

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Balderstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at

Mellor Brook Community Centre, starting at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllrs. Stuart Shorthouse (Chairman) Karen Barker, Stella Brunskill, Colin Everett, Jonathan Greenwood, Peter Singleton.

Also in attendance: RV Borough Cllr. Robin Walsh and 6 members of the public

Number		Action
1	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence</p> <p>John Evans had previously sent apologies for absence. However, Cllr Shorthouse (Chairman) explained that at lunchtime today, John Evans had now resigned from both the Chairman position and Balderstone Parish Council.</p>	Agenda
2	<p>To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest</p> <p>None.</p>	
3	<p>To resolve to confirm and approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 19th May 2021</p> <p>Following amendment on Parish Council Meeting to the date, removal of website declaration and inclusion of future meeting dates agreed to be first Wednesday of the month: 1st September 2021, 3rd November 2021, 5th January 2022 and 2nd March 2022.</p> <p>Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 19th May 2021 be approved</p>	<p>MBCC</p> <p>Website</p>
4	<p>To consider and approve all arrangements regarding Clerk Vacancy and necessary cover at this time.</p> <p>Resolved Cllr K Barker to act as Clerk, and be point of contact on website and all outside agencies</p> <p>Resolved that Michelle Smith, Head of HR, RVBC be requested to assist in Clerk Vacancy.</p> <p>Resolved Cllr S Shorthouse and Cllr K Barker to meet with Michelle to arrange alterations to Advert, Job Spec etc. in line with recently advertised similar vacancy that had now been successful filled.</p>	<p>JG & KB</p> <p>SS & KB</p>
5	<p>Adjournment for Public Session (Max 5 minutes per person)</p> <p>Two residents attended wishing to speak regarding item 10, Cllr S Shorthouse Chairman acknowledge that recent emails had been forwarded to all Parish Councillors and allowed residents to contribute to discussion under item.</p>	

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6	<p>To consider and approve a budget to repair and fit lock to the Notice Board at Feildens Arms to enable continued use by Balderstone Parish Council.</p> <p>A local resident has very kindly repaired and improved the Notice Board, letter of appreciation to be sent from the Parish Council</p>	KB
7	<p>To consider and approve a budget for replacement of the bench on Higher Commons Lane.</p> <p>Recent communications suggested a new bench and installation would be available at a price of £365. This was incorrect. Alan Boyer RVBC has confirmed the usual price for a bench with installation is approximately £1000. However, following a recent site visit Alan Boyer RVBC has now agreed that for a price of £365 they would be able to assist in an upgrade of the area to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the concrete bench arms to enable refitting of new wooden or reconstituted plastic slats to the correct length • Strim, remove brambles and spray strong weed killer the area around where the bench will be reinstated slightly forward in position away from the bushes at the rear • Install new concrete plinth area, complete with the newly refurbished bench. <p>Resolved that a budget of £365 be allocated to this project, this will see bench area vastly improved in appearance and make the bench useable once again.</p>	KB
8	<p>To consider and approve changes to our current Insurance Policy with Community First to include "Full Public Liability" to enable the inclusion of future Volunteer Groups for gardening and tidy-up campaigns.</p> <p>As per email, we are already covered for these activities as confirmed by the Agent. Noting payment due date to be 16th August 2021.</p> <p>Resolved to remain with Community First Insurance at a price of £160.65. Payment to be made shortly.</p>	SS & KB
9	<p>To consider and approve membership changes to the Improvements Working Party agreed 19th May 2021</p> <p>Due to John Evans resignation Cllr Stuart Shorthouse agreed to join the Improvements Working Party.</p> <p>Resolved that the working party will now be made up of Cllr Colin Everett, Cllr Jonathan Greenwood and Cllr Stuart Shorthouse.</p> <p>During this conversation, Cllr Stella Brunskill spoke regarding the official steps that will need to be taken via RVBC. Due process includes formal notification of the Casual Vacancy. This process will then allow a future co-option to Balderstone Parish Council due to the vacancy that has now been created.</p>	<p>CE, JG & SS</p> <p>KB Agenda RVBC Website</p>

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10	<p>To consider and approve further contact with RVBC regarding the business now training from land at Brookside.</p> <p>Two residents spoke at length regarding this item.</p> <p>Conversations highlighted that Balderstone Parish Council and the residents had differing accounts of earlier intervention by Jason Middleton RVBC and activities at land adjacent to Brookside.</p> <p>Resolved that clarification and an update to be sought from RVBC</p>	KB
11	<p>Matters not on the Agenda, for information only</p> <p>Ribble Valley Borough Councillors Robin Walsh and Stella Brunskill spoke at length regarding the recent questionnaires that had been received by the residents of Mellor, Balderstone and Samlesbury. Blackburn with Darwen Council sent these concerning the future potential housing development on land at the rear of Branch Road.</p> <p>Unfortunately the geographical position of Branch Road, on the boundary of South Ribble Council, and with ownership of land in Blackburn with Darwen Council, could potentially result in Ribble Valley residents being poorly represented. RV Borough Councillor Robin Walsh also noted when they attended the recent community meeting arranged by Graham Young, Chairman of Samlesbury and Cuerdale Parish Council, that a vast majority of people attending were found to be Ribble Valley residents.</p> <p>South Ribble Councils will make all the decisions on this issue and gain financially from any potential build with CiL (Community Infrastructure Levy) / Section 106 monies (Developer Contributions) being allocated to South Ribble areas.</p> <p>RV Borough Councillor Stella Brunskill also spoke of changes in September on the Government's White Paper on Housing. It will see the inclusion of topics such as Climate Change, Working Families, Parking requirements, Health and Safety, Green Space and much more.</p> <p>RV Borough Councillor Stella Brunskill also spoke of a recent meeting regarding the New Police Commissioner Andrew Snowden. Highlighting that grants may be available via Ribble Valley Borough Council for CCTV funding. Areas of interest for such grants in Balderstone would be Whalley Road and Myerscough Smithy Lane.</p>	