

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held virtually on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6.30pm

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

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Green

### 7300 **Payments**

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

### 7301 **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.

### 7302 **Public Participation**

There were no members of public present.

### 7303 **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 7278.c Play Area Gate** An alternative quotation is awaited from a local fencing contractor. Cllr Ms White advised that there may be a funding opportunity from the District Council to pay for this; Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hurst and Ms White undertook to make further enquiries with the authority.

### 7304 **Flowserve Sports Club and Ground**

Members gave consideration to supporting an application for the sports club and sports ground at Flowserve to be a registered Asset of Community Value. It is understood that this is being put forward to protect the site from possible future development by its new private owner. Members expressed complete support for this in principle but considered that the application would be better should be submitted by the Parish Council itself.

### 7305 **Budget for 2021/22**

Members gave further discussion to budgetary requirements for the next financial year taking into account the previously agreed committee running cost estimates. Concern was again expressed regarding the Council's continued use of reserves which has happened for several years now and the Council's income is of course reduced this year further as a direct result of the pandemic. The tax base for the next financial year is not yet known but the precept must be submitted to the District Council by the end of January; the next committee meeting will make a recommendation to be agreed by the Full Council.

7306 **Sewage Pipeline**

Members noted that Severn Trent plan to run a new final effluent pipeline from the Lowfield Sewerage Works to the River Trent, approximately following the route of the new Southern Link Road.

7307 **Suthers School**

Some concern was expressed at the lack of a designated crossing point for pupils walking or cycling to school from Balderton at the 'Tawny Owl' pub roundabout area. There are crossings at two other locations along that stretch of Great North Road but it is still hazardous for pupils at that particular roundabout. This issue was referred to the Full Council as a scheduled agenda item where hopefully County Council representatives will be present.

7308 **Highways Faults**

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

1. There is an amount of fly tipping in the verges of the A1 north bound slip road.
2. Several roads flooded quite badly during recent wet/snowy weather; at the crossroads of Coddington Road and Barnby Lane, by the three telecommunication boxes on London Road near to the A1 roundabout and also slightly further up near to Derwent Court properties.
3. A large pothole near to the junction of Christopher Crescent and Meadow Road.

7309 **Correspondence/Information**

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

- a) Notice that Bullpit Road level crossing will be closed overnight on Saturday/Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 for track renewal works.
- b) Hawton Lane will have temporary traffic lights, 140m west of its junction with Nelson Road for carriageway patching works from January 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- c) Royal Mail has agreed that the word 'New' should be removed from all Balderton addresses because fewer than 20% of those people consulted objected to the proposal (3.26% did object).
- d) A copy of the County Council's Severe Weather guidance detailing gritting services, flooding and winter storm advice.
- e) The Local Government Ethical Standards consultation paper (copies were circulated to all members).
- f) A public survey regarding transforming hospital services in Nottinghamshire (copies were circulated to all members).

7310 **Future Agenda Items**

No further agenda items were raised.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7:05pm.