

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday July 6th 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Mrs Lee (Vice Chairman), Mrs Brooks, Green, Lynch and Roberts M.B.E.

with four members of the public and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs Allen, Fairbairn, Gloster and White.

7449 **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.

7450 **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.

7451 **Public Participation**

The meeting was closed to take public comments relating to published agenda items. Questions were raised and answered about agenda publishing and the Balderton Parochial Charity. They were thanked for their attendance and the meeting resumed.

7452 **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.

7453 **Financial Assistance**

Members gave consideration to written applications for financial assistance from Chuter Ede Primary School towards Drugs Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) costs for the Year 5 pupils, and Newark Academy towards a language students' excursion to Germany. It was,

RECOMMENDED that grants of £500 be paid to Chuter Ede School and £250 to Newark Academy

7454 **Balderton Parochial Charity**

Members noted that Charity Trustee Mrs Christine Cox has resigned from the Charity after many years' service. The Council has an obligation to appoint a suitable person to serve a four-year term of office to the Charity. Mr A. Crampton has expressed an interest in being appointed and he meets the necessary criteria; members agreed that he be appointed as Trustee.

7455 **Committee Terms of Reference Working Party**

The Working Party Chairman Cllr Hurst gave a verbal report of the Party's suggestion that the Finance & General Purposes Committee should be dissolved; this being part of the Working Party's review of the Council's committee structure and responsibilities. Many financial issues already have to be determined and approved by the Full Council, not by a Committee. The change would also help streamline the Council's administration. All financial and policy issues currently overseen by the Committee would be considered by the Full Council. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations would require amendment to reflect this change. Members supported this suggestion and it was,

RECOMMENDED that the F&GP committee be dissolved as proposed.

7456 **Highways Faults**

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

- a. The surface water culverts on London Road near to the sub-station need jetting out – this area regularly floods during very heavy rainfall.

7457 **Correspondence/Information**

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

- a) The Council received a payment of £1927.75 of Community Infrastructure Levy for the 2021/22 financial year; this was from the development of four properties behind 188 London Road.
- b) The latest Police stakeholder update from Inspector Matthew Ward, advising that local officers have been visiting schools and engaging with young people about appropriate behaviour.
- c) The latest Civility & Respect Project Newsletter from the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. Cllr Mrs Lee and the Clerk plan to attend a virtual training session regarding this in September.

7458 **Future Agenda Items**

The possibility/feasibility of rainwater harvesting, and solar panels for the Village Centre will be given future discussion.

The meeting was closed at approximately 6.55pm.