

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 20th February, 2018
at Green Room, Balsham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

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

Public: 6

Also in attendance: Cllr Richard Turner, Cllr Henry Batchelor

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None

3. **Planning**

a) **For Discussion:**

S/3967/17/PN Unnamed track off West Wickham Road, Balsham

Application for prior notification for a proposed new road

PC Decision: Approval

b) **Decisions:**

S/4477/17/FL 97 High Street, Balsham

SCDC granted permission for the demolition of an existing dwelling and replacement with a six-bedroom dwelling, construction of an additional new five-bedroom dwelling, demolition of various outbuildings construction of two detached garages and new outbuildings, replacement of main gate and front fence, erection of secondary entrance gates and walls, erection of boundary fencing, removal of several trees, soft and hard landscaping.

4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

Litter Collection: Colin McCall (Tel: 290036) has been coordinating the collection of litter in Western Colville, West Wrating and Balsham. Since Fox Road has had road chipping on it the use has increased and there is lots more litter. A young resident has been helping as part of D of E volunteering but the rubbish is increasing and too much to cope with, especially when the travellers have left 7 bin liners of rubbish. The PC thanked Colin McCall for his work and agreed to advertise in the Balsham Review for volunteers to help.

Northern and Southern Bypass for Linton: A member of the public raised concerns that the northern bypass was right on top of the Roman Road. The Chair explained that there were no firm proposals it is just line on a map and the proposal hasn't gone out for consultation. West Wickham is running a group to oppose, A1307 forum and it will be resisted strongly.

More information is in the District Councillor report.

Concerns were raised about the communication issues with the meetings and minute are not available.

No proposals have been made. Discussions and consultations are taking place which are being funded. There is no funding available for the proposal and it could to be 10/15 years before anything happens.

Greater Cambridge Partnership: The consultation will take place in March.

Bench in Woodhall Lane: The Ploughman's bench at Woodhall keeps getting moved and Jan Ellam asked the PC permission to replace the bench with a recycled plastic

bench. The PC agreed to replace the bench at the PC expense.

Moles on allotment: Clerk to contact R Daniels to remove.

5. Report from District and County Councillor:

District Councillor report:

The combined Parishes meeting will take place at the end of March.

Consultation for elections – task and finish group are meeting on 22nd February.

There were 100 responses to the Local Plan consultation and a summary is being prepared to send to the Inspectors. There is still no 5 year land supply which makes it difficult to argue cases for sustainability.

Greater Cambridge Partnership will be consulting starting 9th February which included faster and more reliable public transport links into Cambridge.

Lucy Fraser has invited PC Chairs 9th March to speak about the CGP.

Haverhill Area Forum – Monday 19th March update on A1307 transport options provided by the Mayor.

County Councillor:

Greater Cambridge Partnership: Three options are out for consultation from the Government funding to spend on improvements to the road. Everyone is encouraged to comment on the consultation. PC responses will be identified and individual's responses won't be. All the road improvements and safety improvements will be the same through all the counties.

A1307 Strategy Group: This is a lobbying group looking into bypassing the road to help commerce. The GCP have given the group some funding to complete a study. There is 39 million available in GCP.

CCC budget – the increase will be 3% as dispensation by the Government. Adult Social Care increased by 2%.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15th January, 2018: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

7. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Barriers in Fox Road: A Fraser is working with the Chair of West Wrating PC and he is speaking to the CCC and the objections to barriers in Fox Road.

b) The Bell Community Asset application: The Bell has been purchased to run it as a pub. PC to continue with the registration.

c) Grasscutting tenders: All the tender information has been sent out and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

d) Repair of bus shelter (near Lower Farm): Quotes being organised.

e) Hedge at the allotments: The PC approved the work to the hedge at allotments.

f) PC elections: 800 leaflets will be photocopied and delivered to every household in the village.

8. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Flood lights repair: This will take place asap.

9. Current Matters:

a) Ploughmen: The PC congratulated the Ploughmen for raising £ 3265.00. The Ploughmen would like to put up a Christmas tree in the village on the Village Green. Clerk to investigate a power supply from the street light and will contact Belfour Beatty.

10. Highway Matters:

- a) Highway Issues:** Burrell Way has been repaired. Another request will be made for repairs to Church Lane.
- b) Movable speed signs – laptop required:** The signs have been purchased and Mike McCall has been trained on them. Andrew Fraser is meeting with Joshua Rutherford of CCC Highways to agree the location to put the brackets on lampposts. The PC agreed the purchase of a laptop to download data off speed signs.
- c) Parking in High Street:** The lorries to the site are causing traffic issues by stopping in the road.
- d) Application of Local Highway Improvement Scheme:** Jenifer Gooch and Annie West presented to the group and spoke for 15 minutes and received support. One member of the panel wanted to know why the developers weren't paying for it. The results will be available on 13th March.
- e) City Deal information/A1307 proposals:** Information in the County/District/Public Participation.

11. Correspondence: All emailed.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 14/02/18 and any invoices/receipts received up until 20/02/18 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Payments February 2018		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 189.13 Pension £ 50.41	£ 1,026.84
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 170.00 Ex £ 2.70	£ 138.70
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
A J King		£ 54.00
Opus Energy		£ 430.64
Cambridgeshire Acre		£ 55.50
Community Action Suffolk		£ 55.59
L Samworth & Partners (Cutting allotment field)		£ 198.00
HMRC		£ 276.42
LGSS Pension Scheme		£ 356.52
Total Payments (February)		£ 2,732.21
Bank Balances as at 14/02/2018		
<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 8,640.56	
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 57,693.18	
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 41,902.91	
Total	£ 108,236.65	
b) Donation to Reach Community Project: The PC agreed to make a £ 100.00 donation.		
c) Review of Clerk's, Caretaker and Cleaners pay: It was agreed to increase the Cleaners pay to £ 11.00 per hour and the Village Caretakers pay to £ 12.00 per hour. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to scale point 34.		

13. Area Report: Nothing to report.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 20th March, 2018 at 7.30 pm at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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