

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday March 6th 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Hurst (Chairman), Ms White (Vice Chairman), Allen, Mrs Brooks, Green, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Rouse and Watt with the Clerk.

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs Mrs Lee and Walker.

6165 Payments

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

6166 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.

6167 Public Participation

There were no members of public present at the meeting.

6168 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 6123 Boundary Review** The revised parish and ward boundaries will be shown on new maps which are imminently expected from the District Council.

6169 Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to a written request for financial assistance from the Nottinghamshire branch of Age UK for a contribution towards a shortfall of £106,000 in funding for the running costs of its Information and Advice Service. Further details had been requested from the charity for the number of Balderton residents that have used the service but they could only provide details of users with a "NG24" postcode; these were circulated for member's perusal. On balance members considered that although it's a worthy charity a grant could not be justified on this occasion as the Council's policy is to support more localised causes and organisations.

6170 **Chuter Ede School Parking Issues**

Members gave consideration to an e-mail from a resident regarding the thoughtless and sometimes dangerous practice of driving over and parking on the grass verge near to Brisbane Court at school start and end times. The land in question is owned by the County Council and it is understood that Cllr Wallace has met Highways personnel on site to get missing bollards replaced to prevent this happening. Members gave lengthy discussion to the long standing problem of congested and poor parking; numerous suggestions and proposals have been made over many years to try and ease the situation at this location and outside John Hunt Primary School. Increased patrols and fixed penalty ticketing by the Civic Enforcement Officers and County Council C.C.T.V. Vehicle Enforcement team appear to be the only options that have any real impact.

6171 **Reserves Investment**

Approval was given to defer investing a sum of Council reserves with a different bank until after the local elections on May 2nd 2019 owing to the logistical difficulties of potential signatory changes when opening a new account at a new establishment.

6172 **Highways Faults**

No issues were raised.

6173 **Correspondence/Information**

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

- a) Details of a vehicle tracking service provided by the Council's fuel card company at a cost of £10.50 per month per vehicle, with no set up or additional fees. The contract would be for 48 months. On balance members did not consider this was of any real benefit in relation to the cost to the Council.
- b) A copy of the latest newsletter/update from local M.P. Robert Jenrick, including details of the Balderton Senior Citizen's Advice Fair at the Salvation Army Hall on Mead Way on Friday March 22nd 2019 from 12 noon to 4pm.

6174 **Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7.20pm.