

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday March 9th 2022 at 6.30pm

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

with County Cllrs Girling and Smith, twenty-nine members of the public and the Clerk.

A moments silence was held as a mark of respect for, and to show solidarity to the people of Ukraine following Russia's invasion of their country.

4346 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Batey, Gloster and Mallard, and County Cllr Lee.

4347 **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.

4348 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed and a number of people raised their concerns about the Council's agreement with the Y.M.C.A. to allow an amount of supervised canoeing and kayaking on the Lake. The ecological survey that had been undertaken on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. was criticised with a belief that it did not show the extent and diversity of wild birds using the Lake. The Council's decision to agree the activity was challenged, questioning a previous statement made that objections raised had been taken into consideration.

The Chairman thanked the public for their attendance and comments, and the meeting was re-opened.

4349 **Co-Option**

Members met Mr Roy Fairbairn who had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor for the Balderton South Ward vacancy. Mr Fairbairn had submitted a written account and this had been circulated to members for their perusal prior to the meeting. No other nominations had been received or were put forward at the meeting. A show of hands vote was taken and it was unanimously,

AGREED that Mr Roy Fairbairn be co-opted onto the Council. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the members to participate in the meeting.

4350 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 26th 2022, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

4351 **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 4326.a1 Priory Close Grassed Area** County Cllr Lee had advised that the option of a tree planting scheme is still being considered by the County Highways team for both that particular green area and for others on the Manners Road estate vicinity, to provide a natural barrier to prevent vehicles being driven over open grassed areas.
2. **Re Minute 4343.c Severn Trent Water's Funding Project** Lidl has advised that the company is already looking to install electrical vehicle charging points in their store car parks.

b) Amenities

1. **Re Minute 3380 Outdoor Gym Equipment** Members were provided with printouts containing options and prices in readiness to select the preferred piece(s) of equipment at the next committee meeting.

c) Planning

1. **Re Minute 0600.e Flowserve Site** Members noted the M.P.s' response advising that the development site falls within a zero-rated zone for Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L.), explaining why the Planning Inspectorate had approved the planning application without imposing a C.I.L. burden on the developer. Councillors were not previously aware that such zero-rated zones existed.

d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 7414.1 Grant Application for CCTV Camera** County Cllr Smith undertook to try and assist with obtaining a quotation from the authority to convert the street light column to take a camera. The quotation is required by the District Council to further consider the Parish Council's submitted grant application.

4352 **Committees**

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

Amenities

Planning

Finance and General Purposes

4353 **Terms of Reference for Committees**

Members were invited to form a Working Party to develop Terms of Reference for Council Committees. The following members elected to serve on the Working Party: Cllrs Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee and Roberts along with ex-officio members Cllrs Ms White and Allen as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

4354 **Website Hosting**

Discussion was given to the Council's web-site which has been hosted for some years now by the District Council. Following some major changes undertaken in line with the Accessibility Act, the District Council cannot continue to host the necessary capacity of documents required by a Parish Council of this size without now incurring a fee. Members generally favoured the Council being able to manage its own website in-house. Enquiries will be made with companies who offer hosting services for costings and options, and with other larger Parish & Town Councils to see what arrangements they have in place. These findings will be brought back to the Council as soon as possible for further discussion.

4355 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £27,559.73 for January 2022.

4356 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Girling advised that the County Council has agreed to waive the usual fee for street closures to enable celebration street parties to be held for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June (this does not apply to major through route roads). Following a review of pothole repair procedures, the authority will now remove and replace strips of tarmac rather than just filling in the pothole itself. As Deputy Leader of Newark & Sherwood District Council he was pleased to advise that the authority will be taking Ukrainian refugees into the area.

County Cllr Smith advised that the authority has granted permission for trees to be planted on the grassed areas at the junctions of Tennyson Road with Macaulay Drive, and Bullpit Road with Macaulay Drive. He is liaising with the Highways Department regarding his concerns and objections to the Highfields School planning application for 117 dwellings. He has made donations to the local University of the Third Age (U3A) towards the cost of hiring the Village Centre for their monthly meetings, and to Chuter Ede Primary School for pupils to participate in the Drugs Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E). programme. He is awaiting the results of a speed monitoring cable which had recently been installed on Warwick Road following reports of vehicles speeding there.

Cllr Ms White informed that all parishes in Nottinghamshire will receive an Oak tree sapling to plant for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and that all of those saplings have descended in some way from the Major Oak Tree in Sherwood Forest.

4357 **Highways Faults**

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

1. There is a very deep pothole opposite 103 Main Street.
2. The hazardous state of the road surface on Coddington Road was again raised. County Cllr Smith was asked to liaise with newly elected County Cllr Darby whose Collingham Ward covers the northern section of this road to try and get it nominated for a joint resurfacing project.

4358 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notification that London Road outside Sainsbury's will be subject to temporary traffic signals overnight from 11pm to 6am on Saturday/Sunday March 26th/27th for telecommunication works.
- b) Notification that Barnby Road will be subject to temporary traffic lights from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Thursday March 10th for a new 30 m.p.h. speed sign to be installed.
- c) Notice that the national pay rise for Council staff for the current financial year has finally been agreed at 1.75% and this is back dated to April 1st 2021.

4359 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Green asked that the issue of looking at possible sites for electrical vehicle charging points within the parish be included on a future agenda.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm