

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 16th October, 2017
at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham at 7.30 p.m.

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

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Also in attendance: Cllr Henry Batchelor

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** James Kiddy, Annie West, Cllr Richard Turner
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Planning**
 - a) **For Discussion:** None
 - b) **Decisions:**
S/0255/17/OL Land at Linton Road
SCDC granted permission for the outline application for the development of 36 dwellings with all matters reserved apart from access.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**
 - a) **Flood lights:** The electrical report has rated the flood lights as 2 and 3 which means that they need attention. Football clubs will be told not to use them until further checks have been made. Clerk to obtain quotes.
 - b) **Trees on corner of Cambridge Road:** Clerk to ask CGM for a quote to cut the trees from the wires and around the bottom on them.
 - c) **VAS sign:** The VAS sign is continually flashing. Clerk to report to CCC Highways.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

District Councillor: Local Plan: The planning inspector still hasn't reported back, but there is hope that a report will be available by the end of the month. A full review of the County's bus service will be funded by SCDC which will cost £ 50,000 to review the bus service and a consultation will take place.

County Councillor: Written report circulated. Library and children services consultation. Linton proposal is to be closed and revert the building back to the PC and signpost people to the Sawston Children's Centre. The library consultation is still in process.

There is a renamed fund which is the 'Innovate and Cultivate' fund which adult social care and children's schemes encouraged to apply.

Initial budget changes have been outlined.

HOOP's flyers with the questionnaire were circulated.
6. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18th September, 2017:** The previous circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

7. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Website training: The Clerk and Nigel Clark will have website training on Thursday 19th October.

b) Barriers in Fox Road: Clerk to submit the application and speak to Joshua Rutherford at CCC for see if it is something he will deal with. The application will cost £ 250.00, up to £ 1,000 for advertisement and works.

8. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Electrical safety inspection report: Check with Stuart Jolly about how long the report last for.

b) Ditch and tree work: Should be carried out by CGM this week.

9. Current Matters:

a) Allotment water / rain water collection: Application on hold as the Scout Hut is directing the rain water into the ditch.

b) The Bell – Community Asset application: PC are going to appeal but still waiting for the FOI response on 18th October.

The Ploughmen, Gardening Club committee meeting, Bellringers, Balsham singers, Quiz night and Cricketers all use the Bell.

10. Highway Matters:

a) Highway Issues: Andrew Fraser had a meeting with Highways and Highways are going to write to resident in Princes Close to clear the hedge off the pavement. The drains in the High Street in the pavement are going to be cleaned out.

b) Highways Improvement Scheme: The application has been submitted for a zebra crossing outside the school/Balsham Buildings.

c) Movable speed signs: The project is close to finalising the speed signs. The cost will be £ 965.00 for 1 large and 1 small sign for 6 weeks of the year. The signs record speed and numbers of vehicles. Brackets will be left on the posts and the signs moved around. Andrew Fraser to ask about who insures the signs. The PC will order two batteries per speed sign. Clerk to ask Mike McCall if he will move the signs and download the data.

d) Yellow lines in High Street: The PC are concerned about the residents in the High Street that won't be able to park outside their cottage.

11. Correspondence:

a) Request from Balsham Feast Committee: The PC agreed to donate £ 600.00 towards the Balsham Feast in 2018.

b) Poppy Wreath: The PC agreed a donation of £ 100.00.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 11/10/17 and any invoices/receipts received up until 16/10/17 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts October 2017		
Precept		£ 22,000.00
Total Receipts		£ 22,000.00
Payments October 2017		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 185.47 Pension £ 50.41	£ 1,023.18
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 150.00 22.25	£ 142.25
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
SJ Electrical Services		£ 1,048.80
SJ Electrical Services (Defib)		£ 412.80
Saffron Security		£ 95.75
HMRC (D/D)		£ 198.12
CGM Group		£ 776.40
Opus Energy		£ 76.90
Balsham Map Project		£ 700.00
LGSS Pension Scheme		£ 356.52
Total Payments (September)		£ 5,020.72
Bank Balances as at 13/09/17		
<i>Community A/C:</i>		£ 19,928.60
<i>H.I. Account:</i>		£ 57,785.60
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>		£ 41,879.69
Total		£ 119,593.89

13. Area Report: None

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 20th November, 2017 at 7.30 pm at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.

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