

Balderton Parish Council

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July 20th 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council which will be held in the Balderton Village Centre on **Wednesday July 26th 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Cheryl Davison-Lyth
Clerk to the Council

Agenda

Please note that if anyone intends to record the meeting they should notify the Council in advance in order that the Chairman may notify all present at the onset of the meeting.

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1. To accept apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest
3. To take any public comments in accordance with Council Standing Orders; *please note the entitlement to speak is only for items on the published agenda.*
4. To receive reports from representatives including District & County Councillors.
5. To receive any reports regarding street faults to pass onto relevant authorities.
6. To confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on June 28th 2023.
7. To confirm and approve the minutes of the following committees:
Amenities of July 12th 2023
Planning of June 28th 2023
8. To receive the Clerk's/Chairman's update; action, matters arising from minutes.
9. To note the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on April 12th 2023.
10. To revisit the decision allowing the Y.M.C.A. to undertake supervised kayaking and canoeing on the Lake.

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11. To receive any Councillor nominations for the Notts Association of Local Councils' (NALC's) Executive Committee; please note each Council may only submit one nomination.
12. To consider a request for financial support from Chuter Ede Primary School for £665 to fund the Drug, Alcohol and Resistance Training (DAaRT) programme (copy of grant application form attached).
13. To determine which four Councillors are to be the signatories on the Council's Skipton Building Society savings account.
14. To approve the financial statements (copies enclosed; please raise any queries regarding the statements prior to the meeting date).
15. To receive the Clerk's additional information (copies of any correspondence enclosed for information).
16. Items for inclusion on future agendas.
17. Exempt item – legal issue.

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday June 28th 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Jane Buxton (Chairman), Gill Lee (Vice Chairman), Vanessa Bracegirdle, Kath Desborough, Roy Fairbairn, Simon Forde, Jean Hall, Leigh Marshall, Mac Mallard, Debbie Moore, Joy Sellars and Ronnie White

with County Councillors Keith Girling, John Lee and Sam Smith, Head Groundsman James Brown, three members of the public, the Clerical Assistant and Clerk.

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

4513 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Karen Callingham, Mandie Elson, Robert Green and District Cllr Emma Oldham.

4514 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Simon Forde and Jean Hall as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

4515 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments relating to scheduled agenda items. No-one present wished to address the Council and the Chairman re-opened the meeting.

4516 **Reports from Representatives**

District Councillor Forde circulated a report outlining his activities since the last meeting, his appointment to, and responsibilities of various District Council committees, and his intentions as one of the Parish Council footpaths officers.

District Cllr Oldham had provided, in her absence, a written report of her activities since the last meeting including highlighting public concerns and opposition to the planning application for a residential development on land off Lowfield Lane

District Cllr Hall informed that she has secured a number of additional litter bins for the Stafford Avenue area. Lidl has undertaken to replace the damaged bollards for the store car park and this will be regularly expedited. A Heron Way resident has offered to provide a source of electricity to enable a CCTV camera to be installed near to the car park and picnic bench area – this issue was referred to the Amenities Committee meeting for discussion.

County Cllr Smith advised that the first of the routine street weed spraying programmes was delayed slightly but is now underway. He has asked the authority to look into the possibility of installing plastic mesh onto the grassed verges of Fairfield Avenue where parents park at drop off and collection times for John Hunt Primary School. Resurfacing work is scheduled to start on Barnby Road at the end of July. An overgrown hedge and large area of brambles will be removed which run between the Horticultural Unit behind St. Giles Church Hall and Knotts Court. He has made financial contributions to both the Balderton Methodist Church for their community café and the Newark U3A which meets monthly in the Village Centre. Enforcement action is being undertaken against parking on double yellow lines outside Chuter Ede Primary School. His opposition to, and fight against the planning application for a residential development on land at Highfields School continues.

County and District Cllr Lee reported that he has asked the County Council authority to consider installing double yellow lines on Belvoir Road next to Sainsburys to ease parking problems. He has arranged for speed monitoring lines to be installed on Hawton Lane to measure actual speeds and determine whether additional speed calming measures are necessary. He has requested parking enforcement action be taken against illegal parked vehicles outside Tesco on Main Street. He reminded members that if there is an appetite to provide a youth club for the village that the Council needs to consider this sooner rather than later as youth services have very restricted resources which get committed early. He advised that every year County Councillors are invited to submit priority majority highway repair schemes for their Wards and Parish Councils need to submit what they consider is a priority scheme to their local County members. He was unable to advise when the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on Hawton Lane would be implemented.

The Chairman asked District and County representatives if they would consider providing written reports for future meetings that could be circulated in advance to enable members to raise any questions. It was appreciated that representatives may still have last minute knowledge of issues they can only bring to members' attention verbally at the meetings.

4517 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday May 24th 2023, having been circulated previously were approved.

4518 **Clerk/Chairman's Update, actions and matters arising from the minutes.**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. The following issues were discussed, approved and/or agreed:

a) Full Council

1. Re Minute 4506 Policy Working Party Cllr Forde advised that members of the new Working Party (to be named the Policy Working Party) had met initially prior to the Full Council meeting and agreed a scope of priority issues to be reviewed, the first being Council Standing Orders. The Working Party's first meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday July 12th at 6pm.

b) Amenities

1. Re Minute 3518.1 Heron Way Car Park Cllr Moore pointed out that the minutes should have included that the committee agreed a security company be deployed as soon as possible to deploy the bollards every night at the car park. Cllr Forde advised that this

service may possibly be provided at a lower cost, by the contractor who locks the District Council Grove Street play area every night. This alternative option will be pursued and implemented if possible.

2. **Re Minute 3518.2 Variseeder** Members were provided with a basic cost to saving analysis for the machine and gave further discussion to purchasing the unit. It was,

AGREED with eight votes for, one against and three abstentions that the committee's recommendation to purchase the machine be approved.

c) **Planning**

4519 **Committee(s)**

The minutes of the following committees were confirmed as a true record and signed:
Amenities of June 6th 2023
Planning of June 14th 2023

4520 **Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**

Members reviewed a draft of the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on April 12th 2023. Cllr Callingham, in her absence, had raised a number of suggested minor Amendments to the minutes which will be re-drafted for circulating and noting at a future Council meeting.

4521 **CCTV For Playing Field and Village Centre**

Initial discussion was given to the purchase of a new CCTV camera system for the playing field and Village Centre, a quotation of £6275 for the same having been circulated following the Council's contractor advising that the existing system being in need of a considerable upgrade. Discussion was given to the benefits of CCTV cameras, insurance implications should it not be replaced etc. Enquiries will be made with the District Council to ascertain whether an audit of this Council's camera requirements could be undertaken and/or whether a system could be provided by the larger authority who has recently upgraded Newark town's system.

4522 **Financial Assistance**

Consideration was given to a written request for financial assistance from Newark & Sherwood Community & Voluntary Service for a grant towards the cost of expanding their Door 2 Door transport service. It was,

AGREED that a grant of £250 be made to the organisation.

4523 **Geocache**

Members gave further discussion to the request from two local girl guides to place a Geocache at the Lake. The Geocache should not be too close to the water and beyond the limestone path. Mr Brown was authorised to approve the exact location after liaising with the family concerned and members will be advised where that is once agreed.

4524 **Additional Meetings**

Members agreed that a meeting of the Amenities Committee will take place on July 12th and then a meeting of the Full Council on July 28th. The previous Schedule of Meetings will then resume as published with no scheduled evening meetings in August.

4525 **Financial Statements**

The details as published were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £28,733.69 for May 2023. Cllr Moore raised questions relating to the cost of e-mail addresses for members and cleaning costs; answers to these will be sought in due course.

4526 **Highways Faults**

The following faults/issues were raised for passing onto the relevant authority:
No new issues were raised but clarification was sought from the County Councillors regarding liability issues of yellow and white paint marked potholes.

4527 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

1. An e-mail from a resident reporting another fire near to the picnic bench at Heron Way car park, asking when CCTV will be installed there to ease the anti-social behaviour.
2. A request from the Dance Studio proprietor seeking permission to install air conditioning in the building at her own expense. Members asked Cllr Fairbairn to review this issue initially from an energy efficiency point of view.
3. Notice of the Notts Association of Local Councils' (NALC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday September 11th 2023. Two members, Cllrs Buxton and Lee expressed an interest in being nominated to NALC's Executive Committee but there can only be one representative per Council. This issue will be discussed at the next Council meeting – nominations are required to be submitted by August 5th 2023.
4. Details from NALC of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6th 2024 where communities are encouraged to light a Beacon at 9.15pm .

4528 **Future Agenda Items**

1. The issue of a possible CCTV camera for the Heron Way car park area.
2. The issue of nominating a member for NALC's Executive Committee.

4529 **Exempt 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. Cllrs Desborough and White, members of the public and staff other than the Clerk left the meeting. A legal issue was duly discussed and agreed upon.

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday July 12th 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mandie Elson (Chairman) Debbie Moore (Vice Chairman),
Vanessa Bracegirdle, Jane Buxton, Karen Callingham, Roy Fairbairn,
Robert Green, Jean Hall, Gill Lee and Joy Sellars

with three members of the public, Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk

3527 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Simon Forde, Mac Mallard, Leigh Marshall and Ronnie White.

3528 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hall, as a serving member of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any District Council issue. Cllr Fairbairn, as an allotment holder, declared a personal interest to minute reference 3532.

3529 Public Participation

The meeting was closed to take public comments on scheduled agenda items. One resident asked about the protocol for reporting people who contravene the Dog Control Order to keep dogs on leads while walking around the Lake, and suggested additional signage may help. One resident spoke about CCTV cameras in problem areas and suggested that any future skatepark area should be covered by cameras. The meeting was re-opened and the public were thanked for their comments.

3530 Clerk/Chairman's Update

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. The following issues were discussed from the update:

- 1. Re Minute 3503 Heron Way Car Park** A local security company has taken over deploying and removing the bollards to prevent vehicular access to the car park overnight to try and minimise anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. The company had asked if the displayed closing time could be altered from 9pm to 8pm as the operatives considered this would help. Members had no objections to this request and the car park notice will be changed accordingly.
- 2. Re Minute 3518.3 Coronation Planters for Schools** Cllr Sellars advised that John Hunt School would like a planter for the front of the building, Newark Academy would prefer fruit trees for planting, and enquiries are still being made with The Orchard and Chuter Ede

Primary Schools.

3. **Re Minute 3521 Cricket Nets** The Club has requested an evening site meeting with members to discuss an alternative option of fixing the new higher nets in front of the Dance Studio and Village Centre windows. The Head Groundsman undertook to liaise with the Club in the interim to ascertain the details of what is being proposed, and Cllrs Elson and Moore offered to meet Club members if still required.
4. **Re Minute 3522 Skatepark** Cllr Buxton advised that enquiries are ongoing to arrange meetings with other Parish Councils who have gone through the process of installing a skate park in terms of selecting design options, sourcing funding opportunities, etc.
5. **Re Minute 3525b Lake Curly Weed** Members of the Lakeside Working Party had met informally with representatives from the Grove Angling Club about this naturally occurring pond weed. It is now understood that the weed can cause longer term health issues for the fish and the Club has, at its own expense, commissioned a specialist company to assess the problem; this is scheduled to take place on July 24th at 8am, meeting at Heron Way car park.

3531 **Bankside Erosion**

Further discussion was given to bank erosion at the Orchid Close feeding platform area of the Lake. Cllr Callingham had contacted Notts Wildlife Trust who had suggested one option could be for willow posts to be driven into the water bed and willow then woven between the posts to create a living barrier. This would only be a relatively short term solution (possibly 4-5 years) as it would require significant maintenance after that time, and it could also impair the view across the water. It is however a soft, more environmentally friendly option than harder engineering solutions. Floating platforms could also be considered as these would help minimise erosion, and/or alternatively, large boulders could be installed with coir rolls which would create a habitat for a range of wildlife. The whole issue is complex and members concurred that further research, costings, discussions with other organisations, funding possibilities, etc. are required

3532 **Allotments**

Members were advised of a meeting held on Monday July 10th of the Allotment Working Party where a number of issues had been agreed. These were to further reduce plot sizes when allotments become available, and to double the rent for new allotment holders for the first year only to encourage responsible, committed tenants. Fees were also set at £35, £20 and £15 respectively for a full, half or quarter area. A number of letters were being drafted to those tenants whose plots were not considered to be in a suitable condition, offering various suggestions to move forward in line with the Council's terms and conditions for allotments.

3533 **CCTV for Heron Way/Picnic Bench Area**

Discussion was given to the feasibility of installing a CCTV camera at the Heron Way car park and picnic bench area of the Lake which continues to be a target for misuse, such as barbecue fires, drug taking etc. The site has no readily available electricity supply and this would be costly to install. Some questions were raised about the validity of a camera unless the footage is being

constantly monitored, which is also more expensive. However, CCTV can be a deterrent and give reassurance to genuine visitors. Cllrs Buxton, Lee & Sellars had met earlier today with Yvonne Swinton, the District Council's Community Protection Officer manager who had undertaken to provide details of a CCTV camera company who may be able to give some specialised advice. In the interim, the public needs to continue to report each and every incident to the Police on 101, or via 999 if a crime is in progress, and ongoing education of this must continue by all means possible.

3534 Swimming and Dogs off Leads at Lakeside

Consideration was given to a resident's e-mail outlining the ongoing issue of young people swimming in the Lake during good weather, and people allowing their dogs to go in the water when they should be kept under closer control on leads. Allowing dogs in the water has implications to wildlife and wildfowl safety. The Community Protection Officers will again be asked to pay attention to the area whenever possible and to issue fixed penalty tickets to irresponsible dog owners. This would improve awareness that there are very real consequences for non-compliance. Any regular offending dog walkers who allow their pets to be off the lead can be reported to the District Council by description, citing their routine time of walking etc. With regard to the suggestion made by the public for increased signage, Mr Brown advised that there are currently seventeen signs at Lakeside for Dogs on Leads, eight signs relating to poop scoop laws and five no swimming signs.

3535 Dog Waste Bins

Consideration was given to a request from the District Council to either remove or replace three dog waste bins which are in poor state of repair. These are located on the corner of Mead Way near to the Salvation Army Centre, outside John Hunt Primary School and one near to the Dance Studio on the playing field. The Council had previously decided not to replace any dog waste bins that are not located on Council land, to try and save money as bagged waste can legally be deposited in the general litter bins which are provided by the District Council. Members asked for confirmation whether the District Council had undertaken an audit of all the dog waste bins in the village, and if not, asked the groundsmen to do this. Costings can then be obtained and further consideration given to replace any that are in need.

3536 Sporting Fees 2023/24

Members reviewed the Council's sports fees and charges for the current season. Cllr Forde had, in his absence, submitted a comprehensive breakdown and suggested pricing structure. Although members were grateful for his hard work, this report had not been received in time to circulate it with the agenda. It was,

RECOMMENDED

that an increase of 5% be implemented across all sporting fees. Members asked that the issue of sports fees be given much more detailed consideration next year, in readiness for a decision before the summer invoice deadline.

3537 **Highway Issues**

Members were invited to raise any new issues or faults to pass onto relevant authorities:
No new issues were raised.

3538 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) A request from the Wildlife Trust to again visit Balderton Lake with their pop up stand on August 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th. The Trust has done this on a few occasions previously without incident, and no objections were raised to this request.
- b) An e-mail from Mallard Green residents asking for Council owned Poplar trees to the rear of their property to be reduced in height and cut back. The Council's policy is not to cut back trees just because of height, and it works in accordance with a professional tree survey undertaken approximately every five years. The survey is due again this winter and will highlight necessary work to any trees which under the Council's jurisdiction. Householders may of course cut back any vegetation that overhangs their property but Mr Brown did not consider there were any substantial overhanging branches in this case.
- c) A couple of land-lord building maintenance responsibilities for the Dance Studio had come to light. Some minor but essential issues will be undertaken immediately, and the more involved issue relating to a concern about inadequate ventilation will require future committee discussion.
- d) The Cricket Club has applied for funding for an artificial practice wicket which would be installed alongside the grass wickets on the playing field. Newly elected members were not aware of this possible project and asked for further information relating to it.
- e) An e-mail from a resident concerned about the persistent removal of lifebuoys, people jumping and swimming in the Lake, etc. This subject had been discussed earlier in the meeting but the question was raised of what the cost would be, and would it help, if the Council was to undertake a private prosecution against an individual for offences which contravene the Lakeside byelaws. The cost is unknown, but is considered to be quite substantial.
- f) Mr Brown asked members to notify the Clerk of any projects that they may wish the groundsmen to consider undertaking during the winter months when traditionally the routine grass cutting work eases.

3539 **Future Agenda Items**

1. The issue of the Cricket Club's bid to fund an artificial practice wicket for the playing field.
2. The audit of village dog waste bins.
3. Dance Studio ventilation.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.45pm.

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on June 28th 2023 at 6:30pm

PRESENT Councillors Gill Lee (Committee Chairman), Vanessa Bracegirdle Jane Buxton (Committee Vice Chairman) , Roy Fairbairn, , Jean Hall, Leigh Marshall, Debbie Moore and Joy Sellars with one member of the public and the Clerk

0655 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Karen Callingham, Mandie Elson and Robert Green

0656 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hall as a serving member of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

0657 Public Participation

The meeting was closed but the one member of the public present did not wish to speak and the meeting was re-opened.

0658 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered and objected to with the following comments:

23/00963/FULM 19 new caravan pitches (resubmission) Chestnut Lodge
Members remain concerned about a number of issues relating to the proposal:

It fails to provide a safe means for pedestrians and cyclists to link with footways or cycle tracks to the village amenities including schools. Neither Coddington Road or Barnby Road have pavements.

The site falls within the open countryside and the proposed development is considered to be out of keeping, creating a detrimental impact upon the rural open countryside.

The presence of the gas line running through the site still poses a safety concern should the site be developed further as proposed.

There are both land contamination, and sewage treatment plan concerns as these do not seem to be addressed within the application.

The following planning application was considered and approved subject to any comments detailed below:

23/00971/HOUSE Relocate garage door, replace door canopy 1 Anderson Close

0659 Planning Decision

The following application has been granted planning approval by the District Council and was noted:

00724 Single storey rear extension 1 Dryden Avenue

00737 Removal of 2 garages, single storey ext. 14 Orchard Way

0660 Correspondence/Information

No items of correspondence/information had been received for noting.

The meeting was closed at approximately 6.50pm

BALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday April 12th 2023 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr Mrs Hurst chairing the meeting, thirty-one residents, four non-resident members of public and the Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES were accepted from residents M &WA Clipsham, Parish Cllrs Mrs Buxton & Gloster; Cllr Ms White had advised she would be late joining the meeting.

23/01 **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Mrs Hurst outlined the last year's Council activities including those undertaken to mark her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee; these included the lighting of a beacon on the playing field and the purchase of a clock for the front of the Village Centre. She also referred to possible options being considered to mark the King's Coronation. Anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem on the playing field and a decision was taken to fence off the dance studio canopy area, to try and ease the situation there as the young dancers reported being frightened of the older children's unwanted attention. Appreciation was expressed to the many litter pickers who help keep the village tidy, pointing out that Balderton is bigger than just around the Lake. (Mrs Callingham asked her to withdraw this remark as Friends of Balderton regularly undertake community litter picks in the village, the last event collecting thirty three bags of litter, but Cllr Mrs Hurst refused to retract it). There are ongoing options being explored by the Council to both cut fuel consumption and use more renewable energy. The Council was served with a petition, asking for a decision to be revoked to allow the YMCA to undertake kayaking on the Lake; this had been formally considered but not supported. The threat of a residential development on land around Highfields school continues, along with a new application for 150 dwellings on land off Lowfield Lane; the Council has objected to both of these recently. Councillors, some of whom are retiring at the end of the current term of office, were sincerely thanked for their hard work over the years. Council administration, ground care and attendant staff were all thanked, along with the village's County Councillors.

23/02 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 4th 2022 were taken as read and noted, having been previously signed at a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council. Mrs Callingham challenged the accuracy of the minutes and the Council's right to approve them, considering that they should only be approved at the next Annual Parish Meeting – this will be looked into. Mrs Hall asked what progress had been made regarding the Chairman's comment that a working party could be formed to look at young persons' activities? This had not yet been undertaken. Mr Talbot spoke about his perception that there is a division within the village and a campaign against the Council which was evident at last year's meeting. Mr Crane considered that the meeting should be declared null and void. Mrs Cawthorne asked again for assistance with regard to anti-social and threatening behaviour at Heron Way car park when deploying the overnight bollards. Mr Smith said he considered the picnic benches near to the car park are the main problem as they attract unwanted attention. The Chairman advised that the Heron Way car park issue would be included on the next Amenities Committee agenda.

23/03 **Committee Chairmen's Reports** Cllr Allen reported as the Chairman of the Amenities Committee and the Allotment subcommittee. The playing field is home to 6 adult football teams, several junior teams, the Balderton Cricket and Bowls clubs, and all report that the Council's facilities are the best in the area. The teams all try to encourage young people to join and play. The allotments have 46 tenants, there are 29 Balderton residents on the waiting list plus several from outside the parish (Balderton residents always have priority when plots become available). Water costs have risen again this year and usage is being monitored. Regular allotment inspections take place to ensure all plots are well tended and kept tidy.

23/04 **Balderton Parochial Charity**
Copies of the Charity's accounts for 2022/23 were circulated and duly noted.

23/05 **Questions Raised**

Mrs Callingham challenged and questioned the Council's reasons for allowing the YMCA to undertake supervised kayaking on the Lake - only one Councillor actually expressed an opinion at the meeting where the petition was considered. Previous Councils have turned down requests for similar activity so what has changed? Mrs Callingham was asked to submit her question in writing to the Council in order that a full reply may be provided.

Mr Roberts challenged certain Council expenditure, increased rates and previous local elections where residents were not given the opportunity to elect Councillors.

Mrs Bright suggested that a joint public meeting be arranged where the Police and all agencies that deal with anti-social-behaviour be invited to address local concerns. Cllr Fairbarin advised that local police surgeries are held in the library where members of the public can raise any concerns and engage with officers. Mrs Bright also reported on the uneven state of the pavement on London Road near to Sainsbury's, and suggested that the grass verges in that vicinity be planted with wild flower seeds. Both of these issues will be referred to the local County Councillor for that area.

Mr Smith reminded the meeting that the Council does not own the Lake, it is only custodian of it for the people of Balderton and that in his opinion the YMCA will take it over in time.

Mrs Callingham challenged the quality of environmental/wildlife/safety appraisals and surveys undertaken at the Lake by the YMCA and challenged the claim that deprived young people will benefit from the kayaking activity as it is not a free activity and the YMCA has only referred to financial support through scholarships which are for one week a year, are means tested and like a contribution.

Cllr Allen stated that the biggest impact on the wildlife and ecology in the vicinity was created by the building of the houses on the Lakeside estate in the 1980's. The potential development of open land around the Highways School is a very real concern and he urged people to object to the latest planning application.

Ms Farrell asked the Council to forget what has passed and to re-consider its decision to enter an agreement with the YMCA to allow kayaking on the Lake. The Chairman explained that this would be a matter for the new Council to decide upon but such a request could not be considered within 6 months of it being formerly discussed.

Cllr Mrs Lee stated that there are many residents who support the kayaking but are too scared to speak openly at Council meetings, and who claim they were intimidated when they declined to sign the petition. There are many people who think differently to those opposing the agreement and Councillors represent all residents.

Mr Crane stated that the YMCA's charges for its facilities are very expensive and do not benefit local people.

Mr Talbot expressed his concerns about the hazards of poor parking outside John Hunt School. He suggested that more notices should be displayed notifying the public about planning applications. These two issues will be raised with the County Council and District Council respectively. He thanked Cllrs Olga and Paul Newstead who after many years' service will be retiring from the Council in May. He considered it vital that the dance studio building continues to be used. He expressed concern that number 27 London Road is on the market as this could be used as a separate access for the proposed Highfields School development. He expressed concern that Council groundstaff face a lot of criticism from certain members of the public and praised their knowledge and hard work.

Mr Roberts stated that he did not consider the wildlife will be harmed by the kayaking activity; his concern is for the young people who will almost certainly take their own boats on the Lake unsupervised and get into difficulty because of the many feet of foundry ash on the water bed.

Mrs Callingham raised concerns that the kayaking will take place from April to October which covers the main bird nesting and mating season.

Mr Marshall asked why the second water quality test took place in December and not when the planned activity will take place? (The YMCA had advised the Council that the second water test was to be undertaken when the first test had been carried out so that the two could be compared, like for like).

Ms Farrell suggested that a further water quality test should be undertaken between April and October when the proposed activity will take place and algae levels will almost certainly be higher.

Mrs Callingham stated that the Council had never challenged any of the YMCA reports including the very basic first ecology report and had signed the licence without ever seeing the water report.

Mr Jessop stated that he did not consider the Lake to be a safe place for kayaking as he saw a gravel barge sunk there many years ago. He also raised concerns about anti-social behaviour and bad language in the village and the Police's lack of intervention.

Miss Callingham asked if there was any evidence that kayaking reduces anti-social behaviour? (The Council is not aware of any such findings).

Cllr Ms White joined the meeting at approximately 7.55pm.

Mr Crane claimed the Council had not acted to remove some Poplar trees at the Lake that were reported five years ago as being diseased. (The Council's professional Tree Survey had not reported this to be the case. Any dangerous trees would reluctantly be removed).

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance
and the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT

This form is to enable you to provide Balderton Parish Council with the details of your application for a community grant. There is no closing date for applications as they will be reviewed throughout the year. *Please note that Parish Councils cannot make grants to individuals.* Please send completed applications to the Clerk at the above address

GROUP OR CLUB DETAILS

Name of club or group... Chuter Ede Primary School.....

Name of contact person ... ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Head Teacher.....

Contact Address:..... Chuter Ede Primary School, Wolfit Avenue, Balderton, Newark, Notts.

Postcode: NG24 3PQ..... E.Mail... jford@chuterede.notts.sch.uk.....

Contact Tel. Number: ...01636 683550..... Mobile: ...n/a.....

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB OR GROUP

Please give any details of the purpose of the group and its regular activities

...To fund the DAaRT (Drug, Alcohol and Resistance Training) programme. The scheme is designed to equip children with life skills to avoid the misuse of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and violent behaviour. It delivers a range of educational resources to help children and young people develop the competencies and interpersonal skills they need to live safe, healthy, and productive lives in an ever-changing world. The programme will also equip our young people with a range of knowledge and skills which they can use during their transition to secondary school and beyond.....

WHAT WOULD THE GRANT BE USED FOR

Please provide details of how the group proposes to use the grant and outline what benefits this will directly have on the parish and community of Balderton. Please provide a separate document if required.

...60 Year 5 children at Chuter Ede Balderton to take part in the DAart programme.....

GRANT AMOUNT

Please indicate how much grant you would ideally like the Council to donate £665... and who the cheque should be payable to... Chuter Ede Primary School or BACS NCC Chuter Ede Primary School Acc No ~~XXXXXX~~ sort code ~~XXXXXX~~.....

OTHER FUNDING

Please advise which other organisations you have approached for a grant, and whether they have committed any funding to your cause, and if so, the amount

...None to date...

You may be asked to provide a copy of your accounts, budget, minutes, current bank statement etc. to support your application.

DECLARATION

We confirm that we represent the above-named group and have the consent of the committee or convening body to authorise this request and the details outlined in this application.
Signatures of Committee members of the above-named group or club:

Signatures:



Date: 29.6.23

Date 11/07/2023

Time 14:34:36

Balderton Parish Council

Nominal Activity - Excluding No Transactions

Date From: 01/06/2023

Date To: 30/06/2023

Transaction From: 1

Transaction To: 99999999

N/C: 5000 Name: Electricity

Account Balance: 8789.46

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7032	PI	05/06/2023	BRI002	1420	Electricity

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T1	1295.07	1295.07	-	-	-
Totals:		1295.07			
History Balance:		1295.07			

N/C: 5001 Name: Gas

Account Balance: 1760.76

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7028	PI	01/06/2023	EON001	1416	Gas

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T5	98.97	98.97	-	-	-
Totals:		98.97			
History Balance:		98.97			

N/C: 5002 Name: Water

Account Balance: 2103.31

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7037	PI	13/06/2023	EVE001	1425pa	Water

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T0	205.59	205.59	-	-	-
Totals:		205.59			
History Balance:		205.59			

N/C: 5005 Name: Building maintenance

Account Balance: 11156.56

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7033	PI	06/06/2023	TRI001	1421	Emergency lighting checks
7034	PI	06/06/2023	TRI001	1422	Fire alarm maintenance
7035	PI	12/06/2023	STE001	1423	6mthly checks, disinfect tank
7040	PI	20/06/2023	TAG001	1426	New kitchen tap
7074	PI	30/06/2023	EVA001	1432	Service boiler in dance studio
7075	PI	15/06/2023	COU001	1433	Replacement BPC sign
7077	PI	27/06/2023	WAL002	1435	Service fire extinguishers

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T1	100.00	100.00	-	-	-
T1	155.00	155.00	-	-	-
T1	292.50	292.50	-	-	-
T1	120.00	120.00	-	-	-
T2	65.00	65.00	-	-	-
T1	95.00	95.00	-	-	-
T2	792.70	792.70	-	-	-
Totals:		1620.20			
History Balance:		1620.20			

N/C: 5006 Name: Security

Account Balance: 4772.00

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
6981	PI	01/06/2023	SEC001	1400	Security May23

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T1	495.00	495.00	-	-	-
Totals:		495.00			
History Balance:		495.00			

N/C: 5007 Name: Cleaning

Account Balance: 6810.51

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7072	PI	23/06/2023	WRI001	1430	Cleaning
7076	PI	20/06/2023	GMS001	1434	Cleaning materials

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T2	365.00	365.00	-	-	-
T1	120.75	120.75	-	-	-
Totals:		485.75			
History Balance:		485.75			

N/C: 5008 Name: Miscellaneous building costs

Account Balance: 3431.49

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7134	PI	30/06/2023	WAW001	1440	Water

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T1	64.04	64.04	-	-	-
Totals:		64.04			
History Balance:		64.04			

N/C: 5101 Name: Mower costs

Account Balance: 1967.69

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7036	PI	15/06/2023	RUS001	1424	Mower starter recoil

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T1	200.00	200.00	-	-	-
Totals:		200.00			
History Balance:		200.00			

N/C: 5103 Name: Fuel

Account Balance: 3156.53

No	Type	Date	Account	Ref	Details
7130	PI	11/06/2023	UKF001	1437pa	Diesel & petrol
7131	PI	25/06/2023	UKF001	1437pa	Diesel

T/C	Value	Debit	Credit	V	B
T1	131.50	131.50	-	-	-
T1	118.55	118.55	-	-	-
Totals:		250.05			

N/C: 5201 **Name:** Telephone

<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Details</u>
7030	PI	03/06/2023	BT.001	1418	Internet services
7031	PI	05/06/2023	BT.001	1419	Phone services

History Balance:	250.05				
Account Balance:					2037.68
<u>T/C</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>B</u>
T1	195.07	195.07		-	-
T1	271.97	271.97		-	-
Totals:		467.04			
History Balance:	467.04				

N/C: 5205 **Name:** Software & IT support

<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Details</u>
7029	PI	01/06/2023	SAG001	1417	Wages & accounts package
7053	PI	27/06/2023	DAT001	1428	IT support
7071	PI	28/06/2023	DAT001	1429	Cloud backup

Account Balance:					3106.16
<u>T/C</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>B</u>
T1	113.80	113.80		-	-
T1	52.00	52.00		-	-
T1	5.00	5.00		-	-
Totals:		170.80			
History Balance:	170.80				

N/C: 5207 **Name:** Member's expenses

<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Details</u>
7000	PI	08/06/2023	NAL001	1411	3X training courses new cllrs
7041	PI	23/06/2023	NAL001	1427	2X Councillor training

Account Balance:					280.00
<u>T/C</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>B</u>
T2	135.00	135.00		-	-
T2	90.00	90.00		-	-
Totals:		225.00			
History Balance:	225.00				

N/C: 5301 **Name:** Churchyard & cemetery water

<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Details</u>
7038	PI	13/06/2023	EVE001	1425pa	Water

Account Balance:					127.56
<u>T/C</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>B</u>
T0	13.16	13.16		-	-
Totals:		13.16			
History Balance:	13.16				

N/C: 5500 **Name:** Allotments maintenance

<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Details</u>
7039	PC	21/06/2023	EVE001	1425pa	water

Account Balance:					1208.96
<u>T/C</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>B</u>
T0	352.48		352.48	-	-
Totals:			352.48		
History Balance:			352.48		

N/C: 6000 **Name:** Section 137

<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Details</u>
7132	PI	28/06/2023	NEW005	1438	Section 137

Account Balance:					2500.00
<u>T/C</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>B</u>
T9	250.00	250.00		-	-
Totals:		250.00			
History Balance:	250.00				

N/C: 7000-7005 **Name:** Wages

Account Balance:					19357.80
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BALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Statement June 2023

Wages for the period 03.06.2023 to 30.06.2023

Net pay	11187.85
Tax	1575.00
Nat. Ins.- Employees	1032.13
Nat. Ins.- Employers	1385.58
Pension- Employees	895.99
Pension- Employers	3281.25
Total	19357.80

Cash transactions have been completed as follows:

£30000 was transferred from business account to current account
£250 was transferred from current account to chairman's account

Receipts for the period 01.06.23 to 30.06.23

Hire of hall	670.00
Rent-dance studio	450.00
Bar rent	250.00
Burials & memorials	1474.00
Dance studio utilities	178.79
Allotment keys	25.00
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	3047.79

Accounts summary as of 30.06.2023

Current Account	21901.50
Business Account	121141.06
Chairman's Account	270.05
CIL Account	7533.98
32 Day Notice Account	151124.66
Skipton Account	50852.26
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	352823.51
Plus uncleared payments into bank	352.50
Less unrepresented payments out	0.00
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	353176.01

I would be grateful if Balderton Parish Council would consider giving a donation to **Lancaster Bomber Airplane Sculpture**. If you can ask this question at your next Council Meeting on **13th September 2023**.

The Bomber County Gateway Trust; is a registered charity and a group of passionate Lincolnshire-based people whose aim is to bring this iconic landmark to life, which will mark the historic link that Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire shared with RAF Bomber Command during the Second World War. <https://www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk/>

The landmark will be a steel representation of the iconic Lancaster Bomber and will be built on the high ground off the A46 at Norton Disney. Rivalling the Angel of the North in both size and status, On Freedoms Wings will be seen by 34,000 passing motorists each day.

Cheques can also be made payable to Bomber County Gateway Trust and posted to: Bomber County Gateway Trust, Hill Holt Farm, Norton Disney, LN6 9JP

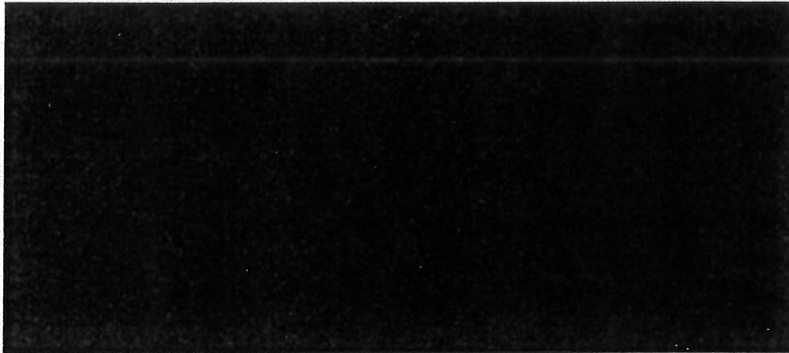
I want to ask this question would you consider supporting The Lancaster Bomber to Be Constructed on the A 46 At Norton Disney Near Newark "On Freedom's Wings" Let's Make This A Reality? The Lancaster Bomber Sculpture, This Will Be Much Bigger Than The Angel Of The North. It Will Be Seen By More Than 34.000 Drivers Every Day On The A46 - Still Badly Needs Fundraising To Make This Dream Come True.

This will mark the historic link between Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire shared with RAF Bomber Command during the second world war. Over the last few years with materials, particularly steel, soaring in price has very much, efforted this major and fantastic project ever gets finished.

This landmark on the border of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire is significant.

"On Freedom's, Wings"

<https://www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk/sponsors/>



Bomber County Gateway Trust - JustGiving

"On Freedom's, Wings" I Am Very Happy To Do A Skydive and Parachute Jump With Your Support. " Anyone can donate to me on my Justgiving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/laurence-goff-1688905419640>

Kind Regards

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