

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Balderton Village Centre on Wednesday February 26th 2020 at 7.00pm

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

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

7250 **Payments**

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

7251 **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.

7252 **Public Participation**

There were no members of public present.

7253 **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 7245 Petitions to Lower Speed Limits** Members were advised that owing to difficulties from a Data Protection perspective relating to the Council raising petitions, it will be necessary to make the requests to the County Council by an alternative method.

7254 **C.C.T.V. Camera**

Members gave further consideration to the desirability of a Police interactive C.C.T.V. camera for the playing field. This issue was last discussed in October when members agreed to defer any decision until a request for assistance funding from the District Council was known. It is now understood that the authority will cover the cost of a camera leaving the cost of providing and installing a hosting column, along with the monitoring fees to the Parish Council. On balance members considered the camera to be beneficial; a quotation for an 8m pole column will be obtained in the interim.

7255 **Newark Community First Aid**

Members gave consideration to a request from Newark Community First Aid to run a free first aid skills course in the Village Hall. It was,

RECOMMENDED that one of the courses be held here without charge.

7256 **Chuter Ede Primary School Parking**

Members gave consideration to a proposal from the County Council to introduce double yellow lines and bus stop clearways on Bullpit Road and Wolfit Avenue to try and ease parking problems in the vicinity of Chuter Ede Primary School. Any comments need to be submitted by March 6th 2020. Members supported the proposal in principle subject to a couple of suggested additional measures which will be put forward.

7257 **Highways Faults**

The following fault/issue was raised and will be passed onto the relevant authority:

1. There is a section of pavement near to Southfield and the A1 roundabout which is permanently covered with wet mud so the area may be subject to an underlying water leak.

7258 **Correspondence/Information**

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

- a) The latest newsletter from Police Commissioner Paddy Tipping, including an article about the extra 147 officers who started in the New Year.
- b) An update from Inspector Heather Sutton of the Newark & Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team. Members asked that a letter be sent to Inspector Sutton expressing concern about the lack of officers in Balderton. For some time now there has been just one P.C.S.O. and the Balderton Beat Manager is spending more than half of his time on Drone Officer duties.
- c) Notice of an event arranged by the local Community Voluntary Service regarding community groups' health and wellbeing event on Thursday March 26th from 2pm-4pm at Castle House in Newark.
- d) The lights in the Village Centre should ideally be changed to L.E.D.s which are both environmentally friendly and ultimately more cost effective. Members agreed that a price should be obtained for this work. The wider issue of energy efficiency within the Council's remit should also be given further discussion.
- e) Details from N.A.L.C. of a Local Electricity Bill which the Council may wish to consider supporting. If made law, the Bill would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. More details will be obtained and circulated to members for consideration.
- f) Robert Jenrick M.P. is holding a Senior Citizen's Fair in the Village Centre on Saturday May 16th 2020 from 11am to 2pm.

7259 **Future Agenda Items**

No additional items were raised.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7.35pm.