

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Centre on Wednesday September 1st 2021 at 5.30pm. The meeting had been called by the Chairman to respond to a District Council consultation document regarding Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation.

PRESENT Councillors Allen (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Mayall M.B.E., Mrs Newstead, Newstead & Scott with the Clerk.

4294 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Ms White.

4295 Public Participation

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

4296 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Mrs Hurst as serving members of Newark and Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to the scheduled agenda item because the District Council had pledged a sum of money towards the project.

4297 District Council Plan Review

Members gave consideration to a consultation document from the District Council which forms part of the authority's Plan Review, addressing future Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs. Copies of the document had been circulated prior to the meeting. Lengthy discussion was given to the site options within the document. Members questioned why so many of the possible sites are in, and around close proximity to Balderton which already has two such designated sites, although it was acknowledged that those are privately owned and this allocation is for District Council managed facilities. It was,

AGREED that the Council's preferred option of the sites currently being considered is the Belvoir Ironworks North site off Bowbridge Lane in Newark. This was selected as the location provides close and safe access for children to attend the new school on Middlebeck, and easy links to roads and local facilities. Members trust that as this will be a District Council managed site it will be regularly monitored and all planning conditions duly enforced.

The meeting was closed at approximately 6.15pm.