

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 17th July, 2017
at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham at 7.30 p.m.

Present: A Fraser, J Gooch, R Barrett, D Kiddy, A West, A Blant and L Harris.

Public: 7

Also in attendance: Cllr Richard Turner, Henry Batchelor

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** J Kiddy and P Anderson.
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item.**
S/2167/17/FL David Kiddy declared a pecuniary interest.
3. **Planning**
 - a) **For Discussion:** (David Kiddy declared an interest)
S/2167/17/FL Yole Farm House, Yole Farm, Linton Road
A single storey garden room on the front of the house (south facing) and a 2 storey extension to the East. Master bedroom and lounge. A separate farm office.
PC Decision: Approve

S/2329/17/NM 7 High Street, Balsham (Balsham Building)
PC Decision: Approve
 - b) **Decisions:**
S/1609/17/FL 119 High Street
SCDC *approved* the extensions/alteration of all four elevations of existing dwelling.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

Play Equipment: Members of the public discussed that the children's play area needs to be refurbished. The Clerk explained that there will be \$106 money available from development in Balsham. The safety report has been carried out and the equipment is not dangerous, as some parents have stated. There are only a few minor issues that need addressing. The play area is very well used. The parents offered to fundraise for new equipment if required.

Jan Cassidy explained that some building work is taking place at the church and the PCC are concerned about the signage and the condition of Church Lane. The PC agreed to look at the signs that were there presently and let the PC know. The PC explained that Church Lane was the responsibility of the CCC.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

District Councillor report: SCDC has received the application for the Community Asset for the Bell and if there are no objections it will be determined on 28th July.
SCDC webpage has been updated with bin information.
Local Plan is hearing completion and the inspector is looking at the last item of gypsy and traveller sites which will be reported in August to the planning department and out to consultation and hopefully approved in February.
City Deal has been renamed Greater Cambridge Partnership.
Greenways (cycleways) have started and will bring more villages into the cycle paths.
Rural Transport Hub: Encourage for commuters to use public bus/trains.

Expressways – 5 proposed. St. Ives in place, St Neots to Cambridge, North South link, South link, South East link is Sawston, Linton, Haverhill and discussion of A1307. With proposed 5,000 houses in Great Chesterford will make the South East link very important.

County Councillor: New charges for LH Improvement Scheme for the Officer work.

Open days for Highways in September at Whittleford Dept.

Communities and Partnership committee to improve communications of the CCC and communities. Each area has an area champion – Lina Joseph for Balsham area.

Devolution: The mayor has been appointed and the scrutiny committee scrutinised the work of the mayor.

Children's Centre's The County is consulting to re-designate the centre's purpose and will be called a pop up children's centre. Consultation opened today and finished on 22nd September. Link to be sent to Clerk.

Village Pharmacy: Outside pharmacies have been touting for business which is unacceptable.

6. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 19th June, 2017:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Website redesign:** The website has been resigned and the Clerk will organise some training.
 - b) **Map of Balsham:** The electronic and hard copy of the map of Balsham Parish has been received.
 - c) **Prince Memorial seat:** The seat has been mended by Mike McCall and the slats have been covered over with wood.
 - d) **Defibrillator:** The defibrillator has been installed in the telephone box by an electrician.
8. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion**
 - a) **Electrical safety inspection report:** The inspection has nearly been completed.
 - b) **Quote for ditch and tree work:** The PC agreed the quote from CGM for the work to the trees and ditch at the recreation ground for £ 900.00 + VAT.
9. **Current Matters:**
 - a) **Allotment water / rain water collection:** The PC approved a quote for the allotment water and information will be organised about the rain water collection.
 - b) **The Bell – Community Asset application:** The PC has submitted the application to SCDC and they are waiting for the result.
10. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Highway Issues: Sign in Fox Road and resurfacing of byway issues:** Complaints have been made to CCC and SCDC about improving the surfacing, encouraging travellers to the area.
 - b) **Highways Improvement Scheme:** The Clerk and Andrew Fraser are meeting with Joshua Rutherford from Highways on Thursday at 1pm to discuss the zebra crossing outside the school. There are changes to the way that the scheme is funded and CCC will start charging the Officers to visit the schemes.
 - c) **Horseshoe Close:** The white lines have not been replaced and there are problems with flooding which will be reported to CC by Andrew Fraser.
 - d) **Moveable speed signs:** Andrew Fraser has arranged to meet with Laura Cook to decide on possible locations and Andrew Fraser will agree the location with Highways.
11. **Correspondence:** All emailed.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 12/07/17 and any invoices/receipts received up until 17/07/17 will be considered at the meeting.

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Payments July 2017		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 199.54	£ 1,087.66
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 250.00 Ex 105.14	£ 305.14
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
Opus Energy		£ 41.21
Anglian Water		£ 232.90
M Parrish (Internal Audit)		£ 380.00
CGM Group		£ 1,299.30
Maps International (D/Payment)		£ 145.00
Total Payments		£ 3,631.21
Bank Balances as at 12/07/2017		
<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 15,454.09	
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 57,785.60	
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 41,786.39	
Total	£ 115,026.08	

13. Area Report: Nothing to report.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 18th September, 2017 at 7.30 pm at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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