



Balderton Parish Council Amenities Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7pm

Attendees:

Balderton Parish Councillors: Vanessa Bracegirdle, Ronalie Bright, Jane Buxton, Karen Callingham, Mandie Elson (Chair), Simon Forde, and Joy Sellars

Staff: Marion Fox Goddard (Parish Clerk)

Public: Noone joined the meeting.

Meeting agenda pack with reports can be found on our website: <https://www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

68. Declarations to record the meeting

The clerk recorded the meeting.

69. Apologies for absence - Debbie Moore.

70. Declarations of interest

Councillor Forde – Councillor at Newark and Sherwood District Council

71. Public Open Forum - no issues raised.

72. Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on September 11th, 2024

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and Councillor Elson duly signed them.

73. Clerk's update¹

The following report was noted.

| November Clerk's Report | | |
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| | Item | Update |
| 1 | Millennium Clock | Cllr Sellars has indicative costings and will do more investigations regarding potential suppliers. <i>Lidl have said they won't be able to cover the cost of the clock but if we can fund the clock, then they would be happy to discuss how they can facilitate the installation and maintenance. Due to the cost, the committee agreed to recommended to full council that we consult with</i> |

¹ Note: *Italics indicate where report has been updated (verbal during meeting) since agenda pack issued.*

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| | | <i>residents in the next newsletter to gauge feedback on whether there is support to proceed with this project.</i> |
| 2 | Lake | <p>Covenant – Clerk will bring a report to full council – date to be confirmed. The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Habitat Management Plan for Balderton Lake has been done by EMEC. We are working through this, and I will need to ask EMEC for further details on some areas therefore I aim to bring a report to the council in the new year with recommendations on how to proceed.</p> <p><i>Prior to the meeting the Head Groundsman had provided a written outline of the planned grounds work at the lake over the coming months. A Facebook post will be used to give advance notice of the work and signs will be used on the days when work is being conducted.</i></p> <p>A meeting was held with the Chairperson of Grove Angling Club in September. We are working together to address issues. We have offered to talk to their members and are awaiting feedback on when – likely to be in the new year. <i>A meeting is due to be held at the end of November to continue working with the club.</i></p> |
| 3 | Allotments | We have tidied up 4 allotments that have been given up by allotment holders. This has required skips to take away the waste. <i>Five</i> new allotment holders started on the allotments at the end of October/early November, and we have 1 more which we are currently arranging the agreements on. The next allotment waiting list offer will go to a resident who requested an allotment in July 2024 so the waiting list backlog for Balderton has been reduced significantly. There are currently 9 Balderton residents on the waiting list. (Three have been offered allotments but did not respond or asked to wait a bit longer as the time was not right). |
| 4 | Safer Streets | <p>The lamps have been installed at Heron Way car park as has the post for the CCTV. Officers at Newark and Sherwood District Council are leading on the procurement for the CCTV as this is being installed by their contractor and the CCTV will be monitored through their systems.</p> <p>We had an extremely positive meeting regarding the community organising/neighbourhood watch strand of the project at the beginning of this month. Three training sessions will be delivered in the new year with invitations due to go out next month.</p> |
| 5 | Church Wall | The planning application for the required works has been granted by Newark and Sherwood District Council (planning authority) and I am due to arrange a meeting with the diocese and <i>church warden</i> to move this forward. |
| 6 | Memorial safety testing/Cemetery management. | This has been covered in the newsletter and we plan to do more PR on the website, signage, and social media closer to the time that the tests will be done. A hand test will be used as is recommended by best practise. |
| 7 | Village Centre | An extremely large booking has been successful this month with an estimated 400 guests. The family who booked the event have given great feedback. Thank you to everyone involved. Ad hoc bookings continue to pick up. An advert was added to the newsletter once again. Councillors/everyone |

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| | | are encouraged to spread the word that Balderton residents get 10% discount and that we have small business and charity rates available. |
| 8 | Tree Survey | The grounds team refreshed their chainsaw training in September and will be doing the tree work that they can complete in the next couple of months. I will bring quotes to full council for the remainder of the work. |
| 9 | Litter pick | The September community litter pick went well, and the next one is planned for 12/3/25. Members of the community have been invited to join councillors to help tidy up Balderton via the newsletter and a Facebook post and posters will be done closer to the date. |
| 10 | Remembrance Sunday | <i>Took place on November 10th. Following closely liaising with St Giles Church and other organisations involved in the parade, the event ran smoothly.</i> |
| 11 | Defibrillators | Full Council approved the purchase of 2 defibrillators and 1 case when they met in October. |
| 12 | Elliet Shredder | An order has been placed with the total amount agreed with the supplier slightly less than the original quote: £16,750, with trade in items (rather than £16,980). <i>The machine has been delivered and is being used by the grounds staff.</i> |
| 13 | Macmillan Coffee Morning | This was held on their national coffee morning day. It went well but is suggested that this should be done on an alternative month next time as having many local organisations fundraising on the same day can reduce attendance and funds raised. |

74. Consideration of whether to change the pedestrian gate at Mount Road Cemetery to make this accessible

The committee agreed that we should get quotes to make this gate accessible.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.