

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Gloster, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Mrs Newstead, Newstead and Ms White

with Balderton's Beat Police Team; P.C. Bryn Hope, P.C. Tom Mead & P.C.S.O. Katie Hewerdine,

eight members of the public, Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

**3346 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts M.B.E. and Scott

**3347 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.

**3348 Britain in Bloom**

Councillors had been scheduled to meet Jenni Oliver, a member of Newark Town Council who has previously been involved in Newark's participation in the Britain in Bloom competition. Ms Oliver had advised that she was unable to attend the meeting owing to a Town Council meeting commitment but had provided Cllr Ms White with some information to relay to members. The competition encourages residents and organisations alike to plant flowers and generally take a pride in their local area. A committee of interested people should be set up which could be made up of Councillors and public, and Ms Oliver had offered to chair that committee for Balderton's participation. Members welcomed this and accepted her kind offer.

**3349 Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. Four members of the public expressed their concerns about the Y.M.C.A. boating project, believing it would have an adverse impact upon the wildlife, and safety/noise generation. Four other members of the public expressed their concerns and objections to a planning application to build two properties on land opposite 31 Spring Lane. The public were thanked for their comments and attendance.

Balderton's Police Beat team had attended the meeting to introduce themselves to the Council and update members on local policing priorities and issues. One young person who had been recently banned by the Council from entering the playing field and Lakeside area is believed to have been on the playing field earlier this week; officers were asked to re-iterate to him that the Council will take the next necessary steps to gain an Injunction Order if he persists.

The police officers were thanked for their attendance, they left along with four members of the public and the meeting resumed.

With members' support the Chairman altered the scheduled order of business for the Planning Applications to be the next agenda item.

### 3350 **Planning Applications**

As Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Mrs Hurst chaired the meeting for the duration of this item. The following application was refused with the comments detailed below:

21/01258/OUT Outline permission for 2 dwellings                      Land opposite 31 Spring Lane  
Members considered that the development will cause a loss of green space, disruption of the established open character, and the impact of noise levels from the adjacent A1 trunk road would have an adverse impact on living conditions.

The following applications were considered and approved with any comments detailed below:

21/02399/HOUSE Single storey rear extension                      133 London Road  
21/02421/HOUSE Single storey & convert integral garage      11 Tennyson Road.

The four remaining members of public left the meeting and Cllr Mrs Brooks resumed as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

### 3351 **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 3271.1 Millennium Pillar Clock** Members agreed to see what response was received from Lidl who had again undertaken to respond to the Council's initial request to fund its repair.
- 2. Re St. Giles Churchyard** The front wall to the Churchyard, either side of the entrance is in need of quite urgent mortar repair work. A local builder has provided an estimate of £1500-£2000 for the necessary work which will require special matching stone being sourced. A faculty is required from the Southwell Diocese for the work to be undertaken; this is being applied for by the Church Warden.
- 3. Re Minute 3344 Children's Fitness Holiday Club** Members suggested that the company be invited to a future meeting to advise the committee exactly what is involved from the Council's perspective.
- 4. Re Minute 3344d Zip Wire** The piece of equipment could be delivered next week if further delays are not experienced securing its delivery from France. Mr Brown has marked out an

area for its siting within the play area which members were invited to inspect.

**3352 Playing Field Flooding**

The County Council's Drainage Unit's CCTV camera had previously identified that the drain that runs from the field end of Macaulay Drive through to London Road between several Masefield Crescent and Baines Avenue properties, is silted up. This could be affecting the playing field's very slow drainage and long-standing flooding problem. The County Council is still currently quoting to undertake the work on behalf of the District Council who are responsible for that stretch of drain. This was recently expedited and the Drainage Manager undertook to keep the Council updated.

**3353 Police Update**

Members discussed any recent anti-social behaviour and crime issues in the village. Fernwood Parish Council had suggested a joint meeting be arranged with the Police and Lynne Oxlade, the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for this area. This has been scheduled for Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Fernwood at 4pm; any members wishing to attend to notify the Clerk.

**3354 Village Centre Bar**

Discussion was given setting a rent charge only for the bar manager rather than requesting a percentage of the profits from the sales. This would allow a standing order payment to be set up to the Council and be easier to monitor. Members considered that this was the preferred option and it was,

RECOMMENDED that the rent be set at £50 per week effective from January 2022 and the arrangement will be reviewed after a year.

**3355 Churchyard/Church Lane Boundary Wall**

One of Newark & Sherwood District Council's Conservation Officers had attended the site and reviewed the damaged wall – her report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The authority's policy is that the wall must be re-instated as per the original, it cannot be replaced with an alternative material or hedgerow. She advised that there would be no objection to Herras style security fencing being installed to secure the boundary in the interim. The Church Warden has advised that the Church Lane resident concerned has agreed to this being installed. Members approved the purchase of the necessary safety fence panels for installing as soon as possible. Given the considerable cost involved to eventually re-build the wall the temporary fencing could in place for quite some time. Potential funding sources will need to be explored.

3356 **Highway Faults**

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

No new faults or issues were raised but a resident had reported the top end of Main Street at the junction of Wetsyke Lane was badly flooded during a storm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This was not a previously known area of flooding within the village. The resident was advised at the time to report the problem to his local County Councillor.

3357 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) An enquiry to hire the hall once a month from a group of parrot owners, asking to bring their birds into the building, undertaking to clean up after them. Members considered on balance to permit this just once initially as a trial to fully assess the suitability of the group.
- b) A new allotment tenant has asked whether he could keep bees on the allotment. The current lease agreement states that no livestock may be kept on site. Opinion of other tenants has been informally canvassed and members considered on balance that as there is at least one tenant with a known severe allergy to bee stings, the request could not be supported.
- c) The District Council has enquired whether Fernwood Foxes youth football club's games could be played on Coronation Street playing field while their current base at Lincoln Road is refurbished as part of the Yorke Drive regeneration project. The District Council would pay the pitch fees. Mr Brown has reviewed their pitch requirements and confirmed that they can be accommodated. A few years ago, the club was based here, but there was an incident on the playing field regarding inappropriate behaviour from one of the managers which resulted in him being banned from the field. Members approved the District Council's request but stressed that if there are any behavioural problems from any players or management, the arrangement will be terminated with immediate effect.
- d) The report from the annual play area formal inspection which was arranged through the District Council and undertaken by an external qualified company.

3358 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Allen asked that Caroline Henry the Nottinghamshire Police Commissioner be invited to a future meeting to meet with members.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.05pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Batey, Gloster, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M.B.E. and Ms White  
with thirty-four members of the public, Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Tracey Batey to her first meeting as a serving Councillor following her co-option to the Council in January.

### 3370 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Scott

### 3371 **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.

### 3372 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. One resident asked that consideration be given to the problems being experienced by those residents that deploy the barriers daily at the Heron Way car park; this issue was a tabled agenda item scheduled for discussion later during the meeting. Other members of the public raised concerns about the Council's decision to allow the YMCA to undertake canoeing and kayaking on the Lake including safety issues for this type of activity. A lack of communication with the public relating to the issue was alleged and the accuracy of certain Council minutes was questioned. The Council was again asked to engage with an environmental group for Lakeside. One resident voiced his concerns about loss of open spaces and football pitches in the local area.

The public were thanked for their attendance and the meeting resumed.

Cllr Ms White had left the meeting during the public session.

### 3373 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

- 1. Re Minute 3334.1 Millennium Clock** It was suggested that the clock be replaced to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Jubilee Working Party had previously discussed the possibility of installing a clock at the playing field as part of the planned activities.

3374 **Playing Field Flooding**

The drain that runs from the field end of Macaulay Drive through to London Road between several Masefield Crescent and Baines Avenue properties is badly silted up. This could be causing the playing field's very slow drainage and long-standing flooding problem. The District Council which maintains that section of the drain, had today advised that this work will be commissioned as soon as possible in the new financial year.

3375 **Angling Club Lease**

Members discussed renewing the Grove Angling Club's lease. Members considered that the Club has done all that it was asked to address some previous managerial issues and concerns. It was considered on balance that a four-year lease would be appropriate with the exact terms to be determined. The Club will be asked in the interim what it is doing to encourage younger people to take up the sport.

3376 **Heron Way Car Park**

Discussion was given to introducing fixed times for the bollards to be deployed at the car park as the residents who put them up overnight to prevent vehicular access are experiencing aggressive behaviour from some drivers. Currently the car park notices advise it will be closed from dusk until dawn. Members were open to the proposal to change the times and will liaise with the residents concerned, giving the matter further consideration.

3377 **Playing Field Access and Benches**

Members gave further consideration to a request for additional benches at the playing field. Mr Brown had undertaken an audit of the number of benches and possible sites for additional wooden sleeper style units, made in-house at an approximate cost for materials of £70 each. Members considered that three such units should be made and installed near to the tree areas of the playing field which provide welcome shade in the warmer months.

3378 **Lakeside Litter Bins**

Consideration was given to submitting a bid to the District Council's Initiative Fund to replace the current steel basket style waste bins at Lakeside with heavy duty plastic, more closed in style bins. Members considered on balance that the current style of bins is adequate, plus plastic bins would burn more easily if lit, where-as a fire in the steel bins would allow the contents to burn away. The bins continue to be misused by persons unknown leaving domestic waste in them at times despite signs being used to dissuade people from doing this.

3379 **CCTV Camera**

Consideration was given to a proposal made by the local Police Beat Managers that the Council install an additional CCTV camera to cover the eastern side of the Dance Studio where an organised fight took place some weeks ago. Members could not support the proposal on the

grounds of expense and because if the Police acknowledge that this is a problem area they should increase patrols accordingly and monitor social media to thwart any further planned incidents.

**3380 Outdoor Gym Equipment**

County Cllr Lee has kindly donated £1500 to provide additional outdoor gym equipment for the playing field. Members will be provided with options and prices to select a preferred piece or pieces, dependent on cost.

**3381 Highway Issues**

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

1. Though reported before, the very poor state of Coddington Road continues to be a concern. This heavily used is considered to be quite hazardous in places, particularly at the edges of the road which are eroded away. This will again be brought to the County Councillors attention.
2. There is an increase of dog fouling incidents and dogs being walked off leads around the Lake. Community Protection Officers will be asked to increase patrols to issue Fixed Penalty Tickets.

**3382 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) Notice that Great North Road between the A1 roundabout and the first roundabout in Fernwood will be subject to a temporary speed limit of 30mph from Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 while access works are undertaken for the new Welcome Break service station.
- b) An update from the grave digger that he suspects double depth graves will not be possible in the extension area judging by recent work he has carried out there.
- c) A further e-mail asking for a meeting with the Lakeside Working Party to discuss ideas for flora and fauna encouragement at the Lake and to develop community involvement. The same group had previously offered to assist with the Balderton in Bloom 2022 entry, with particular interest in the community aspect and how the Lake could play a part. Sadly, the Council's involvement in the Balderton in Bloom initiative has had to be shelved owing to other commitments this year such as the Queens' Platinum Jubilee.
- d) An e-mail expressing concern regarding the methods used recently while a fish re-stocking exercise took place at the Lake which was arranged by the Grove Angling Club. The Club was contacted at the time and admitted that lessons had been learned by both themselves and the company concerned for any future re-stocking exercises.
- e) Notice that Sustrans plans maintenance works for the stretch of cycle network in the Balderton Lake and Bowbridge Lane area.

**3383 Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.25pm.



# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Major Mortimore, Scott, Walker, Watt and Ms White

with two parishioners, the Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

## 3011 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen and Page.

## 3012 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council (including minute reference 3016 – St.Giles Churchyard tree work). Cllr Allen declared a personal interest to minute reference 3014 - issue raised in the public session (Playing Field incident).

## 3013 Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy was formally declared for the Balderton North Ward following Cllr Fletcher's Resignation. The statutory notices will be published on the internet and on the village notice boards.

## 3014 Public Participation

One parishioner raised his concerns about an incident on New Year's Day when a young man who had got locked onto the playing field was ill and required medical attention. This resulted in the Police attending, accessing the field through the parishioner's gate which backs onto the field. His concerns related to the locking up procedures used by the Council, believing them to be an inadequate way of checking that the field is empty.

He was thanked for his attendance and the meeting re-opened. Members agreed to investigate this issue and it was referred to next week's F&GP committee meeting for discussion owing to its urgency. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with the Police in the interim.

## 3015 Clerk/Chairman's Update

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

- 1. Re Minute 2272.1 Best Kept Village Competition** The organisers want to install a sign advising that the village won Category A of the competition. Members agreed that the 'Welcome' sign on the Newark side of London Road would be the preferred location.

3016 **St. Giles Churchyard**

Members reviewed three written quotations to undertake necessary tree cutting back work to the Lime Trees in the Churchyard along the Pinfold Lane boundary. It was,

RECOMMENDED that D. Lyne's quotation of £345 +V.A.T. be selected as the preferred option on this occasion.

3017 **Fishing Tender**

Members gave initial consideration to the preferred process of going out to tender for the fishing rights at the Lake. The current lease with The Grove Angling Club expires in October 2018. On balance members considered that the issue should be discussed by the full Committee rather than referring it to the Lakeside Working Party. This item will be included on the next Committee agenda to allow members to give further consideration to what points should be included in the brief for the tender.

3018 **Summer Fete**

Members were disappointed to hear from the Village Summer Fete Committee that due to the resignation of several of their members, the Fete for 2018 has been cancelled. If sufficient support is forthcoming from local community individuals then the Committee could be reconvened for a 2019 Fete. Members expressed their hope that that this would be the case and that this should be advertised as widely as possible.

3019 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) Notice of road closures on Church Lane and Wesley Close from Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 for inlay patching work.
- b) Details of the Temporary One Way Traffic System in Newark Town Centre for the major sewer replacement works; this begins on February 19<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to finish towards the end of June 2018
- c) Members were advised that the tines on the tractor mounted spike roller are in need of replacement at a total cost of £680 + V.A.T. The tines should be 15 inches long but have worn down to 4 inches. This expenditure was approved.
- d) Details of an event promoting a new NHS Urgent Treatment Centre for Newark – this will be held on Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at Newark Town Hall.
- e) An e-mail from a parishioner asking if 'No Parking' signs could be installed on Bullpit Road verges to discourage school traffic leaving vehicles there. This request had been referred to the County Council.

3020 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Ms White asked that the issue of the Council using Facebook be discussed.

Cllr Watt asked that consideration again be given to commissioning a survey to ascertain what facilities visitors to the Playing Field would like.

He also asked that discussion be given to encouraging hedgehogs onto the field.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Scott, Watt and Ms White with Head Groundsman Mr Brown, one parishioner and the Clerk.

3093 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Owen.

3094 **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.

3095 **Public Participation**

No-one present wished to address the meeting.

3096 **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 2243 Y.M.C.A. Lake Boating** Members agreed that the draft agreement for use of the Lake, once received from the organisation, should initially be referred to the Lakeside Working Party for consideration.
2. **Re Minute 3090a Granby Drive Grassed Area** Members were disappointed that the County Council does not consider the issue of vehicles driving over the grass between Granby Drive and Priory Close worthy of intervention; all affected local residents will be urged to contact the authority individually.

3097 **Heron Way Car Park**

Discussion was given to the preferred option to resurface the car park at Heron Way which is in need of some improvement work. Options include installing a complete tarmac surface or a top dressing of road planings, and bollards could be installed at the entrance to try and reduce the speed of vehicles using the site. The options will be priced in readiness for the next committee meeting.

3098 **Playing Field Dog Waste Bins**

Consideration was given to installing additional dog waste bins on the Playing Field. The field currently hosts two large bins, one at the main entrance and one at the Warwick Road entrance and these are emptied twice a week. Dog walkers have also been using the litter bins near to the Multi Use Games Areas (M.U.G.A.'s) to deposit dog waste but this has been stopped for health and safety reasons. A dog waste bin in the vicinity of the M.U.G.A.s was considered to be useful. Enquiries will be made with the District Council who empty the dog bins because the authority has previously advised that they need to be located closer to where they can park the collection vehicles.

**3099 Café Tenancy**

Members of the Café Working Party had met with the current tenant to check the building prior to his tenancy ending on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019; no issues of concern had been raised. The REACH organisation is still very interested in taking on the café tenancy and is preparing a business plan to take to the charity's trustees.

**3100 Christmas Tree/Memorial Park**

Members gave further consideration to an exact preferred site for the proposed park project to the front of the new Orchard School, London Road. The County Council requires a firm proposal from the Parish to formally consider this requested use of land. Members agreed to meet on site immediately prior to the F&GP meeting next week and asked that the issue be included on that agenda.

**3101 Highway Faults**

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

- a) A number of potholes on Wilfred Avenue/Mount Road outside William Ghent House.
- b) London Road floods between Sainsbury's and Sibcy Lane during heavy rainfall.
- c) Builders vans are parking on the path and cycle track outside 90 London Road, restricting vision for vehicles trying to exit Grove Street. This issue was reported to District Council Planning Enforcement but a reply has been received advising that the authority cannot help, recommending that the County Council or Civic Parking Enforcement Officers be informed instead.

**3102 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) The company which is currently replacing some of the wet pour safety surfacing on the play area has asked if they can defer the remaining work until the warmer weather when the surface finish will set more satisfactorily. The company has undertaken to re-do one particular area which did not set very firmly and young people walked over the surface before it had set; the contractor will also close the play area completely when the work is carried out to prevent this happening again. Members approved the request.
- b) A further set of figures from the District Council showing the number of visits and parking tickets issued in Balderton by the Civil Enforcement Officers. Members were disappointed to note that no tickets have been issued since June 2018.
- c) The Grove Angling Club advised that 147 large Carp were safely removed from the pump pond area of the Lake earlier today. The company that carried out the removal work is scheduled to carry out further sweeps in the main body of the Lake.

**3103 Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.40pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held remotely on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mayall B.E.M., Mrs Newstead and Newstead

with Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

### 3256 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Mallard, Roberts M.B.E., Scott and Ms White.

### 3257 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. Cllrs Mrs Newstead and Newstead declared a personal interest to minute reference 3260 Allotment Water.

### 3258 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### 3259 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 3212 Pillar Clock** A further e-mail will be sent to Lidl enquiring whether the company would consider funding the clock repairs as it is understood that damage was sustained while the store was being built.
- 2. Re Minute 3237.1 Y.M.C.A.** The Grove Angling Club has asked whether their Bank Holiday Monday fishing matches can be incorporated into the agreement to avoid boat activity during those times. As the agreement has still not been finalised, members were happy for this request to be submitted to the organisation.
- 3. Re Minute 3254a Play Area Gate** As it had not been possible to acquire a third price for a replacement self-closing gate, members accepted the lowest of the two quotations - Kingsforth Fencing at a price of £1070 + VAT.

### 3260 Allotment Water

Members gave further discussion to try and reduce the amount of water being used at the allotments including replacing the standpipes with spring loaded taps that would only release a measured amount of water at any one time. These would prevent hosepipes from being used. Alternatively, the water bills could be divided between the allotment holders and paid with the rent. The issue will be given further discussion and consideration by spring time when the usage will start again (the taps are isolated during the winter months).

3261 **Rats at Lakeside**

The continued sighting of rats in one particular area of Lakeside was again discussed. A resident had written suggesting that the open weave design litter bins be replaced with solid, lidded versions. Whilst accepting that there will always be rats near to open water, members still consider that the problem is exacerbated by people feeding the wildfowl irresponsibly, and from an adjacent garden which houses chickens (rat runs can be seen through the fence). The Council has worked with the Environmental Health Department, clearing a large area of vegetation in the area concerned, delivering notices locally and installing posters asking for more reasonable bird feeding practices to try and temper the number of rats. Members agreed to remove the Catkin Way litter bin on a temporary basis, although no-one from the Council has ever reported seeing a rat in a bin, and the impact of this will be monitored. Lakeside is essentially a natural environment where wild animals, including rats, can be expected.

3262 **Lakeside Fencing**

Discussion was given to replacing sections of wooden fencing at Lakeside which after many years is rotting in places. The Head Groundsman had obtained prices for different options and these had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was,

AGREED                      that the fencing be renewed on Catkin Way and Rowan Way with the post and rail option, as per the existing installation.

3263 **Zip Wire**

Members discussed the most suitable site for the zip wire installation, fifty percent of the £10,450 project cost having been pledged by the County Council. A site visit had been undertaken by Cllrs Allen, Mrs Brooks and Ms White, along with the Head Groundsman who considered the preferred site is next to the children's play area within the overflow car park. Some realignment of the overflow car park will be necessary to accommodate this but the current knee rail fence there is already in need of replacement. Members were asked to assess this possible site when next visiting the playing field. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries in the interim with other local Councils who have zip wire facilities to ascertain if there are any issues or concerns that should be taken into account. Other funding sources are still being explored to meet the remaining project cost although a sum of £10,000 was built into the 2018/19 budget for play equipment upgrading and this has not yet been spent.

3264 **Highway Faults**

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

- a) A number of potholes on Manners Road including a particularly large one outside number 78.

3265 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) The Police interactive CCTV camera has been installed on the playing field and is now fully operational. Members gave approval for anti-vandal spikes to be installed by the groundsmen on the two transmission dishes located on the side of the Village Centre.
- b) Notice from the local contractor who cuts the County Council grassed areas in the village that he is not prepared to continue cutting it for the sum of money offered by the authority. This sum was subsidised by the Parish Council for many years but ceased in 2020. The authority will be advised that the work will not therefore be undertaken this year via the Parish Council.
- c) Notice that Bullpit Road level crossing will be closed overnight on Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for drainage maintenance works.
- d) Notice that the junction of Bowbridge Lane and Hawton Lane will subject to three-way traffic signals from January 25<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>, and February 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2021, for water main reinforcement works.

3266 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.25pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held remotely on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M.B.E. and Ms White with Cllr Mallard, Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

3198 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Green, Mayall B.E.M. and Scott.

3199 **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.

3200 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

3201 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

1. **Re Minute 3183 Rats at Lakeside** The reported sightings of rats has decreased since this was last discussed in February this year.
2. **Re Minute 3184 Field Drainage** The County Council's Principle Flood Risk Management Officer's reply will be expedited; he had undertaken to make enquiries with Severn Trent Water about a possible blocked watercourse on the playing field.

3202 **Football**

Two further written requests were discussed from two home football teams for the Council to consider a refund for the season's pitch fees as it hasn't always been possible to play matches on the playing field owing to the winter floods and then all matches were cancelled owing to the Coronavirus situation. Mr Brown informed that the Newark League had managed to re-arrange for matches to be played elsewhere during the floods at no extra cost to the teams. However, members agreed that the impact from the Coronavirus pandemic should be considered separately and it was,

RECOMMENDED

that as a gesture of goodwill a reduction of 20% be offered against next season's fees to all home teams.



**3203 Lakeside Public Toilet Request**

Members gave consideration to a written request, previously circulated, for a public toilet at Lakeside because persons unknown are using certain open areas as a toilet. Though sympathetic to the request, members considered that the cost to install a toilet block was prohibitive and that even a porta-loo unit would be subject to misuse and out of keeping in the area. Once built, the YMCA's boat house will have a public toilet and this should be accessible for Lakeside visitors, and the organisation's CCTV cameras may help control such inappropriate behaviour. The originator will also be advised to report such incidents to the Police as those responsible are committing public order offences.

**3204 Heron Way Car Park**

Members gave consideration to a suggestion that removable bollards be installed across the entrance to Heron Way car park to help deter anti-social behaviour. People meet there in cars often driving in and out at speed, playing loud music, drinking alcohol etc. Previous consideration had been given to installing a barrier style gate but members considered at the time that the cost was prohibitive. Removable bollards can be purchased for approximately £60 each and it is estimated that just three units will be needed. Local residents have offered to manage the bollards, remove them in the morning and replace them at dusk etc. On balance members agreed to try this measure as a relatively cost-effective solution to a long-standing problem. Appropriate arrangements will have to be agreed in advance with the volunteer residents to ensure the car park is available for genuine visitors, fishermen etc. and the situation will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

**3205 Highway Faults**

No new faults or issues were raised for passing onto the relevant authorities.

**3206 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) REACH hopes to hold a smaller version of the Summer Fete on the Playing Field on Bank Holiday, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The original event scheduled for July was cancelled owing to the Coronavirus pandemic.
- b) The District Council has notified that the Parish Council, as a precepting authority, no longer qualifies for small business rate relief on the Village Centre. Usually village halls are managed by a village committee with Parish Councillor representatives but Balderton Parish Council has always managed its own building. Cllr Ms White had undertaken to raise this issue with the Business Rates Manager and is seeking a meeting with him.

**3207 Future Agenda Items**

No agenda items were put forward.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.05pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Scott (Vice Chairman), Fletcher, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Page, Walker and Ms White

with Head Groundsman Mr Brown, Playing Field Attendants Ms Sims and Mr Henderson, two parishioners and the Clerk.

2226 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Owen.

2227 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

2228 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to hear two parishioners again express their concerns about Silver Birch trees at Lakeside. These had been cut back as requested to the rear of Grebe Close properties but the residents considered that they were still overhanging boundary fences, albeit at height. They also considered that the minutes of the September committee meeting were inaccurate, believing that the committee had agreed to remove the trees. They again asked the committee to remove the trees as they produce large amounts of seed debris which gets deposited in their garden and home.

They were thanked for their attendance and the meeting re-opened.

2229 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. No issues were discussed from the update.

2230 **Playing Field Closing Times**

The meeting was closed to hear the Field Attendants who spoke about the problems and concerns they have about locking the field at 5pm, including having to repeatedly lock people on that refuse to leave. They requested that the dusk closure be re-instated on the grounds of safety and suggested that 'sunset' be used as the closing time description as this is a time that can be looked up readily easily by the public. They also asked that the weekend external field security be re-instated this summer to help minimise anti-social behaviour and to help them lock up more safely.

They were thanked for their attendance and information and the meeting re-opened. Members discussed the practice introduced in October 2016 to lock the field at 5pm during British Winter Time and at 9pm during British Summer Time. It was acknowledged that this has caused additional difficulties for staff and decided that the former practice of closing at dusk/sunset (9pm at the latest in mid-summer) be re-instated. The issue of employing external security patrols at weekends in the summer will be reviewed later if deemed necessary.

The Playing Field Attendants left the meeting.

**2231 Lakeside Trees**

Members gave further discussion to Lakeside residents' complaints that trees had not been removed as they believed had been agreed at the September 2016 committee meeting. It was re-iterated that the trees have been cut back as agreed during a site meeting held in November but the committee did not agree to remove the trees as alleged. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (NWT) had visited the area and submitted a letter about the area of trees in question. Copies of the letter were circulated; the NWT was happy with the work that had been carried out and advised that removing further healthy trees could not be condoned.

**2232 Playing Field Dog Attack**

Complaints were considered relating to an unprovoked dog attack on another dog which took place on the playing field. The Police advised the Council that they have visited the attacking dog owners and warned them to keep it on a lead and muzzled when out in public. Members agreed that the owners must be instructed that the dog will only be allowed on the playing field if it is kept on a lead and muzzled at all times.

**2233 Churchyard Trees**

Members considered a complaint that the Churchyard trees which border Pinfold Lane are overgrown and encroach onto the pavement. Photographs of the trees in question were circulated and members did not consider them to be particularly overgrown. The Head Groundsman had also inspected the trees and advised that he did not believe that they require any cutting back at this time. All of the Churchyard trees will continue to be regularly monitored. If any work is deemed necessary in the future permission must be sought from the District Council as the trees are in the Conservation Area.

**2234 Dog Waste Bin**

Consideration was given for a request for a dog waste bin at the eastern end of Main Street. It is understood that the request was generated via Newark and Sherwood Homes (NASH). Members approved the request but further enquiries will be necessary to ascertain exactly where it can be installed as NASH had been advised that the District Council would install one so it may be on local authority land.

2235 **Village Centre Bar**

Initial consideration was given to extending the bar in the small hall to make it easier for the bar staff and visitors. The bar manager Mr Cox's opinion will be sought before possible options and costs can be obtained.

2236 **Quarterly Bonus**

Approval was given to the groundstaff's quarterly bonus payment.

2237 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) An invitation to enter in the Best Kept Village Competition which is run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England; the entry fee is £8.00. Members agreed to participate in the competition.
- b) An update from The Newark Academy that the Site Manager is getting quotes for requested remedial work to the trees which run along the boundary with the Council's playing field.
- c) A report from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust who recently carried out a site visit to the Lake following receipt of a complaint regarding vegetation clearance work that was being carried out there by Council groundstaff and a local tree contractor. The Trust's findings were favourable to the Council who considered the work was both appropriate and carried out to a high standard. Cllr Walker asked that it be recorded how impressed he was with the quality of work undertaken by the groundstaff at Lakeside. The Trust had also suggested some measures to try and increase nesting habitat and minimise algae control by introducing 'floating islands'. Though open to such suggestions, it was pointed out that previous attempts have been made to create 'islands' but these had sadly resulted in being vandalised and ultimately destroyed.
- d) Notice that the public meeting for the Y.M.C.A.'s proposals for supervised boating activity at the Lake has been arranged for Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7pm in the Village Centre.
- e) The last remaining Indian Runner Duck at Lakeside had been shot dead this week – members were saddened to hear this and asked that all visitors to the Lakeside be particularly vigilant.
- f) The Heron Way car park has a number of potholes that need attention; Mr Brown undertook to see if these could be temporarily filled in as an interim measure whilst enquiries be made for a more permanent repair.

2238 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Page asked that discussion be given to proposing a speed limit of 20 mph along Main Street; this was referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.55pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 12 noon. This had been re-convened from the meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 which was cancelled owing to extreme weather conditions.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Page, Scott, Walker and Watt

with two parishioners, the Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

## 3021 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Owen and Ms White.

## 3022 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council. Cllr Allen declared a personal interest to minute reference 3026 - playing field locking procedures. Cllr Mrs Hurst declared a personal interest to minute reference 3025 – former scoreboard building refurbishment. Cllrs Mrs Newstead and Newstead, and Mr Brown declared a personal interest to minute reference 3017 - fishing tender for the Lake.

## 3023 Public Participation

Members of the public present did not wish to raise any issues or make comments.

## 3024 Clerk/Chairman's Update

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

1. **Re Minute 2243 YMCA** The organisation has drawn up draft proposals of the days and times for paddle boating on the Lake; a meeting with representatives will be arranged to discuss this.

## 3025 Former Scorebox Building

Members reviewed three written quotations to undertake refurbishment work to the old score box building behind the café. It was,

RECOMMENDED that Boundary Builders of Balderton's quotation of £1763 + V.A.T. be selected as the preferred option on this occasion.

**3026 Playing Field Locking Procedures**

Following an incident where someone was discovered locked onto the playing field, the daily procedures for staff locking the playing field were confirmed. Members were satisfied that the procedures in place are both reasonable and appropriate.

**3027 Fishing Tender**

Members gave further consideration to the preferred process of going out to tender for fishing rights at the Lake. The current lease with The Grove Angling Club expires in October 2018. Initial issues were identified for inclusion in the tender brief and members considered that a meeting of the Lakeside Working Party should be convened to discuss this issue further and produce a draft tender document. Any Councillors who are not on the Working Party are more than welcome to participate in the discussions.

**3028 Café**

Members approved the purchase of a large generic 'Café' sign for installing to the front apex of the new building at an approximate cost of £195. Three bench seats for permanent siting under then veranda were also approved for purchase; the size/style to be determined by the amount of available space (which will affect the price). A further 'café' sign with directional arrow will be commissioned for the Village Centre, visible from the car park.

**3029 Best Kept Village Sign**

Discussion was given where to install the 'Best Kept Village' sign which is on loan for a year. Permission will be sought from the County Council to both sight and install it on the Council's behalf near to the 'Gateway' sign on the village border near Highfields School on London Road. If this is not granted the sign will be installed on the playing field by the groundstaff. Permission will also be sought from the County Council for a permanently installed sign adjacent to the Gateway sign stating that Balderton won its category in the Best Kept Village Competition 2017.

**3030 Playing Field Facilities**

Discussion was given how to seek public opinion as to what additional facilities visitors would like to see on the playing field. One option is to include the question on the Council's web-site or by social media. The option to create a Council Facebook account is scheduled for discussion at next week's F&GP committee agenda.

**3031 Hedgehogs**

Discussion was given to increase hedgehog habitats on Council land. Mr Brown had created a suitable template hedgehog 'house' from old pallet wood which was on display at the meeting. There are a number of natural hedgehog nests on the playing field but members asked that a few further wooden houses be made to increase the hedgehog population in Council areas, possibly including Lakeside.

**3032 Burials**

Discussion was given as to whether there should be a maximum number of cremated remains allowed for interment in a full depth grave plot. After sympathetic consideration members concluded that it may be insensitive to impose such a restriction, but families must be made aware at the time of enquiry that maximum memorial size restrictions apply irrespective of the number of remains in a plot and these will not be extended to accommodate further names or details.

**3033 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) Notice of road closures on; Barnby Road level crossing overnight on March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, Main Street from London Road to Wesley Close on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 6pm, and Spring Lane from 8am to 5pm on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- b) An invitation to again participate in the Best Kept Village Competition run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Members agreed to join this and pay the entry fee of £8.00
- c) Members were advised that Newark Tennis Club has informally approached the Council to explore the feasibility of tennis courts being sited on the playing field. The Club is in the process of exploring different options and will submit any feasible proposals in writing for formal consideration.
- d) The Cricket Club has advised that the project to create a sight screen and wicket cover compound area on the playing field is scheduled to commence on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**3034 Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Mrs Brooks asked that the need for an extra member of staff in the Council Office be discussed by the Council Review Committee.

The meeting closed at approximately 1.00pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Allen (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Fairbairn, Gloster, Green, Mrs Lee, Lynch, Mallard, Mrs Newstead, Newstead and Roberts M.B.E. with ten members of the public, Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

A moments silence was held for former Parish Councillor Mr Raymond Rouse who had recently passed away.

### 3384 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Batey, Mrs Brooks (Committee Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Scott and Ms White

### 3385 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

### 3386 Public Participation

The meeting was closed to take public comments. Members of the public raised their concerns regarding the Council's decision to allow the YMCA to undertake canoeing and kayaking on the Lake, believing that it will have an adverse impact on the ecology. The Parish Council was criticised for a perceived lack of local information on its web-site.

The public were thanked for their attendance and the meeting resumed.

### 3387 Clerk/Chairman's Update

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

- 1. Re Minute 3334.1 Millennium Clock** Members asked the Clerk to continue pursuing a reply from Lidl about the broken clock.

### 3388 Playing Field Flooding

The drain that runs from the field end of Macaulay Drive through to London Road, between several Masefield Crescent and Baines Avenue properties, is badly silted up. It is considered that this could be causing the playing field's very slow drainage and long-standing flooding problem. The District Council which maintains that section of the drain has agreed to commission work to clear it in the new financial year; the work will be undertaken by the County Council.



3389 **Police Update**

Members discussed any recent anti-social behaviour and crime issues in the village. A group of young people have again been causing problems at the Dance Studio, necessitating a 999 call a couple of weeks ago. The Police did attend but the young people had left by then. The Dance Studio proprietor has asked whether the Council would consider enclosing the canopy area to prevent young people congregating there and having direct access to the door and windows. Different options to do this are being obtained for members to consider. The Police and District Council have re-launched the 'Report It' campaign encouraging all incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour to be reported to the appropriate organisations. New posters reminding residents of this, along with the correct numbers have been published and displayed in the village.

3390 **Outdoor Gym Equipment**

Members gave further discussion to selecting pieces of outdoor gym equipment for the playing field following County Cllr Lee's donation of £1,500. Members had been provided with options and prices prior to the meeting. A few options were selected as possibilities, and users will be asked for their preferences.

3391 **Lakeside Green Area**

Members approved a written request for residents to hold a Jubilee tea party on the Council owned green area off Rowan Way on Saturday June 4th 2022 in the afternoon.

3392 **Highway Issues**

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

- a) General wear and tear on London Road.
- b) Staple Lane's soft verge edges are broken up and eroded, causing quite a drop for vehicle wheels in places.
- c) The road surface of the entrance to Manners Road near to Sainsbury's is badly broken up.
- d) The bespoke "Welcome to Balderton" gateway sign at the A1 end of London Road has been removed. Enquiries are being made with the County Council about this; it may have been hit by a vehicle and possibly removed for safety purpose but its replacement is required.

3393 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) Notice that London Road outside Sainsbury's will be subject to four way traffic signals on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> between 5pm and midnight for telecom testing and maintenance work.
- b) Staple Lane will be subject to three-way traffic signals until Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> for a topographic survey by Severn Trent.
- c) The District Council has appointed a new Arts Development Officer who would like to hear about any arts projects or groups in the area.

3394 **Future Agenda Items**

The possible creation of wildflower areas on certain County grassed greenbelts on the Manners Road estate will be considered.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.05pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Council Hall on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2000 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Mortimore (Chairman), White (Vice Chairman), Mrs Dower, Fletcher, Gilbert, Mrs Hind, Hind, Jarvis and Sheppard.

with District Councillor Hall, Mr A Stevens Head Groundsman, the Clerk and thirty-five parishioners.

**APOLOGIES** were accepted from Cllr Gibson.

## 0482 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Fletcher declared a non-pecuniary interest to Minute item 0476 - Lakeside Environmental Adventure Base Project.

## 0483 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

**1. Re Minute 0480f Lakeside/Angling Club Complaint** Because the Angling Club could not identify the individuals concerned from the information given in the original letter, the complainant has been asked in writing for further details regarding the alleged incident. Until any further information is forthcoming the matter will be left.

## 0484 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Applications have received conditional approval and were noted:-

1281 Extension for W.C., garage roof	32 Goldsmith Road
1290 Residential development (outline)	Rear of 159 Main Street
1313 Conservatory	23 Waltham Close

## 0485 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered and approved subject to any comments detailed below:

0005 Erect 53 dwellings (phase 1a)	Warwick Park
0141 Vary conditions of outline permission	Warwick Park
0148 Conservatory, garage and fence	10 Blackthorne Close
0174 Conservatory	10 Alder Close

0486 **Environmental Adventure Base Project**

Considerable discussion took place regarding the County Council proposed environmental adventure base project. The County Council requires a decision from this council by March 17<sup>th</sup> 2000. The chairman had prepared a structured document for members giving a resume of the Lake's history and aspects of safety concerns which must be addressed. A proposal was made that the matter be referred to full council for a decision. An amended proposal was then made that permission should not be given to the County for the project. An open vote took place and the amended proposal was voted for with five votes for and four against. It was,

AGREED                      the following recommendation be put to full council:  
   "that the County Council is not granted permission to install an  
   Environmental Adventure Base Project at Lakeside".

0487 **Grass Cutting**

Further consideration was given to the possibility of entering into an agency agreement with both County and District Councils to take on grass cutting responsibilities in the village. Both authorities have been contacted who have stated that they are happy to discuss the matter. Approval was given to the Chairman and Cllr Hind to meet and discuss initial options.

0488 **Lakeside Correspondence**

Two items of correspondence, previously circulated from a parishioner regarding Lakeside issues were discussed. The Chairman undertook to meet with the originator to discuss his concerns.

0489 **Allotments**

A letter of concern from an allotment holder was discussed regarding the low number of allotments currently occupied. In order to promote the allotments appropriate notices will be displayed.

0490 **Play Area Upgrading**

Further consideration was given to upgrading the children's play area from the report compiled by Mr Keith Spires of Notts City Council. The most necessary initial project was considered to be replacing the perimeter fence from Coronation Street to the middle gate at Acacia Road which encompasses the children's play area. This fencing would cost in the region of £10,000. Enquiries will be made for the most cost effective methods of removing and disposing of the existing fencing. It was,

RECOMMENDED                      that this section of fencing be replaced with green powder  
   coated metal palisade fencing which would match the existing  
   fencing around the Bowling Green area.

0491 **Disabled Fishing**

Initial consideration was given to a request from the Grove Angling Club for a council policy on disabled fishermen using their vehicles at the Lake to gain closer access to the banks. Cllr Fletcher undertook to liaise with Club members on the issue and refer the matter back to the committee.

0492 **Lakeside Footpaths**

Consideration was given to applying for the paths around the Lake to become Public Footpaths. A letter will be drafted to the County Council Rights of Way Section asking for advice - the matter will then be given further consideration.

0493 **Sporting Charges 2000/2001**

Sporting facility charges for the next financial year were considered. It was,

RECOMMENDED that the charges remain the same for the next year, but that a provisional increase of 5% will be considered for 2001/2002. The relevant clubs will be advised.

0494 **Quarterly Bonus**

Approval was given to the groundstaff's quarterly bonus payment.

0495 **Community Centre**

The District Council will be contacted for the name of the local expert on community centre fund bidding. One suggestion to re-build the council Playing Field Pavilion as a community centre will be considered.

0496 **Playing Field Attendants**

Initial consideration was given to the desirability of two attendants being on duty together at the Field. The groundstaff were asked to contact the union for their views on the situation.

0497 **Information/Correspondence**

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

- a) A request from Balderton Youth Tenants Association to have use of the Pavilion on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> for a fund raising disco. It was,

AGREED that this be allowed for a flat fee of £15.00 for the evening - this fee being the same as charged for a similar event in December 1999.

- b) An invitation from Wicksteed Leisure to carry out a children's play area inspection at a cost of £25.00. It was,

AGREED that the inspection be carried out.

- c) Details from the Planning Inspectorate that an appeal against a planning refusal from the District Council for a dwelling at the rear of 27 Russell Avenue has been unsuccessful .

0498 **Future Agenda Items**

No matters were put forward.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.50pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Scott (Vice Chairman), Fletcher, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Walker and Ms White  
  
with Cllr Allen, Head Groundsman Mr Brown, two parishioners and the Clerk.

2239 **Apologies** none were received.

2240 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

2241 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to hear a parishioner express his concerns about certain Lakeside issues. He was thanked for his attendance and the meeting re-opened.

2242 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. No issues were discussed from the update.

Cllr Owen joined the meeting at approximately 7.10pm.

2243 **Y.M.C.A. Sports Project**

Members gave lengthy consideration to the Y.M.C.A.'s proposal to allow controlled, supervised boating activity on a section of water at the Lake as part of the organisation's plans for a Sports and Community Village on land behind Newark's leisure centre. It was,

RECOMMENDED with ten votes for and one against, that the boating activity proposal be agreed *in principle*. Terms and conditions will require substantial discussion and negotiation before a formal agreement is reached between the Council and the Y.M.C.A.

2244 **Garden of Remembrance Memorial Benches**

Members considered two separate requests for memorial benches to be located by families in the Garden of Remembrance. Both requests are for the same site. The groundsmen have inspected and advise that there is sufficient room for two smaller benches side by side. Members approved the requests.

2245 **Lakeside Litter Bins**

The litter bins at Lakeside, particularly the one near Heron Way car park is being repeatedly filled with domestic waste. Notices have been placed warning about the misuse. Members considered that stronger worded notices should be placed at the bins.

2246 **Cement Mixer and Generator**

Members considered a request from the Groundstaff for the purchase of a generator and a cement mixer to particularly aid with installation projects away from the playing field at Lakeside or in the Cemetery. Guide prices are £400 for a cement mixer and £500 for a generator. It was,

RECOMMENDED                      that the purchases should be made and the expenditure will be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval.

2247 **Lakeside Security**

Consideration was given to a request for the Council to provide a warden to patrol the Lakeside. The request follows a report of a firearm being discharged in the vicinity on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. The complainant did not report the incident to the Police at the time. Members considered that just one warden would not be adequate, and in an instance such as this staff safety would be paramount, thereby prohibiting intervention. The Police, who do patrol the area whenever possible were informed by the Council of the incident after the event and advised that such reports should be made directly to the Police at the time.

2248 **Warwick Road Parking Problems**

Discussion was given to ongoing parking problems on Warwick Road adjacent to Warwick Court. Some improvement seems to have been experienced recently, but there are some vehicles that regularly park across pavements causing difficulties for pedestrians and residents alike. Though sympathetic to the problems the Council has little or no power to do anything, but inconsiderate parking advisory cards could be placed on offending vehicles. A further supply of cards will be requested from the County Council.

2249 **Street Play**

Cllr Owen outlined an initial proposal to organise a ‘Street Play’ event where a designated residential road is closed for a time to create a safe place for families to meet, children to play etc. This can be a regular event but of course requires Police and County Highways consultation and approval. Members considered that this sounds like a very positive proposal and Cllr Owen was asked to provide further details and information before the Council could formally endorse the project. The item will be discussed again at the next committee meeting.

2250 **Angling Club Memorial Board**

Consideration was given to a written request from the Grove Angling Club for a memorial board of past members, to be sited at Lakeside. Though sympathetic, members did not consider that such an item is appropriate for an open public amenity area and could not support the request. A Club ‘memorial’ bench (without individual names) would be considered more suitable.

2251 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) Some Silver Birch trees to the rear of Grebe Close at the back of Lakeside have had holes drilled into them by persons unknown, plus an area has been strimmed and weed killer applied; this has very recently been carried out. Members expressed their extreme concerns about this and agreed that the activity be reported to the Police without delay.
- b) Further garden rubbish has been dumped at the allotments, this time in the form of conifer clippings which must have been brought from someone’s private garden. Notices will be displayed at the allotments advising that allotment holders must try to help the Council ‘police’ this and report any such sightings or suspicions. In the event of a further skip being required to remove rubbish the Council will be forced to spread the cost amongst all allotment holders.
- c) Notice that the District Council no longer employs specific dog wardens; the service will be provided by an outside contracting company. Any dog order contraventions or general concerns should continue to be reported to the District Council on Newark 650000.
- d) A request from the Village Fete Group for an animal sanctuary who are scheduled to have a stall at the Fete, to bring along some of their rescue animals. The animals range in size from small rabbits to pigs and sheep. Members asked for further details to make a decision, such as exactly what species of animals and how they would be contained/restrained.

2252 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Owen asked that discussion be given to the new link road and Staple Lane/London Road junction which he considers to be dangerous.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.00pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Scott (Vice Chairman), Major Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Walker and Ms White  
with Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

2198 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Fletcher, Mrs Hurst, Owen and Page.

2199 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

2200 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

2201 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

**1. Re Minute 2197 Playing Field Fertiliser** An approximate cost of £2000 has been quoted for suitable slow release fertiliser for the playing field, with a cost of £250-£300 for professional application. Members approved this expenditure.

2202 **Cricket Club**

Members were concerned to hear about misuse of the Council's playing field during a birthday party held at the Cricket Club on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The field was accessed using the Club's gate fob, and very large fireworks were let off from the field, many of which were left smouldering overnight to be discovered by Council staff the following morning. The Club Chairman has apologised for the incident (of which he had no prior knowledge). Members agreed that a letter should be drafted to the Club expressing their concerns and seeking assurances that an incident of this nature must not be repeated.

2203 **Newark Academy Trees**

Concerns were expressed about Newark Academy pupils who use overhanging branches from trees along the boundary to access the playing field, including straight onto the



bowling green area. It is understood that the trees have not been cut back for many years and are now very large. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Academy, asking that the trees be cut back as soon as possible.

**2204 Lakeside Y.M.C.A.**

The Y.M.C.A. has approached the Council to enquire whether it would consider allowing a small amount of supervised boating activity on an area of the Lake. This would be in conjunction with the sports hub development off Boundary Road Newark, directly adjacent to the Lakeside area. There would be no financial implication to the Council as all works would be funded and insured by the organisation and any boating activity would be fully supervised. At this stage all that has been approved is to allow the organisation to carry out water tests and underwater surveys of the Lake to assess suitability for activity of this kind. The Y.M.C.A. would then like to attend a meeting of the Full Council in January to discuss possible options.

**2205 Quarterly Bonus**

Approval was given to the Groundstaff's quarterly bonus payment.

**2206 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) Complaints about vehicles parking on the grassed area of Broome/Blackthorne Close. The Council owned land does have a No Parking sign located on the green. The P.C.S.O.s will be asked to carry out vehicle checks of offending vehicles when possible, and P.C. Stannard will be invited to attend the December Full Council meeting.
- b) Notification that Public Footpath No. 11 will be altered to accommodate the new section of Bowbridge Lane. Details of the proposed new route have also been provided. The company working for the developers is seeking the Council's confirmation that it is happy with the proposals; no concerns or comments have been submitted to the Council from the public to date. An acknowledgement will be sent.
- c) Notice that the partial road closure of Staple Lane has been extended to December 21<sup>st</sup> 2106.
- d) An update on the 'Newark Waste and Water Improvements Project', outlining where and when works will be carried out in the town.
- e) An invitation for a Council representative to attend a meeting organised by the M.P. with train companies to discuss performance/investment etc. on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Town Hall. Cllr Ms White undertook to attend the meeting.

**2207 Future Agenda Items**

No items were put forward.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors Allen (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Scott and Ms White

with District Cllr Lee, Mr Rawlinson the Parking Services Manager of Newark & Sherwood District Council and the Clerk.

## 3073 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Page. Cllr Mrs Brooks (Committee Chairman) had advised she would be late joining the meeting.

## 3074 Declarations of Interest

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

## 3075 Parking Issues

The meeting was closed to meet with Mr Rawlinson from the District Council who had been invited by the Parish Council, to discuss parking problems in the village and what options could be available to try and address these issues. Parents/guardians who park on London Road and adjacent streets to take and collect children to and from John Hunt School, regularly cause considerable congestion problems. Mr Rawlinson advised that County Camera Enforcement Cars are the best method of targeting this problem, although Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) do also patrol the village at times. Members asked whether an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera could be deployed outside schools so that fixed penalty tickets could be issued? Mr Rawlinson undertook to look into this possibility and to also advise the Council when the CEO's are scheduled to patrol the village.

The ongoing parking problems outside Tesco on Main Street were also discussed. Mr Rawlinson again undertook to look at the possibility of trying to create an order whereby store deliveries were time restricted to try and ease the situation. This would necessitate liaison with the store and ultimately approval from the County Council; it would be very difficult to control as lorry deliveries are often delayed owing to traffic issues, accidents etc. which are out of their control. Members considered that regular ticketing would help stop parking on double yellow lines. Cllr Allen asked for some statistics of how many tickets have been issued in the village, number of patrols etc. Mr Rawlinson advised that they are looking to change CEO's hours to cover tea-time and early evenings when many of these problems occur. Legislation is being reviewed to cover pavement parking which is prevalent in many areas, although if more cars park entirely on the road this could

further restrict access for passing traffic. Blue badge holders need to be mindful that they should still not cause an obstruction when they park their vehicles.

District Cllr Lee advised that he has been asked to look into the possibility of permit parking for Grove Street. Members commented that as the parking issues in that area are almost entirely all from residents, such a scheme would not help the situation.

Mr Rawlinson was thanked for his information and attendance. He left with Cllr Lee and the meeting resumed at approximately 7pm. Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Watt joined the meeting.

**3076 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**3077 Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

- 1. Re Minute 3048 Anti-Social Behaviour** Two young people have been banned from Council property; one from the Playing Field and one from the Field and Lakeside following incidents where they used catapults to kill birds and wildlife.
- 2. Re Minute 3071 Newts** Cllr Watt advised that he had made enquiries in the interim and the Lakeside area is not a suitable habitat for newts, so his previous request that the Council discuss ways of encouraging them need not be undertaken.

**3078 Village Notice Board**

Consideration was given to providing an 'open' village notice board that could be accessed by all to publish community notices of events and articles that may be of local interest. Members supported the idea in principle but had some concerns about possible misuse, management etc. It is understood that there are a number of this style of open noticeboard in Collingham; enquiries will be made to see how the village manages them.

**3079 Budget Projects 2019/20**

Members reviewed and approved committee 'running cost' estimates for the 2019/20 financial year. They also gave consideration to any projects for inclusion in the budget. Suggested projects include the purchase of a hedge trimmer attachment for the tractor to cut the larger hedges at the playing field and in the Cemetery, some new play equipment and/or a fitness trail, painting the existing play equipment and installing a small skateboard ramp. Some costings will be obtained for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

3080 **Highway Faults**

The following fault/issue was raised and will be passed onto the relevant authority:

- a) A number of potholes on Grove Street.

3081 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) The road closure for Coddington Road between Fen Lane and Vicarage Gardens for sewer project work has been postponed and is now scheduled to start on November 12<sup>th</sup> and will be completed on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2018
- b) Gulley cleaning work will be carried out on Wolfit Avenue from Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and on Hawton Lane from Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>; temporary traffic signals will be deployed.
- c) Notice from the current café tenants that they will be leaving at the end of the current lease which expires on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 – the last day of business will be December 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. A meeting of the Café Working Party was convened for Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 to discuss this.
- d) The Council will hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Village Centre on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018; all members are asked to assist and get involved.
- e) An invitation for members to attend the Official Launch of the YMCA community and activity village; this will take place on Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6pm in the Newark Town Hall. Any members wishing to attend to notify the Clerk.

3082 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held remotely on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 at 6.30pm

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

with Cllr Rouse, two representatives from Age UK and the Clerk.

**3234 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Lynch, Mallard and Scott, and Head Groundsman Mr Brown.

**3235 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.

**3236 Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to meet two representatives from Age UK, Nicky Wheddon and Nick Fairfax. They outlined a local pilot project which is being aimed to support the Balderton community to address issues such as social isolation and more practical needs such as shopping, collection of medications etc. These types of support requirements have of course increased since the start of the Covid pandemic. The organisation's aim is that the initiative would ultimately run itself through village volunteers as Age UK's involvement is purely to instigate the project; their direct involvement will end on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. Members took the opportunity to ask questions about the project after which the representatives were thanked for their information and attendance. They left, along with Cllr Ms White and the meeting resumed at approximately 7pm.

**3237 Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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- 1. Re Y.M.C.A. Agreement** Members were advised that the license agreement is still awaiting details of the design and security of the launch dock and CCTV but these are almost complete.

**3238 Café**

Members were advised that REACH has decided not to re-open the Café which has been closed since March when the pandemic lockdown commenced. The organisation has now given formal notice for their lease on the building to end on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. Another local organisation called Bridge Together has expressed a strong interest in running the café and has asked what the initial rent would be. Members gave lengthy discussion to this and determined on balance that the original agreed figure of £500 per calendar month should remain as the business lease amount and this figure will be quoted to any interested party. Bridge Together representatives will be invited to a virtual meeting with Café Working Party members.

Cllr Roberts left the meeting at approximately 7.20pm.

**3239 Playing Field Seating**

Discussion was given to provide some basic additional seating around the large Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for young people who currently congregate around the two benches between the Café and Village Centre. The suggestion is to utilise large logs, positioned around the MUGA and these would be sourced when any larger trees have to be removed by the groundstaff. Members supported the proposal in principle and enquiries will be made with the groundstaff to determine if this is feasible.

**3240 Age UK Project**

Members gave lengthy discussion to the project as outlined earlier in the meeting. Though encouraged by the aim of the project, members considered that many small, support initiatives have been set up as a result of the pandemic, some by friends, family or neighbours, and these are working very well. The Nottinghamshire Community Response Hub has also been excellent in pitching support and practical help for anyone in need. In summary, whilst applauding the aims of Age UK's project, members considered on balance that no practical support could be offered at this time from the Parish Council.

**3241 2021/22 Budget**

Initial discussion was given to budgetary requirements for the next financial year. Committee 'running cost' estimates which had been previously circulated were approved. More in depth discussion will be given to the budget at next week's Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, with particular attention being paid to the Council's continued use of reserves.

**3242 Highway Faults**

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

- a) A request from a resident for some form of signage to encourage drivers to keep left and not cut the corner on the bend near to the Manners Road junction with London Road. The Parish Council previously submitted a request that the junction be narrowed there to try and slow down drivers but this was not supported by the County Council.

**3243 Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) The latest Police update briefing from Inspector Sutton advising that the newly formed 'Operation Reacher' team has been on patrol in Balderton to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- b) Notice that Staple Lane will be closed for a distance of 900 metres from the Jericho Road junction in a south westerly direction, from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> for pipeline repair works.

**3244 Future Agenda Items**

No agenda items were put forward.

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**3244 Future Agenda Items**

No agenda items were put forward.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.55pm.



## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

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

with Mr Todd Cauthorn, Executive Director Y.M.C.A. Newark & Sherwood, Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

3330 **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

3331 **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.

3332 **Y.M.C.A. Boating on Lake**

The meeting was closed for members to meet with Mr Cauthorn from the Y.M.C.A. and discuss the design of the paddle boat launch dock which will be located at peg number 16 at the Lake. The revised design will allow the platform to continue to be used for fishing when boating is not taking place. Copies of a sketch layout were circulated to members and subject to a slight alteration suggestion, members were supportive of the design in principle. The organisation intends to use the sketch for a concept diagram to be drawn up which will then be brought back to members for ultimate approval. Funding options are currently being explored; an application may ultimately be submitted in the Council's name rather than from the Y.M.C.A. but this may lead to future ownership/liability complications which would need to be clarified beforehand. Cllr Ms White enquired about promised CCTV coverage of the area and Mr Cauthorn confirmed that this will be provided in some form initially with plans to extend it as the sports village project expands.

Mr Cauthorn thanked the committee members for their time, he left and the meeting resumed at approximately 6.50pm

3333 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

3334 **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 3271.1 Millennium Pillar Clock** As the clock has been out of working order for so long, members considered that the issue should be given separate discussion, possibly as a potential project for the Queens' Jubilee year in 2022. Options include sourcing the cost of repairs from fund raising and re-naming the clock, or replacing/relocating it altogether. This will be discussed at a meeting of the Jubilee Working Party arranged for Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 at 10.30am. Newly elected Cllr Gloster agreed to join the Working Party.
2. **Re St. Giles Churchyard** A meeting had taken place with the Church Warden where the issue of the problem telephone line was referred back to B.T., the wildflower area was discussed and the issue of a boundary wall that is falling down was addressed. This latter issue is ongoing and discussions with the District Council's Conservation Officer need to take place before any action can be undertaken. The committee will be kept informed of any progress made.
3. **Re Initiative Fund Bid** An application has been submitted to the District Council's Initiative Fund for Parish Councils for a CCTV camera at the top end of the cinder track (public footpath number 1) and playing field. If successful, the fund would only cover 50% of the cost so alternative funding sources will need to be explored, including the County Council's Local Improvement Scheme. Cllr Ms White advised that there may be funding available from the Police Commissioner.

3335 **Playing Field Flooding**

The County Council's Drainage Manager arranged for his unit's CCTV camera to inspect the drains on Macaulay Drive adjacent to the top of the field in mid-September. This showed that there is a blockage in the drain that runs from there through to London Road between several Masfield Crescent and Baines Avenue properties; this could be affecting the playing field's very slow drainage and flooding problem. The County Council is currently quoting to undertake the work on behalf of the District Council who are responsible for that stretch of drain.

3336 **Police Update**

Members gave discussion to any recent anti-social behaviour and crime issues in the village. The dance studio has experienced some anti-social behaviour issues since it opened but Inspector Allardice has assigned an officer to oversee this and promised plain clothes officer patrols if necessary. It is not known if this has taken place although uniformed officer presence has been noticed. Inspector Charlotte Allardice has accepted a revised invitation to address members at the Full Council meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 and an update will be requested prior to the meeting; a Freedom of Information request will be submitted if necessary.

**3337 Outdoor Gym Equipment**

Further discussion was given to installing outdoor adult gym equipment on the playing field. County Cllrs Lee & Smith have pledged funding towards the project; £1500 this year and £1500 in the next financial year. It was,

AGREED that two pieces, 'Arm & Pedal Cycle' @ £732 and 'Health Walker' @ £740 be installed initially on an area of the field not known to flood. If popular and not misused, consideration will then be given to install further pieces at another area of the field, ideally when the flooding issue has been resolved so that the equipment can be used at all times. The equipment will be installed in-house by the Council's groundstaff.

Cllr Roberts left the meeting at approximately 7.10pm.

**3338 Lakeside Litter Bins and CCTV**

Consideration was given to two e-mail requests for additional litter bins and a CCTV camera to cover the picnic bench area off Heron Way car park. Previous enquiries to install CCTV at that area proved far too costly as there is no electricity supply there, or even a street light that can be converted and utilised. The existing number of Council maintained litter bins were considered to be adequate and the requests could not therefore be supported.

**3339 Balderton in Bloom**

Initial consideration was given to the village participating in the 'In Bloom' initiative which encourages residents and organisations alike to plant flowers and generally take a pride in their local area. Further details will be obtained but members supported the notion in principle.

**3340 Lakeside Path**

Members approved the expenditure to purchase 60 tonnes of limestone at £1494 + VAT to renew the Lakeside path from the corner gate at Catkin Way through to the Heron Way car park area. The work will be undertaken in the winter by the groundstaff who will need to hire a double roller at a price of £80 a day; it is anticipated that this will be required for no longer than two days.

**3341 Memorial Rose Bush**

Approval was given to a resident's request for permission to install a rose bush and small plaque with a verse at Lakeside in memory of his late wife, near to the existing rose bed off Orchid Close. The exact site will be determined through agreement with the Head Groundsman and the resident concerned.

3342 **Budget**

Members gave initial consideration to budgetary requirements for the next financial year. Committee 'running cost' estimates, previously circulated, were discussed and approved subject to the budget heading Closed Churchyard Maintenance being doubled to £10,000 from the suggested £5,000 owing to the substantial cost of potential liability issues.

3343 **Highway Faults**

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

1. A request for bottle recycling banks in the village as the nearest ones are now in Newark— this will be raised with the District Council.
2. A large pothole in the vicinity of 12-14 Meadow Road

3344 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) An enquiry from a fitness company about sports holiday clubs for young people on the field. The local company has run successful clubs in Claypole. Members asked for further details which will be circulated.
- b) Radio Newark's breakfast show is offering a free on-air platform for non-profit making organisations such as Parish Councils. Members considered that the Balderton in Bloom issue could be promoted in this way once further details have been obtained and some progression made with the initiative.
- c) An update on the delivery of the Zip Wire piece of play equipment which was ordered some time ago. The equipment is fabricated in France where steel and delivery lorry shortages have put the expected delivery date back to mid-November.
- d) The latest Stakeholder Update publication from Police Inspector Allardice.

3345 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Ms White asked that consideration be given to re-introducing the best Christmas decorations competition for Balderton properties; this will be included on the next F&GP agenda.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.55pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Scott, Watt and Ms White with the Clerk.

3057 **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

3058 **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.

3059 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

3060 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

**1. Re Carp Fish in the Pump Pond** The Environment Agency attended the site to review the situation. The preferred method of removal was to drain the pump pond area, but subsequent enquiries had shown this to be prohibitive. Further enquiries are being made and a meeting of the Lakeside Working Party will be convened to further discuss the issue.

3061 **Trailer Gang Mower**

The trailer gang mower currently in use is believed to date back to the 1940s and was second hand when purchased by the Council in the late 1960's or early 1970's. It has been refurbished and repaired on numerous occasions but is becoming increasingly problematic and costly to continue to do so. It was,

RECOMMENDED that a new trailer gang mower at an estimated cost of £19,000 be purchased

3062 **Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) at the Cemetery**

Members gave consideration to a request to install CCTV cameras at the Mount Road Cemetery. The request had been suggested owing to a spate of thefts from a nearby store and some of the stolen goods were found abandoned in the Cemetery. These thefts have since eased and the area has not been subject to any reported anti-social behaviour so members agreed to monitor the situation and give further consideration to the request if deemed necessary.

3063 **Car Park Marking**

Consideration was given to marking the car park with appropriate wording, immediately in front of the Emergency Resilience Store to allow access at all times and deter vehicles being left there. The existing warning and advisory markings on the car park seem to have little effect, so members agreed to install more prominent signs on the unit itself advising anyone parking near it to allow a sufficient space to allow access. If this proves unsuccessful collapsible bollards will be installed immediately by the doors – the keys to which could be kept with the storage unit key.

3064 **Water Supply System**

Members gave consideration to a plumber's suggestion that further isolation taps be installed in the water supply system located in the roof space over the changing rooms. A different plumber had been asked to provide a quotation for this work but he could see little or no benefit in doing the work, believing the existing system is easily drainable in the event of any leaks. Members did not therefore approve the suggested work.

3065 **Litter Bin**

Members approved a parishioner's request for an additional litter bin on the playing field, nearer to the middle tree area. This will be installed near to the middle gate, bolted onto a concrete slab; this will enable it to be relocated if necessary as previous bins in that vicinity have been subject to misuse.

3066 **Acacia Road Footpath**

Members gave consideration to a request to install a hard surface on the Council owned public footpath which is currently top surfaced with stones. The stones were originally installed to prevent excessive rainwater run-off into the two adjacent gardens, and to slow cyclists down. Members could not concur with the request but did agree to the purchase of further stones to 'top up' the path as they are quite sparse in places.

3067 **Lakeside Nettles**

Discussion was given to removing a large patch of nettles at Lakeside and replacing it with a flower bed or shrubbery area. Members considered on balance that nettles are good for attracting butterflies and wildlife and are a natural species for the area. Wildflower seeds will be scattered amongst the nettles to encourage other insects.

3068 **Budget Projects 2019/20**

Members were asked to give initial consideration to any projects for inclusion in the budget for the next financial year. Budgetary issues will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

3069 **Highway Faults**

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

- a) A pavement between Bullpit Road and Macaulay Drive has a very uneven surface, this is believed to have been caused by tree roots.
- b) One or more street lights are not working on Grove Street – exact column not known.

3070 **Correspondence and Information**

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

- a) The playing field is scheduled to be closed on Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> for mole treatment.
- b) A local photographer has enquired about the possibility of recording wildlife at the Lake with a hidden camera. The footage and findings could possibly be used to undertake a project with local schools, and the information gleaned could be used to create a Wildlife Information Board for Lakeside visitors. Members considered this to be an interesting project and welcomed the initiative.
- c) An e-mail of appreciation from a Balderton resident praising the Council for the tidiness and neatness of the playing field.
- d) A number of road closure notices; Coddington Road between Fen Lane and Vicarage Gardens from Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive, for Sewer Project work. Hawton Lane from Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> for road resurfacing. A 100m section of Baines Avenue from London Road from Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> for sewer repair works. Clement Avenue and Wetsyke Lane from Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> for road patching and surface dressing works.
- e) A request from the groundstaff to visit the Saltex Show at the Birmingham NEC on either October 31<sup>st</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. It is quite a number of years since staff attended this show which specialises in groundcare issues and equipment. Members approved this request.
- f) Cllr Allen asked that Councillors' condolences be recorded for Newark Advertiser reporter Warwick Lane who had recently passed away. Warwick had been a regular reporter of this Council's meetings. A card will be sent on behalf of the Council.

3071 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Watt asked that the issue of encouraging newts be discussed.

3072 ***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.

A legal issue was discussed and agreed upon.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.00pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held remotely on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hurst, Mallard, Mayall B.E.M., Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Roberts M.B.E. and Ms White with Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

3219 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Mrs Lee, Lynch and Scott.

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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.

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No members of the public were present.

3222 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

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

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3223 **Café**

Members were advised that the café remains closed and has been since lockdown began in March. REACH is reviewing its risk assessments for the building in relation to staff and clients being on site safely, taking into account the current Covid restrictions for numbers and the associated new regulations of running a café. The organisation has suggested a meeting with Café Working Party members towards the end of this month, after a scheduled Charity Trustees meeting, to discuss different options and possible ways forward. Members welcomed this, agreeing that decisions need to be made soon remembering that the Café was built to facilitate a community facility for the village.

3224 **Café Fence**

Members approved expenditure to the value of £985 to install some additional palisade fencing at either side of the back of the café to help prevent access to an 'out of sight' area between the rear café wall and the storage room housed in the old cricket scoreboard building. The 'panic latch' included on one of the fencing panels will only need to be operational when the café building is in use and needs to be padlocked at all other times. This area has been the subject of both crime (criminal damage and a break-in) and anti-social behaviour over the Summer months.



**3225 Rats at Lakeside**

Members gave discussion to installing underground rat baiting boxes at Lakeside – an estimate had been obtained of £768 for two such boxes to be installed and emptied weekly over three months. On balance members did not feel that the cost could be presently justified as some people seem to still be deliberately leaving large amounts of corn etc. on the banks and fishing platforms rather than throwing bird food into the water. The piles of food are of course also attracting rats. An earlier programme of education through local leafleting and notices seemed to ease the situation so this will be refreshed, advising that such deliberate acts are considered littering and may be subject to a fixed penalty fine.

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Initial discussion was given whether to continue maintaining two very small grassed areas at Lakeside which were recently advertised for sale by auction, along with certain parking areas off some of the estate's roads. Inconclusive enquiries were made through the auction house so further clarification will be sought through Land Registry as to whether the grassed areas were actually sold along with the parking areas to try and ascertain ownership. Mr Brown advised that the time to maintain the areas in question is minimal when staff are already mowing adjacent grass. Members considered that the maintenance should continue in the interim.

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## **Balderton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6.30pm.

**PRESENT** Cllr Walker chairing the meeting, with eleven residents, two non-parish members of the public and the Clerk to the Council.

**APOLOGIES** were accepted from Mr J. Norman, Ms R. Clayton, Cllrs Green and Watt.

### **17/01 Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 were taken as read and approved, having been previously approved and signed at a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council. No items were discussed from the minutes.

### **17/02 Parish Council Accounts**

Copies of the Parish Council's estimates for 2017/18, with copies of the unaudited accounts for 2016/17 were circulated and noted.

### **17/03 Balderton Parochial Charity**

Copies of the Charity's accounts for 2016/17 were circulated and noted. Cllr Mrs Brooks reported that the Charity had given out quite a number of local grants during the past year.

### **17/04 Questions Raised**

No questions were raised.

### **17/05 Chairmen's Reports**

Cllr Mrs Brooks reported as Chairman of the Amenities Committee; activities have included resurfacing sections of the Lakeside pathways, installation of a disabled fishing platform and a visit from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust who are happy with the way the Lakeside area is managed from both an environmental and ecological point of view.

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported as Chairman of the Planning Committee; it has been another busy year, the Lidl development at the Lakeside Centre had finally been completed – some teething problems were being experienced but the company has pledged to iron these out.

Cllr Allen reported as Chairman to the Café Working Party; the building project is progressing well and the deadline for interested parties to submit a bid to run the business is at the end of the month. He also reported as Chairman of the Allotment Sub Committee; a number of plots had changed hands over the year but all were presently let out.

Cllr Walker reported as Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and of the Council; the possibility of the Y.M.C.A. using a section of the Lake for supervised boating is a controversial issue and he stressed that no decision has yet been made. The café project was a big and exciting project for the Council and he looked forward to seeing it up and running. He thanked his Vice Chairman, the Committee Chairmen, members and Balderton's District Councillors for their commitment, working hard for the good of the village. The groundstaff were thanked for their hard work in keeping the village and Council areas in such good condition, and the Deputy Clerk and Clerk were thanked for their continued support and commitment.

The meeting closed at approximately 6.45pm.

## **Balderton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Cllr Walker chairing the meeting, with eleven residents and the Clerk to the Council.

**APOLOGIES** were accepted from Cllrs Green, Page and Ms White.

### **18/01 Minutes**

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### **18/02 Parish Council Accounts**

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### **18/03 Balderton Parochial Charity**

Copies of the Charity's accounts for 2017/18 were circulated and noted. Cllr Mrs Brooks reported that the Charity had given out a number of local grants during the past year and anyone from the village in need of help can always apply to the Charity.

### **18/04 Chairmen's Reports**

Cllr Mrs Brooks reported as Chairman of the Amenities Committee; activities have included the completion of the Playing Field café which was formally opened in March, the provision of a new cricket scoreboard, and Balderton won its category for the Best Kept Village in Nottinghamshire competition. Discussions are ongoing with the Y.M.C.A. regarding supervised boating activity on the Lake as part of the new Newark Sports Hub; the Council has agreed to this proposal in principle.

Cllr Allen reported as Chairman of the Allotment Sub Committee; some plots had changed hands over the year and all were presently occupied. A number of inspections have been undertaken and the site is looking tidier overall than it has for some years.

Cllr Walker reported as Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and of the Council; he thanked his Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs Hurst, the Committee Chairmen, all the members along with Balderton's District and County Councillors, for their commitment, all working hard for the good of the village. Parishioners Mr Norman and Ms Clayton were thanked for their loyal attendance at Council meetings and interest shown in Council issues. Appreciation was extended to Council staff; the groundstaff for their hard work in keeping the village and Council areas in such good condition, the field attendants for overseeing Village Centre and Playing Field sporting activity, and the Deputy Clerk and Clerk were thanked for their continued support and commitment to the Council.

### **18/05 Questions Raised**

Mr Norman asked how was business at the new café? Cllr Allen responded that business is gradually improving, the facility being welcomed by Playing Field visitors and users.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.10pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6.30pm.

**PRESENT** Cllr Mrs Hurst chairing the meeting, with fourteen residents, three non-resident members of public and the Clerk to the Council.

**APOLOGIES** were accepted from Parish Cllrs Owen, Page, Walker and Watt.

## 19/01 **Minutes**

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Copies of the Parish Council's estimates for 2019/20, with copies of the unaudited accounts for 2018/19 were circulated and noted.

## 19/03 **Balderton Parochial Charity**

Copies of the Charity's accounts for 2018/19 had been provided; these were circulated and noted.

## 19/04 **Chairmen's Reports**

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported as Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and of the Council, thanking her Vice Chairman Cllr Ms White, the Committee Chairmen and all members for their commitment and continued hard work to try and make the village a better place to live. Appreciation was extended to the Clerks and all staff who often have to work in difficult circumstances, e.g. amidst anti-social behaviour, particularly on and around the playing field. The village has had an important year, sadly losing the new residential development area known as 'Middlebeck' to Newark Town Council under a closely contested Governance Boundary Review. The Highfields School site planning applications have been turned down on appeal for a third time, but 350 dwellings will almost certainly be built on the Flowserve site off Hawton Lane. Five further defibrillators have been installed around the village with one more scheduled for outside the Scout Hall on Queen Street. The REACH organisation has agreed to take on the playing field café and this should be operational by the end of May. The YMCA will be undertaking supervised boating activity on part of the Lake subject to the exact terms and conditions being agreed. There will not be a Parish election on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as there was an insufficient number of candidates.

Cllr Mrs Brooks reported as Chairman of the Amenities Committee and asked that appreciation be recorded to the groundstaff for their hard work.

Cllr Allen reported as Chairman of the Allotment Sub Committee; there had only been one or two tenancy changes this year and he was pleased to report that he had never seen the site looking better. An allotment rent increase had been agreed by the Council for 2019/20 but this was essentially down to increased water usage costs.



19/05 **Questions Raised**

Mr Roberts asked if the Council intended to engage in public consultation regarding the YMCA's proposal to undertake boating activity on the Lake? He believed that allowing boating will only create serious problems for the Council; in his opinion it is not a safe body of water for boating activity and the ratepayers of the village should be allowed to have their say. Members of the Council present argued that the YMCA would not endorse any activity that was not deemed safe and the organisation had carried out surveys and testing on site. Mr John Lee, a District Councillor for Balderton, suggested that if the only grounds for objecting are based on safety concerns why not ask the District Council's Health & Safety Department to carry out a full risk assessment for the proposed activity and make the report open to public scrutiny? The whole issue will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Ms Cawthorne asked the Council to reconsider the decision to allow boating on the Lake as she considered it would only increase the incidents of anti-social behaviour which occur regularly there. She had made a previous request that a gate be installed at the Heron Way car park to prevent inappropriate late night activity. Councillors had no recollection of such a request being made but future consideration will be given to this suggestion.

Mr Holland asked the Parish Council to help eliminate all references to *New Balderton* and ensure all addresses within the parish are simply titled Balderton. The division originally occurred when there were two Post Offices in the village that split the mail into two areas for sorting and delivering. He also asked that the Council campaigns to get the County Highways authority to make the village pavements suit the needs of pedestrians primarily and vehicular access secondarily. Pedestrians often walk onto the road rather than the pavements as it is more comfortable and in some instance, safer to do so.

Both of these requests will be given future consideration by the Council.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.00pm

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments March 2018**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting January 2018**

- Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.                      The organisation has drawn up proposals for use of the Lake and would like to arrange a meeting with members. The YMCA is also arranging a volunteer day to carry out a clean-up/litter pick around the Lake – this is presently scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Re Minute 3016 Churchyard Trees              The Pinfold Lane boundary of trees in the Churchyard were scheduled to be reduced in height and cut back as agreed last week by the contractor.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments April 2018**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee March 2018**

- Re Min 6062g Heron Way Car Park Nothing has been heard regarding the bid which was submitted to the County Council's Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) to resurface the car park at Lakeside.
- Re Minute 6062h G.D.P.R. Advice and instruction has now has been received regarding the new General Data Protection Regulation (G.D.P.R.).
- Re Minute 6080.1 Defibrillators Arrangements are ongoing to install the units as preferred by the Council; the Council's electrician has been asked to fit one on the Chuter Ede School perimeter fence and outside the Chemist shop on Main Street. Arrangements are still being made for the Library, William Ghent House, the Hawton Lane shop and at Sainsbury's.
- Re Min 6073 Boundary Review The District Council's cross party working group has held its first meeting to consider the responses to the proposed Newark boundary changes.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments April 2019**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting February 2019**

- Re Minute 3107.1 Y.M.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. submitted a draft agreement which has been reviewed by members of the Lakeside Working Party. This issue is tabled as a separate agenda item.
- Re Minute 3107.2 Granby Drive Cllr Walker is arranging a site meeting with the County Highways Inspector regarding the problem of the grassed area between Granby Drive and Priory Close being repeatedly driven over and churned up.
- Re Min 3108 Heron Way Car Park A letter has been submitted to Cllr Walker requesting funding assistance from the County Council towards the car park re-surfacing project.
- Re Min 3098 Playing Field Dog Bin The additional bin has been installed.
- Re Minute 3113 MUGA re-lining The line re-marking of the larger M.U.G.A. has been ordered.
- Re Min 3113.b Lakeside Info Map The artist commissioned to design the information map has advised that it should be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- Re Min 3114 Lakeside Litter Bin Enquiries are ongoing to source an additional basket style receptacle as there are no spare ones in store.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments April 2019**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee March 2019**

- Re Min 6149 World War I Bench      A site meeting has been arranged with St. Giles Church PCC to determine a suitable place to site the 'War Horse' memorial bench. It may not be possible to install it in the original suggested north western corner of the Churchyard as there is already a bench sited there.
- Re Min 6159 Christmas Tree      A site meeting took place earlier today with members and County Cllr Wallace regarding the request to put Christmas lights onto an existing Holly Tree in front of the new site of the Orchard School.
- Re Minute 6169 Age UK      Cllr Mrs Hurst made a donation to the charity from the Chairman's allowance and the organisation has sent a letter expressing appreciation for the same.
- Re Min 6170 Chuter Ede Parking      A further e-mail has been received from the complainant about the parking issues outside the School, expressing the opinion that simply replacing a missing bollard will not solve the problems.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments December 2021**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting October 2021**

- Re Minute 3319.2 Cemetery issues    Signs have been installed in the Cemetery regarding unauthorised memorial items.
- Re Minute 3332 Y.M.C.A.                    The solicitor has been asked to complete the agreement in readiness for signing.
- Re Min 3334.1 Millennium Clock        An e-mail has been received from Lidl, undertaking to respond to the Council's original request to repair the clock.
- Re St. Giles Churchyard                 The front wall to the Churchyard is in need of some urgent mortar re-pointing and repair work.
- Re Min 3337 Field Gym Equipment      The two selected pieces of equipment were ordered and are due for delivery this week.
- Re Min 3341 Memorial Rose Bush        The rose bush has been planted with a commemorative plaque. The family has extended their appreciation to the Council for permitting this.
- Re Min 3344 Holiday Fitness Club      Information was circulated previously to members to determine whether there is an appetite to pursue this.
- Re Minute 3344d Zip Wire                The play equipment company advised that the zip wire could be installed next week, subject to its delivery being secured from France.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments December 2021**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee October 2021**

- Re Minute 7377.1 Street Naming      It is still uncertain whether the District Council's previous decision not to allow the suggested name 'Jarvis' as a street name may be reviewed.
- Re Minute 7378 Internal Auditor      The new Internal Auditor Mr Dixon was scheduled to undertake some auditing work this week but has decided to re-schedule this for the New Year.
- Re Min 7379 C.I.L. Fund              The outcome is still unknown of the grant application made to the District Council for funding towards another CCTV camera.
- Re Min 7380 Christmas Competition      County Cllr Smith has kindly offered to provide one of the prizes for the best Christmas decorated residential property category.
- Re Minute 7382 Police              A Council banning letter was served by the Police on the young person identified as being a ring leader for anti-social behaviour on Council land.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments February 2019**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting January 2019**

Re Minute 3096.1 Y.M.C.A.            The Y.M.C.A. has advised that the draft agreement is ready for review; a meeting of the Lakeside Working Party will be convened to consider the draft.

Re Minute 3096.2 Granby Drive        The County Council has explained further why action cannot currently be taken about the reports of the grass being driven over and churned up between Granby Drive and Priory Close.

Re Min 3098 Playing Field Dog Bin    An additional bin will be installed as agreed on the fence between the cricket sight screen storage area and the smaller M.U.G.A.



## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments March 2019**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee January 2019**

- Re Min 6123 Boundary Review      New maps confirming the Parish and Ward boundaries have been requested from the District Council. These are currently being worked on and will be provided as soon as possible in readiness for the Local Elections.
- Re Min 6159 Christmas Tree      A request has been submitted to the County Council via Cllr Wallace for permission to put Christmas lights on an existing Holly Tree in front of the new Orchard School.
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## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments March 2022**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee January 2022**

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| Re Minute 7401.1 Street Naming  | It is still uncertain whether the District Council's previous decision not to allow the suggested name 'Jarvis' as a street name may be reviewed. District Cllrs continue to expedite this issue.  |
| Re Minute 7378 Internal Auditor | The new Internal Auditor Mr Dixon has undertaken his initial visit and some interim auditing work. A further visit has been arranged for March 21 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Re Min 7379 Grant Application   | Further details have been requested from the District Council relating to the grant application submitted for a CCTV camera on a lamp column near to the Macaulay Drive end of the playing field and cinder track (public footpath no. 1). |
| Re Minute 7391 Burial Plot      | The undertaker has paid the full amount for the second burial plot as agreed by the Council.   |

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments January 2019**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting November 2018**

- Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.                      The Y.M.C.A. has advised that the draft agreement for the Council to consider is almost complete.
- Re Min 3081 Coffee Morning                A thank you card has been received from Macmillan Cancer Support for the £235 raised at the Council's coffee morning in November and raffle in December.
- Re Minute 3090a Granby Drive              The County Council has responded to the report of the grass being driven over and churned up between Granby Drive and Priory Close. The authority does not consider that it is a hazard and therefore no action is warranted. The highways inspector will continue to inspect the area and if the conditions should deteriorate then necessary works will be undertaken.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments January 2019**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee December 2018**

- Re Min 6123 Boundary Review      The District Council's Chief Executive met with Cllrs Mrs Hurst, Rouse and Ms White on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018. Nothing can be done to reverse the recent decision to move the parish boundary but he does understand this Council's disquiet about the situation.
- Re Minute 6147.1 Defibrillators      The Grove Inn on London Road has agreed to host a unit. The electrician made another unsuccessful visit to Sainsbury's to install a unit, despite having an appointment to do so.
- Re Min 6148 Free Resource Grant      Photography for Big Cats has purchased a camera with the Council's grant and has expressed appreciation for the same.
- Re Min 6147.2 Investing Reserves      A sum of £75,000 will be invested in an alternative high street bank after the next fixed term maturity date at the end of February 2019.
- Re Minute 6149 World War I      The 'War Horse' bench has been purchased, and the 'Poppy Memorial' bench has also been ordered, but not yet received.
- Re Min 6152 Notts Sign on the A1      The Highways Agency has responded that the sign seemed to disappear by 2014, possibly removed at the time because the posts were rusty. The authority cannot class the need to replace the sign as urgent but will include it in the 2022/23 aspirational works programme.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments January 2021**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting December 2020**

- Re Minute 3212 Pillar Clock      A reply has still not been received from Lidl's head office to the enquiry asking whether the company would consider funding the clock repairs.
- Re Minute 3250 Public Toilet      The option of issuing keys to the toilet for regular visitors, scheduled to be discussed at this meeting, was deferred owing to the latest lockdown situation as the toilet is once again closed.
- Re Min 3237.1 YMCA Agreement      The Grove Angling Club has advised that their regular Monday fishing matches are held at different times on Bank Holidays and ask if this adjustment can be built into the agreement.
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### **Finance & General Purposes Committee December 2020**

- Re Minute 7307 Suthers School      Fernwood Parish Council has been contacted regarding working together to secure a second crossing point for pupils. They advise that steps have already been taken to address this issue and they are happy to keep this Council informed/involved.

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## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments January 2022**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting December 2021**

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## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments June 2019**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting April 2019**

- Re Min 3114 Lakeside Litter Bin It has not been possible to source an alternative quote for a bespoke basket style receptacle. A concrete bin, similar to the one installed at the Warwick Road end of the playing field costs £300.
- Re Minute 3118.1 Granby Drive Cllr Walker has arranged a site meeting with County Highways personnel in July.
- Re Minute 3121 Y.M.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. submitted a revised draft agreement which has been reviewed by members of the Lakeside Working Party; this agreement has since been forwarded to the Council's solicitor for checking. The issue will be a separate agenda item at the Full Council meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.
- Re Min 3122 Heron Way Car Park The preferred contractor will commence the resurfacing work on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- Nothing has been heard regarding the funding request made to the County Council towards the cost of the project.
- Re Minute 3123 Rats at Lakeside The District Council's Environmental Department is making further enquiries about reports of rats at a particular Catkin Way property.
- Re Minute 3125.a Lakeside Bench A mutually agreeable location has been determined for the memorial bench which will be installed by Council staff.
- Re Minute 3125.b Cemetery plot The purchasers concerned did not accept the Council's offer to buy the plot rights back at half the original price and will therefore retain the right to bury.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments June 2019**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee April 2019**

- Re Min 6149 World War I Bench      A suitable site was agreed with St. Giles Church PCC to site the 'War Horse' memorial bench and the PCC has now gained permission for the same from the Southwell Diocese. This can now be installed by the Council's groundstaff.
- Re Min 6179 Dementia Carers      The Newark Dementia Carers Group has sent a card thanking members for the Council grant approved at the last meeting.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments June 2017**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting May 2017**

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| Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.                 | The organisation has been asked for a written proposal of outlined activity in order that formal discussions can commence.   |
| Re Min 2244 Memorial Benches            | A local stonemasonry company is scheduled to install the two benches in the Cemetery at the respective families' expense.  |
| Re Min 2245 Lakeside Litter Bins        | Stronger worded notices have been placed to try and deter domestic waste being taken to the bins.  |
| Re Min 2246 Cement Mixer<br>& Generator | The two items have been purchased.   |
| Re Min 2251 Silver Birch Trees          | Letters were sent to all Grebe Close properties asking for any information and the local Police Beat Manager has undertaken to make house to house enquiries about the poisoned trees. |

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments July 2017**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee May 2017**

Re Minute 6010 Rowan Way CCTV A discount of £200 was secured against the maintenance renewal contract.

Re Minute 6011 Defibrillators Newark & Sherwood Homes has confirmed that there are no objections to a unit being fitted at William Ghent House, but a reply is still awaited from the Main Street Library.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments June 2018**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting May 2018**

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| Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.         | Nothing further has been heard since the last meeting with Y.M.C.A. representatives in March where they stated that a draft formal agreement is being prepared by the organisation for the Council to consider. |
| Re Min 3041 Lakeside Erosion    | Photographs of the bird feeding platform have been forwarded to the Environment Agency to see if any advice can be obtained.  |
| Re Minute 3044b Field Gate sign | Two letters have been sent to the proprietor asking for the sign to be removed but it is still in place.  |
| Re Minute 3055d Field Security  | The field is being patrolled between 6 pm and 9pm during two of the three weekend evenings.   |



## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments July 2018**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee May 2018**

- Re Min 6101.1 Boundary Review      It is understood that the District Council is scheduled to reach a decision later this month.
- Re Minute 6101.2.1 Defibrillators      Two of the units have been installed; one at Chuter Ede Primary School on the perimeter fence and one outside the Chemist shop on Main Street. Units are scheduled to be installed at William Ghent House on Mount Road and outside the Grove Garage on London Road. Enquiries are still ongoing with the ranch manager at Sainsbury's, and the County Council has now confirmed that there will be a fee of approximately £1000 to install a unit at the Library.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments June 2021**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting May 2021**

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Re Minute 3299 Bar Store	The bar manager has advised that a store cooling system is necessary for barrelled beer and he cannot suggest an alternative way of keeping the barrels cool in there. Prices for a new system were previously obtained.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments June**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee May 2021**

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## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments March 2018**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting January 2018**

- Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.                      The organisation has drawn up proposals for use of the Lake and would like to arrange a meeting with members. The YMCA is also arranging a volunteer day to carry out a clean-up/litter pick around the Lake – this is presently scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Re Minute 3016 Churchyard Trees              The Pinfold Lane boundary of trees in the Churchyard were scheduled to be reduced in height and cut back as agreed last week by the contractor.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments March 2018**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee January 2018**

- Re Min 6062g Heron Way Car Park A bid has been submitted to the County Council's Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) to resurface the car park.
- Re Minute 6067.1 Defibrillators The three units have been received and arrangements are being made to get them installed where agreed, i.e. at Chuter Ede School on the perimeter fence, and outside both the Library and William Ghent House.
- Re Min 6070 Free Resource Grant A letter of appreciation has been received from the local branch of the British Legion for the recent grant.
- Re Min 6073 Boundary Review The Council's response to the proposed Newark boundary changes were submitted to the District Council.
- Re Min 6074 Financial Regulations Regulation 4.5 has been amended to show Ms Boyer as the Council's Internal Auditor.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments May 2017**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting March 2017**

- Re Minute 2230 Field Closing      Attendants report that problems have eased getting people to vacate the field since the closing time has reverted to previous practice. There has however been two instances of vandalism to the main gate causing damage to the electric unit.
- Re Min 2235 Village Centre Bar      The bar manager was approached for initial suggestions about possible changes to the bar.
- Re Minute 2237a Best Kept Village      A copy of the rules and judging criteria has been received.
- Re Minute 2237d YMCA Meeting      Approximately forty parishioners attended the public meeting alongside Councillors and members of staff. The YMCA set out the proposals for use of the Lake as part of the Community Sports Village.



## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments May 2017**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee April 2017**

Re Minute 5099a Grant

The Newark Dementia Carers Group has sent a card of appreciation for the Council grant.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments May 2018**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting February 2018**

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| Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.        | A further meeting took place with Y.M.C.A. representatives in March and a draft formal agreement is being prepared by the organisation for the Council to consider.  |
| Re Minute 3025 Old Score Box   | The awarded contractor is currently on site carrying out the refurbishment work to the building as agreed.   |
| Re Minute 3027 Fishing Lease   | The Lakeside Working Party has met to discuss the fishing lease.   |
| Re Minute 3028 Café Signs      | The two signs have been installed.   |
| Re Minute 3029 BKV Competition | The County Council did not approve the temporary Best Kept Village sign being installed on the pavement next to the Gateway sign on London Road but would consider an application for a more permanent addition to the existing sign. The temporary sign has since been installed on the corner of the playing field as previously agreed. |
| Re Minute 3033.d Cricket Club  | The sight screens and wicket covers are now stored in the newly created compound area.   |

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments May 2018**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee April 2018**

- Re Minute 6073 Boundary Review    The Council's objections to the proposals have again been submitted to the District Council.
- Re Minute 6080.1 Defibrillators    Arrangements are still ongoing to install the units. The Council's electrician has been asked to fit one on the Chuter Ede School perimeter fence and outside the Chemist shop on Main Street. The Library has provided a quotation to install one there and a contract between the District and Parish Council has been signed to proceed with the installation at William Ghent House. Nothing further has been heard from Sainsbury's where the local Manager is considering the proposal.
- Re Min 6092 Grant    Newark Dementia Carers Group has thanked the Council for the grant and confirmed that they do approach and receive some funding from other local Councils.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments November 2017**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting October 2017**

- Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A. Nothing further has been heard from the organisation since it advised that proposals for use of the Lake would be drawn up and submitted to the Council for consideration.
- Re Min. 2259 Heron Way Car Park Mr Terry Bailey the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, who distributed letters to homes in the Heron Way car park area has advised that a response was received from just one property. The feedback report stated that there was some noise at times from the fishermen at the start of matches on Sunday mornings and some rubbish left by persons in vehicles visiting the car park who also play loud music at times.
- Re Min 2272.1 Best Kept Village The cheque for £125 as the winner of 'Category A' was presented to the Chairman at N.A.L.C.'s AGM on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. Balderton was not selected as the overall County winner; the prize for this was awarded to Caunton.
- Re Min. 2275 Churchyard Trees Quotations are being obtained for the necessary work to the trees along the Pinfold Lane boundary.
- Re Min 2284.1 Lakeside Trees Five mature trees have been ordered and will be planted once received.
- Re Minute 2291c Coffee Morning A total of £350 was made at the coffee morning.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments December 2017**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee November 2017**

- Re Minute 6043.1 Defibrillators      The County Council has advised that a unit may be installed at the Main Street Library – all costs to be met by the Parish Council.
- Re Minute 6043.2 Boundary Review      Enquiries were made about the progress of the boundary review and the District Council advised that a timetable for it is scheduled to be set at the authority's December meeting next week.
- Re Min 6043.3 Lamp Post Poppies      The poppies were purchased and fixed to the Main Street lighting columns in time for the Remembrance Sunday Parade.
- Re Minute 6046 Internal Audit      The new Internal Auditor Ms Boyer undertook an interim audit on Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments November 2018**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting October 2018**

Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. is preparing an agreement for the Council to consider; this was expected to be ready in November but nothing has been received to date.

Several Councillors attended an event at Newark Town Hall on Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 to launch the organisation's new community and activity village in Newark.

Re Min 3081 Coffee Morning

The Council's coffee morning which was held on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 raised £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments December 2018**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee October 2018**

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| Re Minute 6121 CCTV Camera       | The District Council has confirmed that one of the Community Safety Partnership's temporary cameras can be installed on the playing field next year in the Spring or early Summer.  |
| Re Min 6123 Boundary Review      | The District Council's Chief Executive has acknowledged receipt of this Council's letter of concern and disappointment at the recent decision to move the parish boundary.  |
| Re Minute 6132.1 Defibrillators  | One unit has been installed at William Ghent House. The units for Sainsbury's and the Scout Hall are awaiting installation by the electrician. The nursery on the corner of Milton Street with London Road has advised that it cannot host a unit so an alternative site is required. |
| Re Min 6132.3 Investing Reserves | The new Internal Auditor has provided some details of an alternative option for Council reserves.   |
| Re Minute 3136 Grove House       | A letter has been sent to the County Council's Estates Department regarding the building's uncertain future; no reply to date has been received.  |

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments October 2017**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting September 2017**

- Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A. The organisation has advised that it will send over the proposals for use of the Lake as soon as possible. A meeting will then be arranged in order that discussions can take place.
- Re Min. 2259 Heron Way Car Park Mr Terry Bailey the Anti- Social Behaviour Officer, hand distributed letters to homes in the Heron Way car park area on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 to ascertain if problems have been experienced there. This type of consultation is necessary as part of the process of securing permission for a CCTV camera, including relocating the movable unit presently housed on Rowan Way near to Orchid Close. No feedback to date has been received.
- Re Min. 2262 Cricket Storage Area An option to create a storage area to house sight screens and wicket covers has been mutually agreed. This requires minimal alteration of existing fencing and the majority of the work will be carried out in-house by Club members with some minor help from the groundstaff.
- Re Min 2272.1 Best Kept Village The judging of the overall competition winner was delayed from late September until this week. The winner will be announced at N.A.L.C.'s AGM on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- Re Minute 2274 Carp Angling A letter has been sent to the Club outlining the Council's decisions.
- Re Min. 2275 Churchyard Trees The County Council Forestry Team has been commissioned to inspect the trees to advise what work is necessary and compile a written report that can be used locally to obtain competitive quotations.
- Re Min 2278 Lakeside Trees Prices have been obtained for larger trees to replace the poisoned Silver Birch trees to the rear of Grebe Close.



## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments November 2017**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee September 2017**

- Re Minute 6020 Defibrillators      The County Council's response is awaited regarding permission for a unit being installed at the Main Street Library.
- Re Minute 6023 Boundary Review      Formal notice of the Newark boundary review has still not been received.
- Re Minute 6039 Lamp Post Poppies      The campaign created more demand than anticipated and the company cannot supply any more of the poppies, but it was suggested that the ones created for the front of vehicles may be suitable for fixing to street light columns.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments October 2018**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting September 2018**

- Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A.                      The Y.M.C.A. has advised that an agreement is being drafted for the Council to consider; this is expected to be prepared in November.
- Re Min 3048 Anti-Social Behaviour      A meeting took place on Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup> to create a Neighbourhood Watch Group for the Grove Street, Coronation Street, Grove View Road and Smith Street areas. It is understood that a number of residents were interested.
- Re Minute 3070.b Wildlife Camera      The camera has been installed at the Lake which is 'secretly' recording wildlife footage.
- Re Min 3060 Carp Removal                      The Pump Pond area of the Lake has been essentially 'dammed' to ease removal of the large Carp and also to prevent further fish accessing it.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments October 2018**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee July 2018**

- Re Minute 6109.2 Defibrillators      The preferred location has been agreed for the unit at William Ghent House - this will be installed very soon. Units for Sainsbury's and the Scout Hall are awaiting installation by the electrician. Grove Garage will not now host a unit so an alternative site needs to be found.
- Re Min6122 Grant to British Legion      The local branch has sent a letter of thanks for the grant but the Council is also criticised for not organising the Remembrance Parade itself.
- Re Min 6123 Boundary Review      A letter has been drafted to the District Council's Chief Executive expressing this Council's concern and disappointment at the recent decision to move the parish boundary.
- Re Minute 6121 CCTV Camera      A request has been submitted to the District Council for one of the Community Safety Partnership's temporary cameras to be installed on the playing field.
- Re Min 6124 Investing Reserves      The new Internal Auditor also considers that some Council reserves should be deposited into a different bank.
- Re Min 6126a Diversion Activity      The Police have carried out two further local diversion activity sessions for young people.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments October 2020**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting September 2020**

- Re Minute 3212 Pillar Clock An e-mail was sent to Lidl's head office to enquire whether the company will fund the clock repairs but a reply has still not been received.
- Re Min 3192 L.I.S. Bid for Zip Wire Nothing further has been heard regarding the bid made to the Local Improvement Scheme (L.I.S.). for funding towards a zip wire.
- Re Minute 3184 Field Drainage The County Council's Principle Flood Risk Officer has asked Severn Trent Water to liaise directly with the Council regarding a possible historic blocked watercourse on the field.
- Re Min 3222 YMCA Agreement The Committee Chairman and Clerk had met with representatives from the organisation on site regarding launch dock design options; the agreed design is required for the agreement.
- Re Minute 3225 Rats at Lakeside An officer from the District Council's Environmental Health team met the Head Groundsman on-site and suggested some vegetation be removed to try and clear some ground cover where there is evidence of rat activity. The officer was scheduled to liaise again with adjacent property owners who keep chickens. New advisory notices regarding more appropriate wildlife feeding practices have been installed around the Lake which warn that leaving piles of feed is considered littering and subject to fixed penalty fines.
- Re Min 3228 Car park Edging Logs A further e-mail complaint was received claiming that the logs create an area for young people to behave in an anti-social manner.
- Re Min 3232 Utility Meter Boxes Aluminium covers have been ordered for installation on the café meter boxes to deter further vandalism.
- Re Minute 3232 Policing Inspector Sutton replied that Balderton's second, (part-time) P.C.S.O. Ellie Smalley, who has been on sick leave and light duties since March 2019, is scheduled to return on patrol in Balderton from Spring next year. The Clerk has met P.C. Tom Mead, the new Beat Manager for Balderton.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments October 2020**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee September 2020**

- Re Minute 7283.1 Churchyard Cllr Ms White is liaising with the District Council regarding the possibility of transferring responsibility for the closed churchyard from the Parish Council.
- Re Min 7284 Remembrance Sunday A virtual meeting had taken place with the vicar to discuss arrangements for a simple service of worship this year led by ministers from the three village Churches, in place of the traditional parade and full service. Wreaths will be laid by invited local representatives and attendance will be strictly by invitation only owing to restricted numbers in Church. The service will be recorded and posted on social media after the event.
- Re Minute 7285 Unitary Authority Cllr Roberts had offered to attend (in the Chairman's place) a virtual meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 for Parish Councils about the possible implications of this major issue.
- Re Minute 7278.c Play Area Gate The quotation for a new self-closing gate to the children's play area is still awaited.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments September 2017**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting June 2017**

- Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A. A written proposal of outlined boating activity is still awaited from the organisation in order that formal discussions can commence. It is understood that a planning application for the sports village is to be submitted imminently.
- Re Min. 2259 Heron Way Car Park A site meeting was held with Mr Terry Bailey the Anti- Social Behaviour Officer, who undertook to write to surrounding residents who may have experienced problems in the Heron Way car park area. This type of consultation is necessary as part of the process of securing permission for a CCTV camera, including relocating the movable unit presently housed on Rowan Way near to Orchid Close.
- Re Min. 2262 Cricket Storage Area No further proposal has been received from the Club for a storage area to house sight screens and wicket covers.
- Re Min. 2258.1 Silver Birch Trees Leaf sample analysis has confirmed that the trees were poisoned with Glyphosate. Local P.C.S.O. Jon Dye and Mr Terry Bailey undertook house to house enquiries at Grebe Close about the findings but no further information was discovered.
- Re Min. 2263 Staple Lane Junction A further meeting has been secured with M.P. Robert Jenrick about the urgency to complete the Southern Link Road to ease local traffic congestion and improve road safety.
- Re Min 2266c Best Kept Village Balderton won its category for the Best Kept Village Competition. The presentation for this takes place at the Notts Association of Local Councils A.G.M. on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> in Epperstone Village Hall at 7.30pm. The judging for the overall winner takes place in the last two weeks of September.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments September 2017**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee July 2017**

- Re Minute 6020 Defibrillators Newark & Sherwood Homes confirmed that there were no objections to a unit being fitted at William Ghent House, but nothing has been heard from the Main Street Library.
- Re Minute 6023 Boundary Review A meeting took place with Cllr Lloyd and the Clerk from Newark Town Council who outlined the Council's reasons for requesting a boundary review. The review has since been formally requested from the District Council but the consultation process has not yet begun. Concerns were also raised when a street naming request made to this Council from the developers of 'Middlebeck' off Bowbridge Lane was apparently superseded by the District Council to name the streets relating to Newark's textile history. Nor will 'Balderton' form part of those addresses, despite the vast majority of the development site falling in Balderton. Newark Town Council denied any knowledge of the street naming situation, having not been asked to submit names for the development.
- Re Minute 6025 C.I.L. Fund £6698.40, the cost of the public toilet at the café building, has been paid for as agreed, from the Council's Community Infrastructure Fund.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments September 2018**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting June 2018**

Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A. Nothing further has been heard since the last meeting with Y.M.C.A. representatives in March where they stated that a draft formal agreement is being prepared by the organisation for the Council to consider.

Re Min 3048 Anti-Social Behaviour A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> to create a Neighbourhood Watch Group for the residents of the Coronation and Smith Street areas of London Road. The meeting will be held in the Village Centre at 6.30pm.

Re Minute 3053 Bowls Club The size and exact siting of the proposed shed has been agreed with the Club.

Re Carp Removal from Pump Pond A site meeting took place on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> with Council representatives, the Environment Agency and Grove Angling Club committee members to discuss the most efficient method of removing the very large Carp fish from the pump pond area of the Lake. The Grove Angling Club undertook to get further details and costings for the proposals to enable the Council to give further consideration to this issue.



## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments September 2018**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee July 2018**

- Re Min 6109.1 Boundary Review      The District Council reached its decision on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 - essentially that the Sustrans line will be the border between Newark and Balderton. The Middlebeck development will therefore be located within Newark, and Highfields School within Balderton.
- Re Minute 6109.2 Defibrillators      The further units for William Ghent House, Grove Garage, Sainsbury's and Scout Hall are awaiting installation by the electrician.
- Re Minute 6111 Internal Auditor      The Council's new Internal Auditor is scheduled to carry out an interim audit on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- Re Minute 6112 CCTV Recorder      The new digital recorder was ordered and installed as agreed.
- Re Min 6113 Report It Campaign      Letters have been produced for circulation, encouraging residents to get involved in the campaign and advise how to, and who to, report different issues and incidents.
- Re Minute 6114 Chuter Ede Letters      Permission has been sought from the School to publish excerpts from the letters on the Council's web-site on the condition that pupils' personal details are obliqued.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments September 2021**

### **Amenities Committee Meeting June 2021**

- Re YMCA Boating Project                      The organisation has again reassured that they are still working hard to come up with a suitable and secure dock design. The agreement cannot be completed and signed until the dock design has been agreed by the Council. A more hybrid approach between docking platform and disabled fishing peg is currently being explored. Officers would welcome the opportunity to present their preferred design to Councillors once it has been determined.
- Re Minute 3308.1 Play Area Gate              The new gate was found to be faulty on the day of installation. The contractor is currently liaising with the manufacturer about the problem.
- Re Minute 3271.1 Pillar Clock                A reply is still awaited from Lidl's head office to the enquiry asking whether the company would consider funding the clock repairs. A Deputy Manager from the Balderton store has also tried to expedite a reply.
- Re Minute 3308.2 Cemetery issues           Members of the sub-committee met immediately after the last Amenities Committee meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and gave initial discussion to the issue of unauthorised memorial items in the Cemetery.
- Re Min 3308.4 Dog Control Orders           Enquiries are ongoing regarding assistance dogs and Public Space Protection Orders.
- Re Minute 3308.5 Bar Store Cooler           A new system has been installed as agreed. The aircon. unit in the small hall also failed over the Summer months and a replacement unit is scheduled to be installed this week.
- Re Min 3314.b Village Centre Roof           A possible solution has been identified of a pliable wire-like material which is readily available from builders' merchants.
- Re Church Wall Repairs                        Further correspondence has been received from the St. Glies Church Warden regarding a property on Church Lane where the boundary wall with the Churchyard has fallen down and requires re-building.

## **Clerk's/Chairman's Comments September 2021**

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee June 2021**

- Re Minute 7351.2 Street Naming      The District Council has further responded that Pulford Close in Newark was named in 2013. Changing a street name is not recommended as it causes inconvenience for the residents having to change bank accounts, passports, utility bills etc.
- Re Min 7351.3 Police Commissioner      An invitation has been extended to newly elected Police Commissioner Caroline Henry to attend a future Council meeting. Newark's new Police Inspector Charlotte Allardice has offered to attend next week's Full Council meeting.
- Re Minute 7352 Grant to Chuter Ede      The School has sent an e-mail thanking the Council for the grant towards the cost of a school trip to the Holocaust Centre.
- Re Minute 7354 Casual Vacancy      The District Council has confirmed that a poll was not called, so the Council may co-opt to fill the vacancy. This will be included on next week's Full Council agenda.
- Re Minute 7355 Cyber Insurance      The Council's I.T. company does not consider this additional insurance to be necessary.
- Re Minute 7358d Manners Road      The scheduled road works on Manners Road have been put back from August until September 18<sup>th</sup> .
- Re Minute 7358g Changing Room      The necessary repair work following the flood was undertaken and paid for (an insurance claim was not submitted for the damage).
- Re Minute 7358h Dance Studio      The former café building is now being used as a dance studio for young people, ranging from 3-18 years. The new leaseholder has now paid two months' rent at the agreed rate of £450 pcm.

## **Clerks/Chairman's Comments January 2022**

### **Parish Council December 21**

- Re Min 4326.a1 Priory Close Grassed Area Any further update is awaited from County Cllr Lee about the grassed area being used as a vehicular access.
- Re Min 4326.a2 Closing Public Footpath1 County Cllr Smith has advised that the County Council does not have the authority to close the cinder track at night, but the District Council could consider this, on the grounds of anti-social behaviour.
- Re Minute 4330.1 Cycle Track Markings Both County Cllr Lee and Smith have reported the cycle track as being in need of re-marking; this should be undertaken in the early part of the next financial year
- Re Minute 4331.1 Lake/YMCA Boating A number of e-mails have been received from residents expressing concern about the impact they consider allowing paddle boating on the Lake will have on the surrounding wildlife.

### **Planning Committee December & January**

#### **Amenities Committee January**

- Re Minute 3363 Field Flooding The County Council has advised that work to de-silt the drain to the rear of Masefield Crescent is scheduled to be undertaken on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2022.

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee January**

- Re Minute 7407 Highways Issues The problem of double parking and bad potholes on some of the side roads off London Road to be raised with County Councillors.
- Re Minute 7408 Police/Field incident The Police have installed notices advising visitors that they are aware of the incident last Wednesday and that the area is under CCTV surveillance to help prevent any recurrences. The Police has asked the Council to consider installing another camera to cover the other side of the dance studio building.

## **Balderton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Walker (Chairman), Allen, Green, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Rouse, Scott and Ms White

with District Cllrs Lee and Payne, County Councillor Wallace, five members of the public, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk.

### **3989 Chairman**

One nomination was received for Cllr Mrs Hurst, who was duly elected and declared Chairman. Cllr Mrs Hurst signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Chairmanship and thanked Cllr Walker for his hard work during his time as Chairman.

### **3990 Vice Chairman**

One nomination was received for Cllr Ms White, who was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

### **3991 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Books, Mrs Lee and Major Mortimore.

### **3992 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Hurst and Walker (as serving members of the District Council) declared a personal interest to any issue relating to Newark & Sherwood District Council. Cllr Walker (as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council) also declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

### **3993 Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. One member of the public suggested that when outside organisations attend and make presentation at Council meetings, they should be time restricted to a suggested fifteen or twenty minutes to minimise impact on the other scheduled agenda items. One member of the public raised his concerns about possible implications to wildlife at Lakeside in relation to the Y.M.C.A.'s plans to carry out supervised paddle boating on the water. One member of the public raised three issues, namely: that a litter bin is needed in, or near to the bus stop outside Lidl on London Road, could the lights from Lidl possibly be distracting drivers causing them not to react to the pedestrian crossing traffic lights, and why was Coronation Street resurfaced when other roads in Balderton such as Hawton Lane are considered to be in a far worse state? They were all thanked for their comments and the meeting re-opened.

3994 **Representatives**

The following representative was appointed:

British Gypsum Liaison Group

Cllrs Major Mortimore and Walker.

3995 **Committees**

The committee members and officers are as follows:

Finance and General Purposes Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Page, Rouse, Walker and Watt

Amenities Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Major Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Page, Scott, and Watt.

Council Review Committee Councillors Allen and Mrs Brooks.

Planning Committee Councillors Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Lee, Page, Rouse and Scott.

Cemetery Sub Committee Councillors Mrs Brooks, Green and Major Mortimore.

Allotment Sub Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks and Scott.

Lakeside Working Party Councillors Mrs Brooks, Councillor Green, Mrs Lee, Cllr Major Mortimore with Head Groundsman Mr Brown.

Village Centre Sub Committee Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Newstead and Newstead.

Café Project Working Party

Councillors Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Lee and Rouse.

(The Chairman and Vice Chairman are ex-officio on all committees).

Footpaths Officers Councillors Allen and Mrs Lee.

Emergency Officer Councillor Allen

Safety Officer Councillor Allen.

3996 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, having been circulated previously were approved, confirmed as a true record and signed.

3997 **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) Planning

- 1. Re Minute 0438 90 Erect four dwellings at 90 Main Street** This application is scheduled to be considered by the District Council Planning Committee on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2018. No members were able to attend the meeting but their original objection comments will automatically be submitted to the Committee.

c) Café Working Party

d) Council Review

e) Lakeside Working Party

f) Amenities

g) Finance and General Purposes

Cllr Owen left the meeting at approximately 7.30pm.

3998 **Committees**

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

Planning

Café Working Party

Council Review

Lakeside Working Party

Amenities

Finance & General Purposes

3999 **Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed. No items were discussed from the minutes.

4000 **Internal Audit Report and Annual Governance Statement**

Copies of the Internal Auditor's Annual Audit Report were provided for members and noted.

Copies of the of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2017/18 were circulated; these were duly approved and it was,

AGREED to authorise the Chairman and Clerk to sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement.

4001 **AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18**

It was,

AGREED to authorise the Responsible Financial Officer and Chairman to sign Section 2 Accounting Statements of the 2017/18 AGAR.

4002 **Financial Statement**

The details as published were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £45,772.27 for April 2018.

4003 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Wallace advised that the authority has assisted local youth football club ‘The Warriors’ secure a new building with changing facilities on the Newark Academy site. He undertook to ask the relevant County Highways Department to look into the reported problems at the pedestrian crossing traffic lights near to Lidl as reported earlier in the meeting, and also explained that Coronation Street was resurfaced as he considered it was one of the worst roads in his specified County ward area; Hawton Lane is not in his ward.

District Cllr Payne informed that the Highfields School planning appeals will now be determined at full hearings rather than written submission as originally requested by the District Council; this is because the Planning Inspectorate considers the cases are too complex to be considered in this way. The hearings are likely to take place towards the latter part of September.

District Cllr Lee reported that he is working with the Police and District Council staff to try and ease the anti-social behaviour problems currently being caused by certain groups of young people in the vicinity of the playing field and Lidl car park. He encouraged all such incidents to be reported to the Police to help build the case and requested that any Police incident numbers be passed onto him personally. He also advised that a review of litter bins is being undertaken and this will include the request made earlier in the meeting under the Public session.

Cllr Walker reported that Hawton Lane is scheduled to be resurfaced in October. He had enquired why the Council’s bid to the County’s Local Improvement Scheme fund for a new surface on the Lakeside car park had been unsuccessful, but he had not been provided with a satisfactory answer.

4004 **Clerk’s Additional Information**

The following items of correspondence/information have been received:

- a) Notice that the Bullpit Road level crossing will be closed overnight on June 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- b) An invitation to the County Council’s Civic Service on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 3pm at Southwell Minster; any Councillors wishing to attend to notify the Clerk as soon as possible.

4005 **Future Agenda Items**

No agenda items were raised.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.45pm



## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Hall on Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1999 at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Fletcher (Vice Chairman in the chair), Mrs Brooks, Brooks, Colman, Mrs Dower, Dower, Fitzgerald, Mrs Fletcher, Hind, Mrs Holland, Mortimore, Mrs Vessey and White

with Mr Chris O'Brien from Nottinghamshire County Council, two parishioners and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES** were accepted from Councillor Sheppard.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7.31pm to hear Mr Chris O'Brien from Nottinghamshire County Council Leisure Services, who gave an update on results from water tests carried out at the Lake in conjunction with the proposed environmental adventure base. Tests carried out over the past three months (one sample per month) were undertaken by a company recommended by the Environment Agency. The tests have shown that overall the water is safe and suitable for certain water activities there. A copy of the full water testing report will be submitted to the council. Further soil samples will be undertaken. Initial architects drawings are being drawn up. An environmentally friendly theme is being used with 'green' materials, to blend in sympathetically with the surroundings. Tests for 'quick sand' have shown that moving ash is a problem in certain areas of the water, particularly the island area - it is anticipated that these areas may be 'isolated' away from activities to promote wildlife.

Mr O'Brien was thanked for his information - he and one parishioner left at approximately 8.00pm and the meeting resumed.

### 2318 **Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of non pecuniary interest were made by councillors Brooks and Fletcher to minute 2320b.1

### 2319 **Minutes**

Cllr Fitzgerald's name was shown incorrectly with those present at the meeting - this was amended and the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 1999, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

2320 **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

**1. Re Change of Use (6-8 Brisbane Court) planning application** The District Council have informed that the application is for similar opening hours to the Chinese Take Away and that no alcoholic licence is currently being applied for. Any council comments need to be conveyed to the District as soon as possible. It was,

AGREED that the application be opposed due to the detrimental affects upon local residents both those living above and around the units. It was considered that this area is the wrong location for such a business.

b) Amenities

**1. Re Minute 0361.1 Sykes Lane** Cllr Mortimore reported that he had visited the owner who informed him he had contacted the District Council Planning Department who had initially indicated that planning permission was not necessary, but he undertook to contact them again to check the advice.

c) Finance and General Purposes

Cllr Dower's name was omitted from the minutes in error and will be included as those present at the meeting.

2321 **Committee Minutes**

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

a) Amenities

b) Finance and General Purposes

c) Council Review

d) Millennium

2322 **Financial Statement**

The details as published were correct, there being cheque requirements for:

a) the period between the last council meeting in March and the end of the financial year of £5354.14

b) April 1999 of £1851.94

2323 **Reports from Representatives**

1. Cllr Mrs Fletcher reported that the League of Friends for Community Care had held a celebration event for members on March 23<sup>rd</sup> - the event had been both successful and enjoyable.

2. Cllr Mortimore reported as a District Councillor that at a District Council Policy Meeting on Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm the new structure and arrangements for local councils is being discussed. All interested were encouraged to attend.



## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

with County Cllr Walker, the Deputy Clerk and Clerk.

### 4137 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Newstead and Newstead and County Cllr Wallace.

### 4138 **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.

### 4139 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

### 4140 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 4141 **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 4123.a British Telecom Phone Box** The agreement to adopt the phone box on London Road has been received from the company and will be checked. It had been noted in the interim that the phone box is in need of some renovation as several of the door glass panels are missing - Cllr Roberts advised that there is a Newark company that specialises in doing this and undertook to make some enquiries on behalf of the Council.
- 2. Re Minute 4129e Y.M.C.A.** Following the organisation's acceptance of the additional conditions the Council's solicitor will now be asked to draft an agreement.

#### b) Amenities

- 1. Re Minute 3172.1 Marquis Avenue/Priory Close Grassed Area** Cllr Rouse produced pictures of the grassed area which is now very muddy, caused by vehicles driving over it. It is understood that a motorhome is now stuck there in the mud. He asked that the County Council's decision not to take preventative action there be re-visited as a matter

of some urgency. The Clerk was asked to raise this issue once again with the County Highways department.

**2. Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)**

- 1. Re Minute 7238.b Brisbane Court** The access to the site is badly churned up and muddy as school traffic drives over the pavement to park on there. This will be reported to the County Council who could own the land in question, or if not, may have the land ownership details which could in turn assist in the process of trying to get the site service road repaired.

**4142 Committees**

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

Council Review

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

**4143 Precept 2020/21**

It was unanimously,

AGREED that the precept requirement be set at £292,266 for the 20/21 financial year.

**4144 Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £34,906.05 for October 2019 and £28,816.78 for November 2019.

**4145 Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Walker reported that he had attended a meeting about the Cotham landfill site. Some complaints had been made regarding odours from the site but it is thought that this may be due to the excessive rainfall over the past few weeks. He also reported that he considered it unlikely anything would be done to improve traffic safety at the Staple Lane/London Road junction, believing that completion of the Southern Link Road is the only real solution. He suggested that local M.P. Robert Jenrick be asked to expedite this.

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported that she had attended and enjoyed the REACH organisation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary service in Southwell Minster on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**4146 Highways Faults**

The problems caused by parked vehicles outside and around the shop on the corner of Meadow Road and Hawton Lane were raised – this will be highlighted with the County Council to see if anything can be done to ease the situation.

The road surface near to the bus stop by Sainsbury's on London Road is badly broken up despite it being a relatively new re-surfaced area.

**4147 Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice that Mount Road will be closed between London Road and Mount Court from Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 for Severn Trent to undertake defect repair works. It is understood that this may relate to the long-standing flooding problems in front of the Post Office on Main Street.
- b) Notice that Bullpit Road will be subject to 'Stop and Go' boards from Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday January 17<sup>th</sup> for the County Council to undertake Coring Works.

**4148 Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

Season greetings were exchanged  
and the meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT** Councillors Ms White (Chairman), Allen, (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Green, Lynch, Mrs Lee, Mallard, Roberts M.B.E. and Scott with County Cllrs Lee and Smith, four members of the public and the Clerk.

### 4322 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gloster, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Newstead and Newstead, and County Cllr Girling.

### 4323 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Ms White, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

### 4324 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments and the parishioners present raised their concerns about the Council's agreement with the Y.M.C.A. to allow an amount of paddle boating on the Lake. The residents had recently submitted both a letter and e-mail containing questions relating to this issue and they were advised that a written reply would be supplied in due course, within the statutory timescale. The public left at approximately 6.35pm.

### 4325 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2021, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 4326 **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 4286.a1 Priory Close Grassed Area** County Cllr Lee advised that he is still liaising with Highways Manager Mr Sean Brown regarding this issue.
- 2. Re Minute 4286.a2 Public Footpath No, 1** County Cllr Smith advised that he has expedited a reply from the authority regarding the feasibility of closing the footpath overnight.

#### b) Amenities

- 1. Re Minute 3351.4 Zip Wire** Members were pleased to hear that the piece of play equipment was finally scheduled for installation at the end of this week.

#### c) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

4327 **Committees**

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

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

4328 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £37,230.43 for October 2021.

4329 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Smith advised that resurfacing patch work had been undertaken on Public Footpath number 1. Hazardous parking and associated problems outside the village schools are an ongoing concern and the authority continues to try and address/solve these issues.

County Cllr Lee reported that he is seeking speed reduction measures for Hawton Lane, along with double yellow lines at the Middlbeck end outside the school. He advised that a scheme, previously under initial consideration for permit parking on Grove Street did not have sufficient support to proceed.

Both County Councillors confirmed they are happy to support the Council in any Local Improvement Fund bids made to the County Council's scheme in 2022.

Cllr Ms White informed members of the Severn Trent Community Fund for new projects to care for nature, reduce carbon and boost environmental sustainability.

4330 **Highways Faults**

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

1. The line markings of the cycle track along London Road are faded and worn and are in need of re-painting. County Cllrs Lee and Smith undertook to raise this with the authority.
2. The street name plate for Marquis Avenue has come away from the ground posts.

4331 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) A letter from Rowan Way residents concerned about the Council decision to allow paddle boating on the Lake by the Y.M.C.A.
- b) A Long Service Award Certificate for Cllr Mrs Brooks from the Notts Association of Local Councils. The certificate had been scheduled for presentation at the organisation's AGM in November but the meeting had been held remotely owing to Covid case number concerns.

4332 **Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were raised.

Seasonal greetings were exchanged  
and the meeting closed at approximately 7.15pm



## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Hall on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> 1999 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Sheppard (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Brooks, Colman, Mrs Dower, Dower, Mrs Fletcher, Gibson, Gilbert, Mrs Hind, Hind, Jarvis, Mortimore and Miss Oram.

with District Councillor Hall, ten parishioners, a member of the press and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES were accepted from Cllrs Fitzgerald and White, and County Cllr Hannaford.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None were made.

### 2365 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> 1999 having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 2366 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

- 1. Re Minute 2357c.3 Parochial Charity** The amount of lost interest from the loan has been calculated for the Charity's clerk who will arrange repayment.
- 2. Minute 2359 Community Centre** District Council officers will attend the February 2000 council meeting at 7.00pm to discuss options.
- 3. Re Minute 2360 Newark Area Local Forum** Cllrs Gibson and Lonsdale will both attend the next meeting of the Forum where they hope to confirm that two parish members can represent the council on the Forum.
- 4. Re Minute 2364.2 Grove Street** A letter will be drafted outlining concerns regarding 'Superbuzes' using this route.

#### b) Amenities

- 1. Re Minute 0449 Wildlife Sign** The RSPB have stated that a general sign asking for wildlife to be treated with respect would be appropriate for installation at the bank near to Orchid Close. A suitable sign will be ordered.

#### c) Finance and General Purposes

- 1. Re Minute 2732 Internet** Interested members can visit the District Council to view their Internet and Web pages on Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm at Kelham Hall. Councillors wishing to attend should notify the clerk.

#### d) Millennium

- 1. Re Minute 0072a Sporting Cups** Members agreed that the cups should be presented to the schools by the committee or council chairman in preference to asking the school head teachers to attend the February 2000 council meeting where other invited guests are already scheduled to attend and speak.

2367 **Committee Minutes**

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

- a) Amenities
- b) Finance and General Purposes
- c) Millennium

2368 **John Hunt Junior School Governor**

It was,

AGREED that Cllr Gilbert be the council appointed governor to the school.

2369 **Warwick Park**

A discussion took place on concerns raised by local wildlife groups regarding the desire to leave certain open areas of meadow at the site by increasing housing density in places. It is understood that the developers are prepared to make some amendments which should help retain more open area.

A letter will be drafted to Severn Trent regarding concerns about how the local system is going to cope with the increased sewage from the development and what steps are being taken to ensure the water quality will not be affected.

2370 **Environmental Adventure Base**

A discussion took place on the proposed project. EMEC, the company who undertook the ecological assessment on the Lake for the County Council have been invited to meet and discuss their report. This discussion should take place before any further action is taken about the proposal.

2371 **Financial Statements**

The details as published were correct, there being a cheque requirement for December of £4350.68.

2372 **Reports from Representatives**

1. Cllr Fletcher reported that he had attended a District Council ceremony where Balderton Youth Tenants Association's Secretary, Miss Keri Willis had received a certificate for the District's Young Citizen of the Year Award. A letter of congratulations will be drafted to Miss Willis.
2. Cllr Hind reported that Age Concern had held their Christmas Shopping evening at Morrisons' supermarket on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was enjoyed by all who attended.
3. Cllr Brooks reported that Balderton Parochial Charity Christmas widows payments would not be paid until after the new year owing to administrative difficulties.
4. County Councillor Hannaford had submitted a written report notifying that he had been successful subject to final costing, in a bid for improvements to Moulton Crescent. The outcome of a bid for a footpath from Barnby Lane to Bullpit Crossing is not yet known.

2373 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) A request for help from Dorewood W.I. who are purchasing a seat for the village to mark the Millennium - they asked if the council would arrange for the seat to be installed. It was,

AGREED that the council staff be asked to carry out the installation.

- b) Notice of a large silver birch tree at 105 Main Street which is now in a dangerous state - District Council permission has been granted for the tree to be felled.
- c) The latest County Highways Briefing with a copy of the salting routes in Nottinghamshire for 1999/2000.
- d) Notice of the next meeting of Newark Area Local Forum - at Newark Town Hall on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.15pm to receive Miss Kerri Willis who was congratulated on her receipt of Newark and Sherwood District Council Young Citizen of the Year Award. The meeting re-opened at approximately 8.18pm.

2374 **Councillors Questions**

1. Cllr Hind asked that a letter of concern be sent to County Highways regarding the fact that the Coddington to Balderton road is not gritted during icy weather.
2. Cllr Mortimore asked that Newark Police Inspector Ward's recently published proposals for problem young people be referred to the Amenities committee for discussion.
3. Cllr Hall asked that the council send a card to a previous Parish Councillor Mr Walmsley and his wife who will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 30<sup>th</sup> 1999.
4. Cllr Dower asked what stage the Staple Lane pavement installation is at? District Councillors confirmed that the developers have been ordered to install the pavement as soon as possible.

Seasonal greetings were exchanged and the meeting closed at approximately 8.35pm

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday January 25th 2017 at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Walker (Chairman), Mrs Hurst (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Major Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Owen, Rouse, Scott and Ms White

with three representatives of the Y.M.C.A., two parishioners and the Clerk.

## 3869 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fletcher, Green, Page and Watt, and District Cllr Lee. A leave of six months absence was approved for Cllr Fletcher on the grounds of ill health.

## 3870 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council. Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

## 3871 **Public/Y.M.C.A Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments, including hearing from representatives of the Y.M.C.A. who outlined the organisation's wish to undertake supervised boating activity on the Council's Lake. This would form part of the organisation's Sport and Community Village (SCV) located next to the Newark Sport and Fitness Centre off Bowbridge Road which is only separated from the Lake by the Sustrans track. The aim is to provide modern integrated sport and community facilities, in addition to programmes and activities that engage the wider community. The Lakeside proposal includes provision of a boathouse (located on the SCV itself, not on Council land) which has toilets and a café kiosk, a security fenced boat launch/dock platform and a well-being/sensory meditation garden. The organisation would work with the Council to help secure the whole Lakeside area, manage noise disturbance, help with environmental, wildlife and erosion concerns, and support anglers and the general public. Booklets outlining the proposals were circulated and members were invited to ask questions.

They were thanked for their attendance and information and they left the meeting at approximately 7.35pm. The parishioners present did not raise any issues and the meeting was re-opened.

## 3872 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 14th 2016, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

3873 **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 Meeting

**1. Re Minute 3862.f Community Speed Watch** It was considered beneficial to invite District Council officer Mr Terry Bailey to a meeting regarding the Community Speed Watch programme where volunteer groups can deploy hand held 'speed guns' to promote traffic calming in problem areas.

b) Café Working Party 14/12/16 & 09/01/17

**1. Re Minute 0012 Building Agent** Members considered it beneficial to obtain and review a third quotation to appoint a Building Agent for the project; the appointment will be agreed at the meeting scheduled for next week.

**2. Re Minute 0011 Cricket Scorebox** The Club will be expedited for its scoreboard requirements.

c) Amenities

**1. Re Minute 2211 Lakeside Trees** The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Amenities Chairman undertook to hold a further site meeting on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**2. Re Minute 2214b Vertical Blinds** Members reviewed the quotations and it was,

AGREED with nine votes for and two abstentions to accept the quotation of £226.67 from North Notts Blinds for fire retardant, sealed bottom vertical blinds and new track.

d) Planning

e) Finance & General Purposes

**1. Re Minute 5078 Web Site** The District Council has provided a report of the 'web traffic' for the Council's web-site since the District Council took over its hosting in July 2016, showing how many people have accessed the site and which pages have been read.

3874 **Committees**

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

Café Working Party 14/12/16 & 09/01/17

Amenities

Planning

Finance & General Purposes

3875 **Parking outside Schools**

Concerns were expressed about constant inconsiderate and, at times, dangerous parking which occurs outside the village schools which only seems to ease when the Civil Enforcement Officers or the County Council's 'camera car' are patrolling the area. Members considered that the Council needs to take a more pro-active approach and it was agreed that the County's Road Safety Officer be invited to a meeting to discuss possible options and strategies.

**3876 Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a payment requirement of £21,222.93 for December 2016.

**3877 Reports from Representatives**

District Cllr Lee had asked that members be advised that on a recent visit to the Lakeside area he had received complaints about the number of dogs being walked off the lead which contravenes the ‘Dogs on Leads’ order for the area. He had been asked if additional signs could be installed. He had also reported that there was a lot of litter visible at Lakeside (Council groundstaff had just carried out a considerable amount of cutting back/clearing vegetation which had revealed it – this has since been picked up).

Cllr Owen reported that on a recent icy day, the Wordsworth Drive road surface was very slippery. He asked if the route is on the Winter gritting programme as it is on a bus route? Cllr Walker undertook to make enquiries with the County Council.

Cllr Newstead reported that the parking bays at the remaining Lakeside Shopping Centre are often full of Lidl contractors’ vehicles, making it difficult for customers to park and thereby affecting business to the shops. He enquired whether the contractors could be allowed to park on the old Leisure Centre car park site to ease the problem. Enquiries will be made.

**3878 Clerk’s Additional Information**

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

- a) An e-mail asking the Council to support a resident’s request to Nottinghamshire County Council for Pinfold Lane to be resurfaced. Cllr Walker undertook to raise this issue with the authority.
- b) An e-mail complaining about a wind turbine which has appeared in fields off Lowfield Lane. It is understood that the turbines are actually part of the windfarm which is located in Hawton parish.
- c) A letter from Robert Jenrick M.P. that the government will not be imposing the Council tax referendum principles for parish councils in the 2017/18 financial year.
- d) An invitation from the Recycling Officer at Veolia for community tours of the Material Recovery Facility in Mansfield. Several members expressed an interest in attending; further enquiries will be made.

**3879 Future Agenda Items**

- 1. Cllr Owen asked that consideration be given to the “playstreet” idea where a street is closed for 2-3 hours to allow children to play safely there. Further details will be obtained and the issue included on an Amenities committee agenda.
- 2. Members considered it appropriate to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the Y.M.C.A.’s proposal for Lakeside – date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.20pm.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors Walker (Chairman), Mrs Hurst (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Page, Rouse, Scott and Watt  
with District Cllr Lee, five members of the public and the Clerk.

**3957 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Major Mortimore, Owen and Ms White, District Cllr Payne, County Councillors Girling and Wallace.

**3958 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council. Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

**3959 Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. Parishioners raised concerns about the possible closure of the laundry room at Dorewood Court, a much used facility by local elderly residents. Dorewood Court is managed by Newark & Sherwood Homes (NASH).

They were thanked for their attendance and the meeting re-opened. District Cllr Lee advised that he was aware of this proposal and had arranged a meeting for tenants with NASH the following day, but stated that no decisions have yet been taken. A full consultation process is being undertaken.

**3960 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

**3961 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 Meeting

- 1. Re Minute 3955a Planning Training** Cllr Rouse advised that at the training session hosted by the District Council it was confirmed that Parish Councils are not statutory planning consultees. Whilst acknowledging the goodwill and current

practice shown by the local Planning Authority to parish councils in this area, this fact does raise concerns about the democratic process. A letter will be drafted to the M.P. Robert Jenrick asking for an explanation and/or a change in legislation.

b) Amenities

c) Planning

**1. Re Minute 0431 Gypsum Sub Strata**

Cllr Walker undertook to also raise this issue with the County Council as well as with the British Gypsum Liaison Group at its next meeting.

d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

- 1. Re Minute 6068 Flooding/Drainage** Members advised that rain water is slow to clear from London Road at two points; opposite Staple Lane and opposite Sainsbury's. These problem areas will be reported to the County Council.
- 2. Re Minute 6070a 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

£240 to the Balderton Branch of the Royal British Legion

this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

**3962 Committees**

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

Amenities

Planning

Finance and General Purposes

**3963 Precept 2018/19**

It was unanimously,

AGREED that the precept requirement be set at £267,330 for the 2018/19 financial year.

**3964 Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being payment requirements of £27,508.72 for November and £21,396.90 for December 2017.



3965 **Reports from Representatives**

District Cllr Lee advised that a previously agreed, but not implemented, policy change to only provide smaller waste bins for households of two or less people was scheduled to be discussed again by the District Council.

3966 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Highways England's Strategic Road Network public consultation closes on February 7<sup>th</sup> and seeks opinion on how funding should be prioritised.
- b) A letter from Fernwood Parish Council expressing concern about the impact of closing Hollowdyke Lane for through traffic (other than buses and cycles), asking for this Council's comments. The letter was referred to the next F&GP committee meeting and the Fernwood Chairman and Vice Chairman will be invited to attend the meeting.
- c) An invitation from the Y.M.C.A. to attend a celebration evening on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 where new visuals will be shown of the planned sports village. Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Walker undertook to attend the event.
- d) The new 'Art & Craft Café' on the playing field is scheduled to open on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

3967 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Rouse asked the issue of reducing the speed limit to 30 m.p.h. along the entire length of London Road be considered. Similar 'main' routes in Newark such as Lincoln Road and Hawton Road are being made into 30 m.p.h limits, so why not in Balderton? Cllr Walker undertook to arrange a meeting with the County Highways Inspector and County Cllr Cottee to explore this option.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6.30pm

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

with County Cllr Lee, fourteen members of the public, the Clerk and Clerical Assistant.

### 4333 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hurst, and County Cllrs Girling and Smith.

### 4334 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Ms White, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council.

### 4335 **Public Participation**

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Janet Richardson M.B.E. had been expected to attend the meeting but was not present, so the business proceeded to the public session to take any comments. 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 Council was criticised for a perceived lack of communication, a public meeting about this issue was requested along with a community action plan for the Lake. The Chairman re-opened the meeting, thanked the public for their interest, and advised that any specific questions raised at the open session would be addressed individually.

### 4336 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 4337 **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 advised that one option being considered is for a tree planting scheme for that green belt and for others on the Manners Road estate vicinity, to provide a natural barrier to prevent vehicles being driven over open grassed areas. He is liaising with Highways Manager Mr Sean Brown regarding this issue.
- 2. Re Minute 4326.a2 Public Footpath No. 1** County Cllr Smith had advised in writing prior to the meeting that the County Council does not have the statutory right to close a public footpath overnight, but the District Council does, on the grounds of

public safety to prevent anti-social behaviour and crime. Members agreed to refer this issue to the F&GP committee for discussion.

3. **Re Minute 4330.1 Cycle Track Markings** Though pleased to hear that the cycle track will be re-marked early in the new financial year, members sought assurance that the markings will make its safe use clearly understood by cyclists and pedestrians alike in line with the new Highway Code.

- b) Planning
- c) Amenities

1. **Re Minute 3365 Headstone Size** Further clarification had been sought from the stonemasons regarding the need for a base plinth for the headstones. On balance members agreed to allow the slightly wider width size of 34” for a base plinth, but this will only apply to the Cemetery extension area; the maximum width of 30” will still apply for the original Cemetery area.

- d) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

1. **Re Minute 7407 Double Parking on Side Roads** County Cllr Lee advised that he is scheduled to meet with the Highways Area Manager regarding installing double yellow lines in places, and whilst issuing fixed penalty notices to offending car owners is an option, it is a last resort as it does not address the bigger problem. The government is looking into the whole issue of double parking and associated problems.
2. **Re Minute 7408 Police Incident on the Playing Field** The Police have asked the Council to consider installing an additional CCTV camera to cover the side of the dance studio area. This was referred to the Amenities Committee for discussion.

#### 4338 **Committees**

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

Planning 15.12.21 & 12.01.22

Amenities

Finance and General Purposes

#### 4339 **Precept 2022/23**

It was unanimously,

AGREED that the precept be set at £334,817 for the 22/23 financial year.

#### 4340 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £21090.24 for November and £24730 for December 2021.

#### 4341 **Reports from Representatives**

County Cllr Lee reported that he is seeking speed measuring equipment for Main Street, near to the Library area. He will be donating £1500 for outdoor adult gym equipment for the playing field and £500 for a young person’s nature trail type project for the Lakeside. As District Cllr for Balderton North he reported that a pathway clean was requested for a very muddy section of pavement at the junction of Main Street and Spring Lane, and the pathways near to Kennedy walk have been resurfaced. He also advised that 41 fixed penalty tickets have been issued in Balderton by the Community Protection Officers over a period of 29 hours of patrols; these have mainly been for littering and dog fouling incidents.

Cllr Ms White informed that the Community Protection Officers have been asked to patrol the playing field at school leaving time whenever possible.

Cllr Mallard reported that the number of dog fouling incidents seem to once again be on the increase. The Community Protection Officer team will be asked to issue fixed penalty tickets whenever possible.

4342 **Highways Faults**

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

1. The road surface is badly broken up on Main Street near to the railway bridge.

4343 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) An e-mail from County Cllr Lee asking that the Council allow the Village Centre car park to be used by parents at John Hunt School start and finish times to try and ease congestion on London Road. Members supported the proposal although this offer has been made before but no parents regularly made use of the car park.
- b) An option to apply for funding from the District Council's Parish & Town Council Initiative Fund where the current theme is 'Greener', to replace the litter baskets around the Lake for more rigid, closed-in containers. Members asked that this suggestion be discussed by the Amenities Committee before any bid is submitted.
- c) A suggestion to apply for the funding available from Severn Trent for an electric vehicle charging point somewhere in the village as there is currently no such facility. One option could be in the Lidl car park which is open 6 days a week until 10pm, and 5pm on Sundays. Enquiries will be made with the store to see if they would consider this suggestion.
- d) An application to extend the time limit for mineral operation until December 2022 and amend the restoration scheme at Bantycok Quarry off Staple Lane. This will be circulated to members of the Planning Committee for any comments.

4344 **Future Agenda Items**

The issue of the Heron Way car park barriers not being deployed overnight will be discussed at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

4345 **Co-Option**

Members met with Mrs Tracey Batey who had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor for the Balderton South Ward vacancy. Mrs Batey had submitted a written application and this had been circulated to members for their perusal prior to the meeting. No other nominations had been received. A show of hands vote was taken and it was,

AGREED                      unanimously, that Mrs Tracey Batey be co-opted onto the Council and she signed her of Acceptance of Office Declaration.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

with County Cllr Wallace, nine members of the public, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk.

**4100 Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Cllr Walker and District Cllr Lee.

**4101 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.

**4102 Public Participation**

No-one present wished to make any comments.

**4103 Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

**4104 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 Meeting
- b) Planning
- c) Lakeside Working Party
- d) Amenities

**1. Re Minute 3134 Drinking Water Fountain** Initial enquiries have identified health issues associated with water fountains including a high risk of legionella; members agreed not to pursue this possible project any further at this time.

**2. Re Minute 3136 Heron Way Car Park** The cost of a basic swing arm barrier is £780. Members agreed to refer the decision whether to gate the car park back to the committee for further discussion.

- e) Café Working Party

f) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

**1. Re Minute 6187 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 £500 to Citizen's Advice Sherwood & Newark, this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

**2. Re Minute 6196 Pavement Review** County Cllr Wallace advised the Council to submit specific sections of pavements concerned to be checked for camber and pedestrian safety as a survey of the whole village is considered untenable.

**3. Re Minute 6197 Wolfit Avenue Parking** District Cllr Lee had advised that two designated disabled parking have been suggested in for that vicinity. Members considered that he should contact the County Council's Highways Department for their opinion about the proposal and to ascertain if this is a feasible option.

**4. Re Minute 6190 Flooding Meeting** The Clerk was asked to try and ascertain which authority responded initially to the call about the flooding problem at the Post Office on Main Street. Cllr Mrs Hurst advised that she is looking into the issue of the Council's financial liability for re-stocking/replacing sand bags.

4105 **Committees**

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

Planning

Lakeside Working Party

Amenities

Café Working Party

Finance and General Purposes

4106 **Y.M.C.A.**

Members discussed the Council's previous agreement in principle to allow the Y.M.C.A. to use an area of the Lake for supervised canoeing and kayaking. The Lakeside Working Party has reviewed the second draft of the Schedule of Terms and this document is still being checked by a solicitor to ensure the Council is absolved of all liability issues relating to the proposed use. Members did not consider that they could make a decision until the Council's solicitor has endorsed the document and the issue was deferred to the next meeting in September.

4107 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being a total payment requirement of £24,244.47 for May 2019.

4108 **Reports from Representatives**

Cllr Ms White reported from the District Council that action is being taken against 2 young people who were caught catapulting wildlife at the Lake. They will be made to litter pick at the Lakeside area this next weekend under a Restorative Justice Programme. The new Community Protection Officers (CPOs) patrol the Playing Field and Lakeside areas and are aware of ongoing anti-social issues there.

County Cllr Wallace reported that work has commenced to build the new Orchard School and Day Centre on the former Grove site. He advised that he will re-inspect a section of pavement on Brandon Close near to Manthorpe House which has been subject to some work but is still being reported as hazardous; Cllr Scott undertook to liaise with him regarding this.

4109 **Highways Faults**

No faults or issues were raised.

4110 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice that Main Street from London Road to Wesley Close will be closed for water drain chamber work from Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>. This is scheduled work with no connection to the recent floods there at the Post Office.
- b) A Village Centre window was smashed during a Balderton Cricket Club match last weekend; the Club did inform the Council of accidental damage. A replacement quotation of £195 has been obtained. Members considered that the Club is responsible and should pay for the repair as soon as possible.
- c) Balderton has not gone through to the second round of the Best Kept Village competition, but has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for the community café.
- d) The YMCA has advised that the Activity Village in Newark will now open in Spring 2021.
- e) Notts County Council's latest Flooding update .
- f) Notice from Police Inspector Sutton that the Nottinghamshire Police Service is actively looking for other public sector partners to share accommodation and therefore costs; no decision has been made.

4111 **Future Agenda Items**

No new items were put forward.

4112 **Co-option for Council Vacancies**

Members met with the interested candidates to fill the four vacancies that the Council has following the local elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. They addressed the Council and answered any questions. A paper ballot was subsequently held, the following four candidates were successful and duly declared as Parish Councillors; Tugkan Dikkez, Ian Lynch, Mac Mallard and Tony Roberts. The four were congratulated and appreciation was extended to the other candidates for their attendance and interest shown in applying for the casual vacancies.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.10pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Hall on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1999 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Sheppard (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Brooks, Colman, Mrs Dower, Dower, Fitzgerald, Mrs Fletcher, Gibson, Gilbert, Mrs Hind, Hind, Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Miss Oram and White.

with a member of the press and the Clerk. A number of parishioners joined as the meeting progressed

APOLOGIES were accepted from Cllr Jarvis.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST none were made

### 2326 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1999, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 2327 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

1. **Re Minute 2309 Committees** Cllr Fitzgerald's name will be deleted from the Council Review Committee membership list.
2. **Re Minute 2325.7 Lowfield Lane Development** District Councillors will make enquiries regarding the 'storage lagoon' at the site.

#### b) Amenities

1. **Re Lakeside Land Purchase** Committee members' reasons for consulting neighbouring residents on the proposal to sell the small area of land were questioned - they believed it wise to ascertain if there was any local opposition from residents whose view may be directly affected as a result of the sale.
2. **Re Minute 0386 Wooden Structure Project** Concerns were expressed regarding the level of objections to the project which were raised at the meeting.
3. **Minute 0385 Lowfield** Concerns were raised about the state of Lowfield play area in general. The initial proposal from Prowting Homes to upgrade the council play area rather than installing a play area on their site will be checked with the District Council planning department.
4. **Re Minute 0387 Hard Surface Play Area** Disappointment was expressed at the District Council's inability to make any grant towards this project.
5. **Re Minute 0393 Cemetery Vandalism** Approval was given to the purchase of two signs for each cemetery entrance to advise visitors to behave respectfully there.
6. **Re Minute 0394 Pinfold Lane Overgrown Shrub** Cllr Gibson informed that the shrub has now been cut back



c) Finance and General Purposes

**1. Re Minute 2688 Application for Financial Assistance** It was,

AGREED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council approve the payment of £100 to Nottinghamshire Victim Support to enable them to carry on their free practical advisory and support service to victims of crime, this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

**2. Re Minute 2691 Electoral Review of Districts** District Councillors advised members of the District Council's recommendation that Balderton Hospital site's residents along with some of the outer village outlying residents would come under Farndon/Elston's ward for District Councillors as part of the Electoral Review. It was,

AGREED that a strong letter of opposition be sent regarding this recommendation, stressing that Balderton Hospital site is part of this village and within the parish boundary.

**3. Re Minute 2689 Newark and District Citizens Advice Bureau** Cllr Mrs Newstead will be the council's representative on the bureau.

**4. Re Minute 2693 Council Newsletter** A letter of appreciation will be sent to the professional editor who reviewed the newsletter on behalf of the council.

#### 2328 **Committee Minutes**

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

- a) Amenities
- b) Finance and General Purposes
- c) Council Review
- d) Millennium - Cllr Mrs Dower was shown in error as being present at the meeting - the minutes will be amended.

#### 2329 **12 Pinfold Lane**

Consideration was given to the purchase of 12 Pinfold Lane which has recently been placed on the market. Part of the garden which backs onto the rear of the council hall has already been sold off to a property on Glovers Lane, restricting any potential council hall extension work. No action will be taken.

#### 2330 **Financial Statement**

The details as published were correct, there being a cheque requirement for July of £2365.84

#### 2331 **Reports from Representatives**

1. Cllr Mrs Fletcher reported that she has had to step down as council representative to Newark Age Concern owing to other commitments.
2. Cllr Mortimore reported as Chuter Ede Governor that he had attended their sports day.
3. Cllr Mrs Newstead reported that Newark Age Concern have been able to keep their second minibus as the District Council had helped with funding.

2332 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Appreciation from Mrs Young for the council's kind considerations following the death of her husband the previous council clerk.
- b) A reminder that the fund raising day for Notts/Air Ambulance will take place on the Playing Field on Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- c) Notice of Central Notts Healthcare Annual Public Meeting at 7.00pm on Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> at Newark Hospital. Councillors wishing to attend should notify the clerk
- d) Details of a N.A.L.C. planning seminar at Southwell on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1999.
- e) Notice that planning application 990571 - porch, rear extension, pitched roof at 7 Lowfield Lane has been granted conditional approval.
- f) Two planning applications - 0742 Conservatory at 8 Staple Lane and 0739 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition at Chestnut Lodge, Newark Road, Barnby. These were considered by councillors and approved.

2333 **Councillors Questions**

1. Cllr Mortimore asked that the following items be included on the next Amenities agenda for consideration: a) Bowling Green irrigation system b) Upgrading children's play areas.

2334 **Environmental Adventure Base**

The meeting was closed at approximately 8.00pm to hear Mr Chris O'Brien and Mr Tony Hyman from County Council Leisure Services Youth Community Play who gave an update and presentation on the environmental adventure base project for Lakeside. Architects drawings and plans were displayed. The preferred siting for the base is on 'the spit' and the structure is designed to blend sympathetically with the surrounding area being as unobtrusive as possible. The building would allow total accessibility for disabled users. The main aim of the project is to promote awareness on environmental issues working closely with schools and colleges. Courses would be run with sessions being held rather than the centre being used by large groups of young children at once. The centre would be manned seven days a week and safety issues would be paramount. Minimal disruption by vehicles is anticipated as young people would be encouraged to walk or cycle to the base rather than being taken by car.

Cllr Fitzgerald left the meeting at approximately 8.50pm.

Parishioners present raised several concerns including excessive traffic, noise, disruption to wildlife, suitability of site for water activities, safety, liability for accidents etc. All were assured that similar concerns were raised initially at the other sites run by the authority at Worksop and Sutton-in-Ashfield but that parties involved had worked together to make the venues very successful for all concerned. Wildlife has increased at the other sites.

The meeting was re-opened at approximately 9.00pm and councillors gave unanimous approval to the County Council to start the public consultation process. This will commence during week beginning September 27<sup>th</sup> - venue to be arranged. The County Council will arrange the publicity and invitations for residents and all interested groups.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.05pm

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> for telecommunication works.
- b) Notification that Barnby Road will be subject to temporary traffic lights from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> for a new 30 m.p.h. speed sign to be installed.
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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.

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## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Hall on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2000 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Sheppard (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Brooks, Colman, Mrs Dower, Dower, Fitzgerald, Mrs Fletcher, Gibson, Gilbert, Mrs Hind, Hind, Jarvis, Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Miss Oram and White

with twenty-five parishioners, a member of the press and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES none were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Mrs Newstead declared a non-pecuniary interest to minute reference 2398.2- Moulton Crescent. Cllrs Mrs Fletcher and Fletcher declared a non-pecuniary interest to minute reference 2394 - Lakeside Project.

### 2391 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday February 16th 2000 having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

### 2392 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

- 1. Re Minute 2384a Barkers Yard Church Lane** Cllr Dower asked what is known about the land contamination tests that were carried out at the site. Cllr Fletcher informed that the District Council is investigating this. As information is made available he will bring it back to council.

#### b) Amenities

#### c) Finance and General Purposes

- 1. Re Minute 2759.1 John Hunt Jnrs Governor** The council representative to the school's governing body still has to be appointed. The position does not have to be filled by a councillor - any nominations should be submitted to the clerk as soon as possible.

**2. Re Minute 2762 Financial Assistance** It was,

AGREED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council approve the payments of

- a) £200 to Grove Pre School towards their running costs
- b) £200 to a team of ten Grove pupils for an expedition to Borneo

this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

**2393 Committee Minutes**

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

- a) Amenities
- b) Finance and General Purposes

**2394 Environmental Adventure Base Project**

The chairman, having declared a non-pecuniary interest to this matter left the meeting for the duration of the agenda item and the Vice Chairman Cllr Sheppard took the chair. Cllr Mrs Fletcher also having declared a non pecuniary interest did not participate in the vote.

Lengthy consideration was given to the Amenities Committee recommendation that permission not be granted to the County Council for the project. A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Dower. It was,

AGREED by fourteen votes for and two against, that the recommendation to not allow the Environmental Adventure Base Project at Lakeside be accepted.

Votes for the recommendation: Councillors Mrs Brooks, Brooks, Colman, Fitzgerald, Gibson, Gilbert, Mrs Hind, Hind, Jarvis, Mortimore, Mrs Newstead, Miss Oram, Sheppard and White.

Votes against the recommendation: Councillors Mrs Dower and Dower.

The chairman re-joined the meeting and took the chair.

**2395 Financial Statements**

The details as published were correct, there being a cheque requirement for March of £16865.07

2396 **Reports from Representatives**

1. Cllr Brooks reported that the Balderton Parochial Charity's A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Church at 7.30pm. More charity members are needed - anyone interested in serving should contact him.
2. Cllr Hind reported that the League of Friends have decided to sell the holiday bungalow at Chapel St. Leonards. The property will remain in service until August of this year.
2. Cllr Jarvis reported that Newark Area Local Forum will be producing a newsletter for local distribution.
4. Cllr Mrs Newstead reported that the Newark Age Concern Co-ordinator is trying to re-organise the whole structure of the organisation to help streamline operations.
5. Cllr Mrs Fletcher reported as District Council representative to the Nottinghamshire Community Health Council that discussions to merge Kings Mill Hospital with Newark Hospital are ongoing. Public meetings regarding this will take place - the first is at Kelham Hall on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Notice of the meetings will be documented in the local press.

2397 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) An application from Balderton Cricket Club to hold two school cricket challenges in conjunction with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club on the Playing Field; the first on May 24<sup>th</sup> and the second on a date to be fixed for week commencing June 19<sup>th</sup>. Both events will take place during the afternoon and in school hours only. This was approved.
- b) Notice from Balderton Working Men's Club that they would like to meet with some Millennium Committee members to discuss arrangements for the senior citizen's party.
- c) A letter of appreciation from the Chuter Ede Primary School governors for the council's continued support of the D.A.R.E. sponsorship.
- d) Details of problems encountered this day on the Playing Field during the Grove school lunch break. The school's concrete fencing posts, which had been removed last year when the council's boundary security fence was installed, had been used by pupils to 'ram' the council's fence causing damage to the concrete bases. The school had specifically requested at the time that the posts and fencing which were removed be left for re-utilisation - the groundstaff had complied with this request taking care not to damage their property. The clerk had been unsuccessful in contacting the Head Teacher. The school will be asked to remove the materials from the site immediately. A letter of complaint will be sent to the L.E.A. and the Head Teacher.

2398 **Councillors Questions**

1. Cllr Sheppard asked that his and his wife's appreciation be noted for the council's kind gestures during their recent Ruby Wedding Anniversary celebrations.
2. Cllr Mrs Newstead asked the council to send a letter of support to the petition drawn up by residents for submission to County Hall for funding to be pledged for remedial work at Moulton Crescent. This was approved.
3. Cllr Dower asked that a letter of concern be sent to the Grove School regarding pupils apparent lack of road safety awareness, particularly at lunch times. The children regularly play 'chicken' on London Road causing danger and distress for drivers and pedestrians alike.
4. Cllr Mortimore asked that the debate as to the ownership and responsibility of the Playing Field hedge be referred to the Amenities Committee. The clerk will ask the council solicitor to check the deeds.
5. Cllr Hind asked that enquiries be made with the relevant authorities to ascertain the possibility of double yellow lines being installed on Main Street outside the Post Office to help prevent parking problems.
6. Cllr Fletcher asked that councillors be aware that a social evening with the Cricket Club has been arranged for Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm in the Cricket Club Pavilion. Those wishing to attend should notify him as soon as possible.
7. Cllr Gibson asked who should be contacted regarding a parishioner's injury that had occurred from a fall on the Bullpit Road pavement? He was advised that County Highways at Kelham Road should be notified.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

with County Cllrs Walker and Wallace, District Cllr Lee and the Clerk.

## 4113 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Lee.

## 4114 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.

## 4115 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

Members had anticipated meeting Mr Terry Bailey the District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer at this point but he was not present. Members agreed to proceed with the scheduled agenda business and close the meeting if he arrived later.

## 4116 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019, having been circulated previously were confirmed as a true record and signed.

## 4117 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 4104.f4 Flood Store** Cllr Mrs Hurst informed that the issue of financial responsibility for re-stocking of flood stores is being debated by the District Council; a decision is expected imminently.

### b) Planning

- 1. Re Minute 0496.a Former Working Men's Club Front Wall** District Cllr Lee undertook to expedite the Planning Department to confirm that the area of removed wall complies with planning approval.

- c) Council Review
  - 1. **Re Minute 0095 Council Income** A further Committee meeting will be held to discuss ongoing issues relating to income and cost cutting measures.
- d) Café Working Party
  - 1. **Re Minute 0036 Café Patio** Cllr Allen advised that the groundstaff have identified a spare section of bow topped fencing that can be installed across the side of the patio to prevent cyclists riding straight through the area. This will be installed as soon as possible.
- e) Amenities
  - Re Minute 3148 Heron Way Car Park** Members gave further discussion to the possible installation of a swing barrier across the car park entrance; it was decided on balance not to proceed at this time. The situation will be monitored.
- f) Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)
  - 1. **Re Minute 7212 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 £266 to the Balderton branch of the Royal British Legion

this being expenditure incurred in the interest of the parish or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

4118 **Committees**

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

- Planning
- Council Review
- Café Working Party
- Amenities
- Finance and General Purposes

4119 **Y.M.C.A.**

Members were advised of the solicitor's comments regarding the draft agreement in principle to allow the Y.M.C.A. to use an area of the Lake for supervised canoeing and kayaking. The document was essentially referred to ensure that the Council would be absolved of all liability issues relating to the proposed use. However, the solicitor has raised a number of concerns about it namely that the document itself is not a formal agreement in its own right, just an outline from which an agreement can be created. A strong recommendation for further public consultation was also advised. In essence the advice is that a legal agreement should be drawn up by a qualified solicitor and the Council should not be liable for that expense. On balance members agreed to ask the Council's solicitor to draw up a formal agreement and a further meeting will be arranged to clarify certain aspects of the content. Any costs must be met by the Y.M.C.A. who will be notified of the authority's intentions in the interim.



4120 **Financial Statements**

The details as published and circulated were correct, there being total payment requirements of £28,982.55 for June, £23,914.15 for July and £45,670.71 for August 2019.

4121 **Reports from Representatives**

D/Cllr Lee reported that some concerns about the safety of the Lake for the proposed boating activity have been expressed personally to him. As a result of those concerns he intends to refer the issue to the District Council's Environmental Health Department for their comments. Members reassured him that safety checks and tests have been undertaken by the Y.M.C.A. who were also made fully aware of the Lake's historical use and issues. He also reported that the District Council has 10,000 trees to give away to residential properties and community projects.

County Cllr Wallace reported that he is applying for temporary speed monitoring equipment to be installed on Main Street to assess whether permanent speed reduction measures are required there. He has put forward for resurfacing work to be undertaken to the road surface on Bullpit Road; hopefully this will take place during the next Highways programme.

County Cllr Walker reported that he had arranged and taken part in two site meetings in the village with County Council personnel which took place in July and September; he was optimistic that several ongoing issues would be resolved as a result of those meetings.

Cllr Ms White reported that a multi-agency meeting had taken place earlier today regarding flooding issues. A focus group was formed of the relevant agencies and authorities who will address and work towards satisfactory solutions to the village's long standing problems. She also reported that members had met with the County Highways Manager Ms Horton immediately after this morning's meeting to further request that all of London Road be subject to a 30 m.p.h speed limit. Cllr Walker has been asked to take this forward and propose this as a priority.

She had also met with Mr Bailey the District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer regarding fly tipping on Lowfield Lane. The authority is looking into the possibility of installing CCTV cameras to try and address the problem.

Cllr Mrs Hurst reported that if households have used batteries to dispose of they can be placed in a separate bag on top of the general green waste bins on collection days and they will be taken away by the waste collection operatives.

4122 **Highways Faults**

The following issues were raised to pass onto the relevant authority:

- a) Some of the surface water drains on Hawton Lane seem to be very slow to clear after rainfall – this problem seems to have occurred after the road was resurfaced.
- b) There is a large pothole on Staple Lane around a drain cover.
- c) A large builder's bag of rubbish has been dumped on Bowbridge Lane near to the industrial units.

4123 **Clerk's Additional Information**

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

- a) Notice that the phone box by the John Hunt School is scheduled to be removed by British Telecom. The phone has only been used eighteen times within the last 12 months. Members asked that enquiries be made about adopting the phone box which could possibly be used to house a defibrillator.
- b) Details from one of the Community Protection Officers (CPO) regarding incidents of young people fishing the Lake who are not members of the Angling Club; the CPO team are working with the Angling Club to address these issues.

4124 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Allen asked that the Amenities Committee consider fencing off an area of Lakeside close to the 'Moonstone'.

Cllr Mrs Brooks asked members to give some thought as to where the donated 'Tommy Soldier' statue could be installed.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.55pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6.30pm

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

with five members of the public and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Lynch, and Cllr Gloster had advised he would be slightly late joining the meeting.

### 7425 **Payments**

All payments including direct debit payments were approved and authorised; a list of these is published with the minutes. All relevant paperwork has been viewed by the Council.

### 7426 **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.

### 7427 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments. Members of the public expressed their concerns objections to the Council agreeing to allow the YMCA to undertake kayaking and canoeing on the Lake, believing that it will have a detrimental impact on the ecology of the area. The Council's reluctance to discuss the issue was criticised. A Council decision from 2001, refusing a request to allow canoeing was raised, asking why the Council has changed its stance. The residents were thanked for their attendance and the meeting re-opened.

Cllr Gloster had joined the meeting during the public session.

### 7428 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

A printed update of ongoing matters was circulated and noted. The update is published with the minutes. No issues were discussed from the update.

### 7429 **Council Standing Orders**

Members reviewed the Council's Standing Orders as recommended by the Internal Auditor, copies having been previously circulated along with a parishioner's comments which were taken into account as part of the process. It was,

**RECOMMENDED** that amendments be made to:

- i) 3c to show meetings shall not exceed a period of 2 hours unless agreed by all members present.

- ii) 5c to show that the annual meeting will commence at 6.30pm.
- iii) 18f & 18g to show the new government agreed procurement thresholds relating to Public Contact Regulations.

7430 **Council Financial Regulations**

Members reviewed the Council Financial Regulations as recommended by the Internal Auditor, copies having been previously circulated. It was,

RECOMMENDED that amendments be made to:

- i. 6.3 to show that payments are essentially by bank transfer (cheques now being rarely used)
- iv) 11c to remove the EU reference relating to Public Contact Regulations.

7431 **Play Equipment Insurance**

Members gave consideration to including vandalism cover on the Council's insurance policy, at an additional yearly premium of £615.99. On balance members considered that the excess payable would make most minor claims untenable, which vandalism cases tend to be on play equipment. Should any play equipment ever be vandalised and those responsible were caught, the Council would seek damages through private prosecution.

7432 **Electrical Vehicle Charging Points**

Consideration was given to any potential suitable sites for electrical vehicle charging points in the village. The Lidl company has advised that it is considering installing points in its store car parks, and members considered that enquiries should be made with Sainsbury's to ascertain if it intends to install them in the Balderton branch car park. Members agreed that the whole issue of sourcing and providing adequate charging points for the future will require full consideration by all agencies and organisations.

7433 **Police Update**

Members discussed any recent anti-social behaviour and crime issues in the village. A further incident had occurred today when young people caused problems at the Dance Studio, necessitating a 999 call. The local M.P.s office has suggested that the grant application submitted to the District Council for a CCTV camera at the Warwick Road end of the playing field, be amended to have it installed to cover the eastern side of the Dance Studio. The County Council has advised that a street light column can only be used to host a CCTV camera for 3 months at any one time so a new column would be required, at an estimated additional cost of £1,900. This Council's own CCTV system can be extended to cover that area concerned and a quotation has been requested. The District Council has indicated that the grant application can be varied to show this alteration and members agreed to change this.

7434 **Highways Faults**

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

1. County Cllr Lee had advised that he has requested a review of Grove Street in terms of the carriageway surface. Cllr Gloster advised that he had attended a walkabout this week with Cllr Lee and the Highways Manager, which had been both informative and promising in terms of future work for Balderton. He asked that a letter be sent to the Notts County Council Chief Executive expressing appreciation to Cllr Lee for his helpful and open manner in dealing with ongoing local issues and for inviting members to accompany him on the site visit.
2. The road surface is poor at the junction of Baines Avenue with Macaulay Drive, and continuing down Macaulay Drive itself.
3. Tarmac 'seams' on London Road near to the bridge have gaps and appear to be opening wider, creating hazards for cyclists; these will almost certainly develop into potholes in time.

7435 **Correspondence/Information**

The following items of correspondence/information have been received for noting:

- a) An update from local M.P. Mr Robert Jenrick's office that the Government is considering the request to consider making remote and/or hybrid council meetings lawful.
- b) The funeral of former Councillor Mr Raymond Rouse will take place at Ollerton Crematorium on Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm.

7436 **Future Agenda Items**

- a) Cllr Gloster asked that the issue of social media for the Council be again discussed.
- b) Cllr Fairbairn asked whether consideration had been given to meeting with residents regarding Lakeside concerns? The Chairman advised that an informal meeting has been scheduled for next week with two residents, Cllr Mrs Brooks and herself.
- c) Cllr Mrs Lee asked whether the Council should consider getting involved in producing a village magazine? St. Giles Church already produces a magazine and the Council could get involved in it, contributing to it on a more regular basis.

7437 ***Exempt Item – Staffing Issue***

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, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the duration of this agenda item.

The members of the public left the meeting and a staffing issue was discussed and agreed upon.

The meeting was closed at approximately 8.00pm

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Lakeside Working Party meeting held on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 10.30am in the Balderton Village Centre.

PRESENT Councillors; Mrs Brooks and Walker with the Grove Angling Club Chairman Mr Crane and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Mrs Hurst.

0005 **Chairman**

Cllr Mrs Brooks was elected to chair the Working Party.

0006 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs Brooks and Walker, as serving members of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllr Walker, as a serving member of Nottinghamshire County Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the County Council.

0007 **Y.M.C.A.**

Following the recent Amenities Committee meeting, the Angling Club Chairman had been invited to the meeting in order that he be notified of the Y.M.C.A.'s approach to the Council to explore the feasibility of supervised boating sports activity at the Lake.

Mr Crane was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting.

0008 **Grove Angling Club**

Initial discussion was given to concerns about reported non-compliance of Angling Club rules and associated issues. A letter will be drafted to the Club about damage caused to several fishing platforms by persons unknown drilling holes in the wood – any further holes will be treated as criminal damage and compensation will be claimed. Work to replace rotten timbers on eight of the pegs/platforms can be carried out by the Groundstaff and this will be undertaken on a priority basis. It was considered necessary to hold a further meeting with the Angling Club to discuss other issues and areas of concern.

The meeting closed at approximately 11.50am.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Lakeside Working Party meeting held on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 1.30pm in the Balderton Village Centre.

PRESENT Councillors; Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen, Green, Mrs Hurst, and Ms White and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Mrs Lee.

## 0012 **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.

## 0013 **YMCA**

The organisation had produced a draft agreement for boating use of the Lake and members had reviewed this, a copy of the same having been circulated previously. Several of the terms within the draft agreement were not considered acceptable and/or required further clarification and will be referred back to the YMCA. A meeting will be requested with organisation representatives to discuss these issues further.

## 0014 **Grove Angling Club**

Members gave consideration to the following issues which had been raised by the Club:

a) **Request to fish the Pump Pond Area** Further to the electro fishing removal in that area, the Club had again asked for permission to manually fish and remove any remaining large Carp from the pump pond area. Members approved this subject to the exact dates, times, and names of those concerned being notified in advance to the Council in order that suitable notices may be installed advising that the activity is authorised.

b) **Request to be involved in YMCA boating proposal negotiations**

Members had no objections to this request in principle at a later stage of negotiations, but considered that further initial discussions should take place with the organisation without Club representation.

c) **Fishing Lease and Rent**

The Club members had asked if it was still the Council's intention to go out to tender for the fishing lease as they considered that they had implemented sufficient measures to cover all issues that the Council had required to ensure it is run more professionally. The Council had originally decided in May 2018 that the fishing lease be put out to open tender owing to persistent problems experienced at the time from poor management of the Club. Members were satisfied with the implemented changes and did not consider it necessary to put the lease out for tender at this time. However, the committee did not agree to a four year lease as before, believing that a two year lease is adequate, including a right to revoke it should persistent problems be experienced. Consideration was given to a further reassurance that the rent will not be increased for a number of years following the last substantial increase. Members agreed that the rent should remain the same for the next two years, i.e. the length of the new lease.

0015 **Rats**

A resident has complained about the number of rats which are regularly seen in the Lakeside area, both in and around the water and in some adjacent property gardens. Though they are unpleasant to see and a real concern, members were at a loss as to what can be done to control natural vermin in an open public area. Enquiries will be made with the District Council's Environment Department to see if anything can be done to address this problem.

The meeting closed at approximately 2.30pm.



# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Lakeside Working Party meeting held on Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 10am in the Balderton Village Centre.

**PRESENT** Councillors; Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen, Green, Mrs Hurst, and Ms White with Craig Berens & Mr Todd Cawthorne of the Y.M.C.A and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Mrs Lee.

## 0016 **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.

## 0017 **YMCA Draft Agreement**

Members met with Mr Berens and Mr Cawthorne to discuss the terms to allow the Y.M.C.A. to carry out supervised paddle boat activity on the Lake. The meeting had been called as Working Party members had previously reviewed the first draft of an agreement drawn up by the organisation and a written response had been submitted with their comments. The following issues were duly discussed.

- a) **Proposed Area of Use** The original proposed area of water was considered acceptable and this should be cordoned off by some means, most likely through the use of buoys. The representatives asked that consideration be given to occasionally allow boating groups to explore the body of water beyond the cordoned off area to aid environmental awareness; this would only be undertaken as a 'guided tour' style activity by instructors.
- b) **Licence** A term of ten years was considered acceptable on the condition that either party has an option to break the agreement by giving twelve months written notice.
- c) **Licence Fee** Rather than the suggested annual fee of £250, a number of scholarship credits could be given for use of the Y.M.C.A. sports village facilities and the Parish Council would arrange for these to be awarded to residents.
- d) **Access** The original proposed times of use were considered acceptable as long as any proposed activity avoids Angling Club matches on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings which take place in the summer, essentially from April to October.
- e) **Rats** Members were mindful to point out that there are currently a very high number of rats in the Lakeside area which Environmental Health considers to be a public health issue. The Council is considering employing the services of a local company to try and reduce the numbers, but there will always be the risk of rats in an open area of water. The Y.M.C.A. must be responsible for advising all users about potential possible health risks and appropriate preventative measures.

Mr Berens and Mr Cawthorne undertook to re-draft the agreement to reflect today's discussions; further consideration will then be given to it by members. Once an agreement is in place a joint meeting will be arranged with Angling Club Committee members to help reassure them that it is the Y.M.C.A.'s intention to work alongside all Lakeside users and to dovetail into any existing activities.

They were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at approximately 11.00am.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Lakeside Working Party meeting held on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 10.50am in the Balderton Village Centre.

PRESENT                    Councillors; Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Hurst, and Ms White with the Clerk.

APOLOGIES                were received from Cllrs Allen and Mrs Lee.

0018    **Chairman**

One nomination was received for Cllr Mrs Brooks who was elected as Working Party Chairman.

0019    **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.

0020    **YMCA Draft Agreement**

Members reviewed the second draft of a Schedule of Terms to allow the Y.M.C.A. to carry out supervised paddle boat activity on the Lake. The first draft had been reviewed by members at the previous meeting held in March with representatives of the organisation present who had undertaken to amend it to reflect any comments and/or concerns. Members were satisfied in principle with the revised document and asked that the issue be referred to the Full Council meeting in July for formal approval. The document will be checked over in the interim by the Council's solicitor to ensure it protects the authority from liability implications in any way from the proposed activity.

The meeting closed at approximately 11.05am.

# Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Lakeside Working Party meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors; Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee and Ms White with the Clerk.

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Green.

## 0021 **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.

## 0022 **YMCA Agreement**

Members reviewed a precis of the solicitor's comments, copies having been previously circulated, relating to the Schedule of Terms to allow the Y.M.C.A. to carry out supervised paddle boat activity on the Lake. The document had been referred to the Council's solicitor to ensure it protects the authority from liability implications in any way but several other issues were raised as a result of that referral. It was,

RECOMMENDED that the following conditions be set:

1. The YMCA must pay for a proper legal agreement to be drawn up by the Council's solicitor (estimated costs for this commence at £1500).
2. The License Fee payable to the Council should be £1000 and this will be reviewed annually.
3. The Scholarship Fund is not required.
4. The agreed area of water to be used for boating must be cordoned off with a barrier that is installed and removed at every session.

Should these conditions not be acceptable to the organisation the proposed boating activity will not proceed.

The meeting closed at approximately 6.55pm.

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 4.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Mrs Brooks (Vice Chairman), Green, Mrs Lee and Mallard with three members of the public and the Clerk.

### 0601 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen, Lynch, Scott and Ms White.

### 0602 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.

### 0603 Public Participation

The Chairman apologised for changing the time of the meeting from 2pm to 4pm at such short notice but this had been done to ensure the meeting was quorate. The meeting was then closed to take public comments. Residents raised their concerns and objections to the YMCA's plans to undertake kayaking and canoeing on the Lake, and to the lack of consultation on the original planning application for the organisation's sports village which whilst located in Newark, is immediately adjacent to Balderton. The Chairman re-opened the meeting and whilst thanking them for their attendance, pointed out that their comments had no relevance to the YMCA's current application that was scheduled for consideration.

### 0604 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered and approved subject to any comments details below:

22/00261/S73M Vary conditions to 17/01693/FULM	YMCA Sports Village
(remove tennis courts, remove 2 car parking spaces, cycle track changes etc.)	Newark
22/00544/HOUSE First floor rear extension	66 Milton Street

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

22/00416/FUL Erect single storey dwelling	19 Sykes Lane
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Members considered that squeezing another dwelling into the garden of the existing property will result in the property being out of character with the neighbouring dwellings. Another concern is the creation of a further exit/egress at this busy junction area where many vehicles already park on the road.

### 0605 Planning Decisions

The following application has been refused by the District Council and was noted:

00208 Demolish existing garage and erect new dwelling	33 Main Street
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### 0606 Correspondence/Information

The following item of correspondence/information was noted:

- The District Council's Enforcement Department is still collating information regarding the take-away food outlet on Waltham Close to determine whether planning permission is required for the level of business activity.

The meeting was closed at approximately 4.30pm