

Parish Council of Balsall

Minutes of the Balsall Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2013 at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Centre, Station Road, Balsall Common

Present

Cllr Ian Hedley, Cllr Judy Lea, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr James Hope, Cllr Lionel King, and 3 members of the public

Headings are those set out on the Agenda

1. Apologies

Cllr Peter Lea, Cllr Raymond Ritchie and Cllr Douglas Money

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 18th March 2013

RESOLVED

The Minutes are approved and Chair signed these as a true record

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

5. Public Participation

A discussion took place regarding the Cemetery. A request was made that the increase is taken in stages rather than a large single increase. Chair advised of the current running costs of the Cemetery and that it is subsidised by the Parish as the income is not sufficient to meet the outgoings.

6. Cemetery

6.1. To receive report from Working Group and to make recommendation to the Parish Council in relation to the Cemetery charges

Clerk presented report from the Working Group as Cllr Ritchie was not present. The recommendations given were to increase the fees in line with the schedule presented at the meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the proposed increases and it was agreed to recommend an increase in stages. This to be 50% increase from 1st June and 25% increase each year thereafter to bring the Cemetery fees to an acceptable level. After that an annual review to take place.

A discussion took place regarding the size of headstones. It was agreed that these shall be a universal height and width and that no kerbs or full slabs should be allowed.

RESOLVED – That an increase is recommended in line with the schedule attached. Additionally, it is recommended that headstones shall be of a universal height and width and that no kerbs or full slabs area allowed.

7. Date for next meeting – The date for the next Finance meeting is to be advised in due course

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Signed..... Dated.....

Cllr Ian Hedley

Chair

Balsall Parish Council Finance Committee