

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M.B.E., Rouse and Scott  
with County Cllrs Lee and Smith, and the Clerk.

**4282 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lynch, Mallard and Mayall B.E.M.

**4283 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.

**4284 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**4285 Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2021, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

**4286 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 4272c.1 Priory Close Grassed Area** County Cllr Lee advised that he is scheduled to discuss the issue of the grassed area being used for vehicular access with the new Highways Manager.
- 2. Re Minute 4272d.2 Closing Public Footpath no.1** County Cllr Smith confirmed that he will take this forward to the authority to determine the feasibility and/or possibility of closing the footpath when the playing field is locked.

b) Planning

- c) Re Minute 0576.a Gypsy Site Main Street** Cllr Mrs Hurst advised that the Planning Enforcement Officer is scheduled to serve a Breach of Condition Notice on the land owner at the beginning of next week.

d) Amenities

- e) Re Minute 3308.a Play Area** Members had no objection to a different colour gate being sourced to expedite the installation.

f) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 7331.2 Street Naming** The District Council has provided further clarification about their naming policy but members were still not happy with the explanation. The Clerk was asked to challenge the reasoning and decision.
2. **Re Minute 74352 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 £162.50 to Chuter Ede Primary School, this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

4287 **Committees**

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

Planning

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4288 **Jubilee Working Party**

Members were invited to join a Working Party to plan the Council's celebrations to mark H.M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Mrs Lee elected to join the Working Party (the Council Chairman and Vice Chairman being ex-officio members). Cllr Mrs Hurst advised that enquiries are already ongoing to try and obtain the beacon located at the Flowserve site; this was installed for the last Jubilee celebrations.

4289 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £28,410.04 for April and £22,106.46 for May 2021.

4290 **Reports from Representatives**

District Cllr Mrs Hurst advised that the Community Safety Partnership Team is arranging for an abandoned caravan chassis on Vessey Close to be removed.

County Cllr Smith advised that he is scheduled to meet with the Highways Manager to discuss some ongoing local issues including a blocked drain on Bullpit Road near to the junction with Main Street. Members were puzzled at this news as a previous, long-term flooding issue at that junction was resolved some time ago following drainage system work undertaken by the authority. Six tree saplings have been donated to him which he intends to plant on Parish Council land in the Autumn. He confirmed that Public Footpath number 1 (the 'cinder track') is scheduled for some patch resurfacing work where tree roots have lifted and damaged the tarmac. He expressed his personal objection to the planning application for

a residential development on land at Highfields School and has asked the County Highways Department for their comments about the proposal.

County Cllr Lee provided members with an extensive written resume of issues he has been dealing with. These included a number of pothole repairs to be undertaken on Grove Street, Belvoir Road and Staple Lane. Some ongoing flooding problems are being monitored on Sykes Lane/Main Street and on London Road near the roundabout. A permit parking scheme has been requested by Grove Street residents – for this to proceed a consultation exercise would be required.

**4291 Highways Faults**

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

- a) Barnby Road is in a very poor state with considerable edge erosion, potholes etc. Cllr Smith undertook to review this and raise it with the County Council.
- b) There is an overgrown beech hedge on the corner of Bullpit Road opposite Chuter Ede Primary School.
- c) A pedal cyclist had been hit by a vehicle and thrown from his bike on Hawton Lane, prompting further calls for the speed limit to be reduced to 30 m.p.h. along the entire length of the road. County Cllr Lee undertook to raise this with the Highways Manager.
- d) Additional road markings and advisory signs were again called for in the vicinity of Staple Lane, London Road and Manners Road.

**4292 Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) A letter from local M.P. Robert Jenrick inviting nominations for his Community Awards for 'Covid Heroes' to honour local groups and individuals who have made a difference during the pandemic. The closing date for nominations is July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021.
- b) The 'zip wire' piece of equipment has been ordered for the children's play area. Fifty percent of the cost of this project is being funded through the County Council's Local Improvement Scheme.

**4293 Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.05pm