Balderton Parish Council Amenities Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2025 at 7pm

Attendees: Balderton Parish Councillors: Vanessa Bracegirdle, Ronalie Bright, Jane Buxton, Karen Callingham, Mandie Elson (Chair), Jean Hall, Debbie Moore, Dean Scott and Joy Sellars

Staff: James Brown (Head Groundsman), Sharon Pyke (Locum Parish Clerk).

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Please note that the numbering is 1 ahead of February's published agenda because December's minutes ended at 46 which wasn't picked up until after February's agenda was published. The minutes correct this mistake.

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47. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed those present and reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded in support of minute taking

48. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillor Fairbairn
Councillor Hall had advised that she would be late as she was at another meeting

49. **Interests**

No declarations of interest were received but when Councillor Hall arrived, she made a declaration of general interest as she also serves as a District Councillor

50. **Public Open Forum (20 minutes)**

Representatives from Grove Angling Club provided an update. They had not been able to progress the grant funding applications as they had insufficient forewarning, they were uncertain how as a club they would make up the shortfall between the quote to remove the weed and any successful grant funding, they required a copy of the lease to fish the lake from the Parish

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Council and they had identified a couple of constitutional issues which they needed to address at their annual general meeting in March.

A further informal meeting would be arranged between representatives from the Council and Grove Angling to overcome the obstacles and create understanding so that the grant funding submissions could progress.

51. **Minutes**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of 10 December 2025 meeting were an accurate record with the Chairman signing the minutes as confirmation

52. **Lake**

a) Update on Grove Angling Club funding applications for weed cutting
Grove Angling Club had provided an update on the fund applications for weed cutting under the public forum.

b) To consider a GAC request for a remembrance plaque on peg 14
An alternate suggestion had been proposed adjacent to peg 14. In keeping with a similar rose memorial plaque at the lake. This was supported by the committee.

c) It was **NOTED** that the hedging planting has been completed

d) It was **NOTED** that two new memorial benches have been ordered. The Head Groundsman would review the memorial bench policy, assess whether the lake area is at capacity and report back

53. **Cemetery**

a) It was **NOTED** that there no issues to report from November 2025 flagged headstone push test

b) It was **NOTED** that the Grounds Staff will inspect and check headstones as part of the post-Christmas tidy up of flowers and wreaths

54. **Village Centre & Coronation Street Playing Fields**

a) It was **NOTED** that the December 2025 Amenities Committee's recommendation to renew a three-year contract with Hovel for the water and heating system was approved by Full Council on 28th January 2026

b) It was **NOTED** that the removal of a sycamore tree at Coronation Street Playing Field was due to its condition. A new native species tree will be planted in due course. It was requested that the felling of the tree be published to social media.

55. **Allotment Sub Committee**

a) Potential dates for an Allotment sub-committee, so that the Allotment representatives can be consulted, will be identified once Councillor Fairbairn returns

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b) It was **NOTED** that the National Allotment Association East Midland's Virtual Allotment Officers Forum is scheduled for 4th March 2026

56. **Village Trail**

This item was deferred until the arrival of Councillor Hall but it is recorded in agenda order. It was **AGREED** not to consider any other potential sites for the siting of the wooden carved ox as it is understood that the original and preferred site is being reassessed by Nottinghamshire County Council Highways.

57. **Assets**

A review of the Asset Register was **NOTED**. Councillors Callingham, Elson and Moore offered to assist the locum Clerk in reviewing the Asset Register List. The majority of the Asset Register items related to the Grounds team who would be involved in reviewing the list is correct.

58. **Projects 2026-2027**

It was **NOTED** at the Full Council meeting on 28th January 2026, Council agreed the following projects for 2026-27:

a) Upgrade of CSPF Play Park (Residents Consultation, November 2025 results)
b) Safety improvements and car park upgrade at the Village Centre
c) Renovation works to the church wall of St Giles Church
d) Upgrade of sound system and installation of hearing loop at the Village Centre
e) Upgrade defibrillators

It was **NOTED** that projects are dependent on successful grant applications, resource availability with priority given to implementing legislative changes

59. **Upgrades & Improvements**

The Action Plan was reviewed with many items already incorporated into business as usual. It was asked why the bank erosion at the lake had not been included in the project list as this had been previously tasked to the Head Groundsman and the Assistant Clerk. The locum Clerk said if Council wished to re-prioritise their projects they could, and it would be added to the next Council agenda for consideration.

60. **Correspondence**

To note correspondence received relating to:

a) Verti-drainage of Coronation Street Playing Field – the locum Clerk was not aware of an offer of a contribution. This would be planned for after the cricket season.

Councillor Hall arrived.

b) A reply had been sent regarding the overhanging branches of a sycamore tree on Coronation Street Playing Field

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The meeting closed at: 7:46pm

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