

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday January 22nd 2020 at 7.00pm

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

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Mayall B.E.M.

7240 **Payments**

All payments were approved and authorised; a list of these is published with the minutes.

7241 **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. Cllr Mrs Hurst also declared a personal interest to minute reference 7246 Sporting Fees.

7242 **Public Participation**

There were no members of public present.

7243 **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 7225 Staple Lane/London Road Signage** Members expressed their disquiet at the lack of response from the County Council regarding additional signage at the junction.

7244 **Financial Regulations**

Members had reviewed revised Financial Regulations for the Council, copies having been circulated in advance. These were taken from the National Association of Local Council's recommended model regulations. It was,

RECOMMENDED that the Financial Regulations as drafted be adopted by the Council.

7245 **Speed Limit Reductions**

Members gave further discussion to starting petitions to reduce the speed limit on remaining sections of London Road and Hawton Lane down to 30 m.p.h. The completed petitions would then be served upon the County Council by the local member for the appropriate ward. Two separate petitions will be produced in readiness for the Full Council meeting and copies provided for all members to seek signatures and circulate within the village.

7246 **Sporting Fees**

Members gave further discussion to the Council's charges for providing sporting facilities, taking into account the difference between income and expenditure. Members had previously considered basing all such fees on the same percentage of real cost to the Council and more extensive costings had been obtained and circulated in advance. After lengthy discussion it was,

RECOMMENDED that all sports fees are based upon 50% of the estimated costs to the Council as calculated. This increase will be staggered over the next three years and be subject to a yearly increase thereafter, nominally in line with the cost of living increase. The long- standing practice of offering a 5% discount for prompt payment of sporting invoices will cease with immediate effect.

7247 **Highways Faults**

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

1. The pavements on Coleridge Road are very uneven and broken up in places.
2. Two litter bins near to Sainsburys are still in need of repair/replacement; this was first reported 12 months ago.

7248 **Correspondence/Information**

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

- a) A letter from the District Council advising the developer has suggested that the residential development of four dwellings on land to the rear of the Old Hall at 90 Main Street should be named 'Hall Gardens'. No objections were raised to this suggestion.
- b) A planning application for a development of 3 dwellings on land off Barnby Road at Greenhill Farm was received over the Christmas/New Year period; this had been reviewed by some members and objected to on highways grounds.
- c) The REACH café would like to apply for a brown 'place of interest' directional sign opposite Coronation Street to promote awareness of the café. Both County Cllrs Walker and Wallace have pledged £200 each towards the sign, and County Cllr Girling should also be approached for a contribution.
- d) The desirability for a projector for the Village Centre had been highlighted at a recent meeting of the Flood Focus Group. It had been anticipated that the Council would be the benefactor of a donated projector but this had not materialised. Approval was given to the purchase of a suitable projector with an estimated cost in the region of £350-500.

7249 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7.50pm.