordsworth Drive is scheduled for work towards the end of September.

County Cllr Girling advised that August 25<sup>th</sup> is Nottinghamshire Day with many planned activities across the county. The event is about celebrating everything that is good about living in Nottinghamshire. Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> is Merchant Navy Day and there will be a flag raising ceremony at County Hall to mark this event.

4404 **Highways Faults**

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

1. A request for the 'Little Warwick' road street sign to also show 'leading to Macaulay Drive' to ease any confusion for delivery drivers.
2. The Manners Road estate water pumps that should automatically activate when surface water levels rise did not work yesterday during heavy rainfall; estate roads were flooded and sewage could be seen amongst the water.

4405 **Clerk's Additional Information**

The following item of correspondence/information had been received and were noted:

- a) The District Council's Planning Department has asked whether Parish Council members have any appetite for some basic training in relation to responding to planning applications. Some members responded that they would find this beneficial.
- b) The Notts Association of Local Councils (NALC) is offering a New Councillor Training course on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Interested members to notify the Clerk.
- c) NALC's AGM will take place on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in Oxton Village Hall. Interested members to notify the Clerk.
- d) Crime and anti-social behaviour statistics from the Police for Balderton from February to the end of July. Response times for the incidents had been requested but PCSO Katie Hewerdine had advised that these could only be obtained through a Freedom of Information Request. Members asked that such a request be formally submitted.
- e) The latest Police Stakeholder Update from Temporary Inspector Ward. Members considered that Inspector Ward should be invited to a meeting to address members regarding any policing issues.
- f) Notice that the Pizza takeaway outlet on Lakeside Shopping Centre has applied to extend their trading hours. No objections or concerns have been brought to the Council's attention.

4406 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Mrs Batey asked for an update at the next Amenities meeting regarding the 'Friends of Balderton Lake' issue.

County Cllr Girling suggested that the Council gives consideration to upgrading its Armed Forces Covenant pledge from Bronze to Silver.

Cllr Allen asked that the Council's appreciation be recorded for members of the Fire Service who have worked tirelessly during the exceptionally hot, dry summer.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.20pm