

## Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held virtually on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6.30pm

PRESENT Councillors Allen (Vice Chairman in the Chair), 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 Ms White (Chairman).

### 7311 **Payments**

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

### 7312 **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.

### 7313 **Public Participation**

There were no members of public present.

### 7314 **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 7307 Suthers School** Fernwood Parish Council has advised that the County Council is already reviewing the need for a second crossing near to the Tawny Owl roundabout. Members were pleased to hear that this is being addressed; they asked to be kept informed of progress and will be seeking County Cllr Walker's support for the same.

### 7315 **Precept for 2021/22**

Members gave lengthy discussion to budgetary requirements for the next financial year, taking into account the previously agreed committee running cost estimates. Concern was again expressed regarding a trend for several years now, of the Council having spent reserves to meet every day expenditure. Income is of course substantially reduced this year as a direct result of the pandemic. Owing to these factors members considered that there was little option other than to increase the rates and it was,

RECOMMENDED that the precept for 2021/22 be set at £318,570 an increase of £7.73 for a Band D property which equates to 64 pence per month.

7316 **Rowan Way/London Road Junction**

Members discussed a request from residents suggesting that double yellow lines be installed along Rowan Way to prevent vehicles parking so close to the junction. This issue is exacerbated at school start and finish times. Members acknowledged that the parked vehicles are not complying with the Highway Code by parking so close to the junction. The issue must be referred to the County Councillor for that ward to see if anything can be done. It was also suggested that the originator write to the John Hunt Primary School to raise awareness of the problem with parents who may be parking there.

7317 **Highways Faults**

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

1. London Road by Sainsbury's is in a very poor condition, with many potholes and broken up tarmac. This will be raised at the Full Council meeting for the County Councillor concerned to take forward. Photographs of the area will be taken for circulation.

7318 **Correspondence/Information**

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

- a) The latest Police update briefing from Inspector Sutton advising that the current policing priority is speeding enforcement and drug drive testing.
- b) The latest newsletter from the Police Commissioner Paddy Tipping.
- c) Hawton Lane will be temporary closed for resurfacing work from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from London Road to Bowbridge Road. Clarification will be sought whether this is for a complete resurface of the road.
- d) Bullpit Road between Chaucer Road and Main Street will be closed from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February for carriageway resurfacing works.
- e) Notice from the District Council that they are reviewing the new Model Code of Conduct for Councillors and suggest that Parish Councils wait to make any necessary changes to their own Codes of Conduct until they have issued appropriate advice and guidance.

7319 **Future Agenda Items**

No agenda items were raised.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7:20pm.