

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held virtually on Wednesday March 3rd 2021 at 6.30pm

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

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs Lynch and Mallard.

7320 Payments

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

7321 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.

7322 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

7323 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 7317 London Road** Members were relieved to see that the road had finally been resurfaced to a high standard, not just outside Sainsbury's but from the traffic lights to Sibcy Lane, and agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to those concerned.

7324 Consideration was given to written applications for financial assistance from Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark towards their running costs, and Balderton Methodist Church for a community café project. It was,

RECOMMENDED that a grant of £500 be made to Citizen's Advice which will benefit many residents, particularly in these difficult times. Members could not support the Methodist Church application as the organisation's project was not considered to be completely cross-community focussed and the venture will effectively be in competition with the Council's own café.

7325 **Football Fee Refunds**

Consideration was given to requests from home football teams for pitch fee refunds as they have been unable to play for several months owing to pandemic lockdown regulations. Members agreed that pro rata refunds should be offered based on the number of games that were actually played here. Any scheduled 'friendly' matches that are permissible after March 29th will be factored in when calculating the pro rata refund.

7326 **Grit Bin**

Consideration was given to a request for a blue grit bin in the Masefield Crescent area from a resident, the County Council having advised the applicant that it would not install a bin there. There is a grit bin located very close to Masefield Close at the junction of Warwick Road and Baines Avenue although members did not feel that they could support the request as it could set a precedent for further submissions within the village.

7327 **Highways Faults**

Members were invited to raise any issues or faults to pass onto relevant authorities: No new problem sites were highlighted but Cllr Ms White advised that several residents had expressed their appreciation regarding recent additional works undertaken to the Hawton Lane road surface.

It was suggested that a link be created on the Parish Council's web-site to enable residents to report routine Highways faults directly to the County Council via their own interactive on-line site.

7328 **Correspondence/Information**

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

- a) Notice that the bar cellar cooling system in the Village Centre was found to be not working at a recent routine inspection and it cannot be repaired. The servicing company has provided a quotation of £2273 to supply and install a new system. Members acknowledged that a new system is essential but requested that alternative quotations be obtained for comparison.
- b) Cllr Rouse asked for clarification regarding housing developments by Nottinghamshire County Council, relating to their statutory authority to be involved in such activity. Enquiries will be made.

7329 **Future Agenda Items**

No future items were raised.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7:10pm.