

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday May 19th 2021 at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs Mrs Lee, Lynch Mrs Newstead and Newstead.

7338 Payments

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

7339 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. Cllr Ms White declared a personal interest to minute reference 7342 – grant application by Chuter Ede Primary School.

7340 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

7341 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 7334 Anti-Social Behaviour** Cllr Allen suggested that a summary of known incidents of anti-social behaviour be discussed at each committee meeting to help keep this important issue under Police focus for targeting Balderton.

7342 Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to a written request, previously circulated, for financial assistance from Chuter Ede Primary school for Year 5 pupils to visit the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Laxton. Members expressed some concern at this 'blanket' approach, applying for funds to cover the whole cost of the trip for every pupil, irrespective of whether pupils' families can or cannot afford it. Members were happy to contribute funds for any pupils who would not otherwise be able to go, believing the experience to be more than worthwhile. A copy of the School's accounts will be requested along with the number of pupils who qualify for free school meals; once these

have been received the issue will be given further consideration. Members agreed that any future grant applicants must provide a copy of their most recent audited accounts when submitting the request to the Council.

7343 **Street Naming**

Members gave consideration to a request from the District Council for a street name suggestion for the development of four dwelling to the rear of 188 London Road. It was,

RECOMMENDED that the name 'Jarvis Close' be put forward. This is an acknowledgment of two former hard-working Councillors - Angela, who was Chairman for four years, and her late husband Lonsdale who also served on the Council.

7344 **Pavements**

Discussion was given to a repeat request made at the Annual Parish Meeting that the Council lobby the County Council to make the pavements in Balderton suitable primarily for pedestrians rather than vehicles (in terms of dropped kerb accesses). The resident had suggested that Baines Avenue is an example of a good area of pavement. Members agreed to raise this issue with the County Councillors at next week's meeting of the Full Council.

7345 **Highways Faults**

Members were invited to raise any issues or faults to pass onto relevant authorities: No new problem sites were highlighted but the Clerk advised that the area on the corner of Sykes Lane and Main Street, which still floods during heavy rainfall has been raised with newly elected County Councillor John Lee.

7346 **Correspondence/Information**

No items of correspondence/information had been received for noting.

7347 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Allen advised that the newly installed Police Commissioner Caroline Henry promised to attend a Parish Council meeting if elected. An invitation will be issued, listing the Full Council meeting dates.

The meeting was closed at approximately 7.55pm