

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 18th September, 2017
at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham at 7.30 p.m.

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

Public: 7

Also in attendance: Cllr Richard Turner, Cllr Robert Turner, Cllr Henry Batchelor

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** P Anderson
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item.**
3. **Planning**
 - a) **For Discussion:**

S/2770/17/LB The Old Vicarage, Church Lane,
Replace roof covering to rear lean to from plain tiles to natural slate
PC Decision: Approve
 - b) **Decisions:**

c) **S/0460/17/FL Plumbs Dairy – update on application:** The planning application is going to be discussed at SCDC Planning Committee.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

The PC were very pleased that Harold Gawthorp won 4 prizes in the SCDC Gardening competition.
The VAS sign has been hit by a lorry and needs to be put back in place near Balsham Place. The trees on corner of Cambridge Road/Linton Road needs to be trimmed.
Clerk to organise.
Organise a short cut back
Balsham Market: Debbie Paton explained that she is concerned about falling numbers at the market but the market will continue. Debbie is investigating changing the frequency of the market but she is deciding whether to make them monthly, every other month or 3 times a year.
Debbie would like a few people to help with the market.
The profit of approximately £650 will be donated to the Parochial Church Council to give to local charities.
The PC thanked Debbie Paton for organising the market.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

District Councillor:
The Joint Parishes meeting is taking place on 27th September.
The Bell Asset of Community Value application: SCDC has refused the application because the map included a residential property, there was not enough evidence to support how the pub is a community asset and details are needed about when the community groups meet. The application can be resubmitted.
Bell ringers, cricket club,
An additional £ 30,000 has been added to the Community Chest.
Each application is £ 1,000 and 3 per parish.

Planning Forum 12th September: Neighbourhood planning guidance will be available.

Local Plan: No response has been received from the Inspector with the draft schedule with the modifications.

UDC planning to build a new garden community at Great Chesterford for 5,000 and S Cambs has sent a response.

A1307 Working party: 3 main strategies: Guided bus route North of Stapleford and Sawston and park and ride.

All paper to be put in the blue bin in the New Year, as the paper caddies are being withdrawn from use.

CCC:

Children's Centre re-designation: Comments to be made.

Library services consultation is running and CCC are looking into how best to stream line the use of the library.

HOOPS: Housing Options for Older People: joint pilot scheme to offer help and advice to older people 65+. Questionnaire available.

Henry Batchelor has sent a CCC report to the PC.

6. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17th July, 2017:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Website training:** To be organised
 - b) **Sign for Recreation Ground/Church:** The sign has been cleaned and is large enough.
8. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion**
 - a) **Electrical safety inspection report:** Clerk to chase up the report.
 - b) **Ditch and tree work:** The work has been booked in by CGM. Clerk to chase up for a date.
 - c) **Play area safety report:** The maintenance work will be carried out. The PC agreed not to replace the bearing in the roundabout because there are plans to replace the roundabout when S106 funds are available.
9. **Current Matters:**
 - a) **Allotment water / rain water collection:** Clerk to find out the area of the roof for rain water collection.
 - b) **The Bell – Community Asset application:** The PC agreed to find out additional information and reapply for the Community Asset.
10. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Highway Issues: PC to report again that the white lines at the end of Horseshoe** Close need repainting, the condition of Burrell Way and sign at Burrell Way.
 - b) **Highways Improvement Scheme:** An application will be made for a zebra crossing outside The Meadow School by 15th October.
 - c) **Movable speed signs:** The PC are waiting for more information.
 - d) **Balsam Buildings:** The Clerk will contact David Digby at Hills to ask for lorried not to come to the site before it is open as they are waiting on the road.
 - e) **Fox Road:** The Clerk has emailed Peter Gaskin at CCC about the possibility of installing barriers in Fox Road to stop unauthorised vehicles. Peter Gaskin has replied that he wouldn't support the application. Cllr Batchelor suggested that the PC applied for the barriers and he would support the application.
11. **Correspondence:** All emailed.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 13/09/17 and any invoices/receipts received up until 18/09/17 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Payments August 2017		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 190.05 3 months pension £ 151.23	£ 926.94
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 130.00	£ 104.00
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
Opus Energy		£ 41.21
JRB Enterprise		£ 227.94
Kleen Windows		£ 30.00
CGM Group		£ 533.10
CGM Group		£ 1,815.60
Broadmead Leisure Ltd		£ 126.00
LGSS Pension Scheme (June)		£ 356.52
Opus Energy		£ 31.63
LGSS Pension Scheme (July/August)		£ 713.04
Total Payments (August)		£ 5,045.98
Payments September 2017		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 190.05 Pension £ 50.41	£ 926.94
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 110.00 Ex £ 24.72	£ 112.72
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
NextNorth		£ 540.00
CAS Business Services (Insurance)		£ 2,232.85
Balsham PCC		£ 495.00
Amazon (Computer repair)		£ 83.75
CCC Pension set up		£ 420.00
LGSS Pension Scheme		£ 356.52
Opus Energy		£ 36.71
Total Payments (September)		£ 5,339.49
Bank Balances as at 13/09/17		
<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 4,623.28	
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 57,785.60	
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 41,879.69	
Total	£ 104,288.57	

13. Area Report:

a) **Path between Plumian Way to Burrell Way:** Clerk to arrange for the vegetation to be cut back.

b) **Play Area:** The grass is far too long. Clerk to chase up CGM.

c) **Hedge on corner of West Wratting Road:** Clerk to ask the resident to cut back the hedge.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 16th October, 2017 at 7.30 pm at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.

Signed

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