

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 8th October, 2018
at Green Room, Balsham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

Present: J Kiddy, P Anderson, G Fiddy, D Paton, S Thurgood, K Reyes and M Shaheer.

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Also in attendance: Cllr G Harvey and Cllr H Batchelor.

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** Annie West
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

Street light: The street light outside Balsham House, Woodhall Lane is covered by the hedge belonging the Balsham House. Clerk to contact the houseowner.

Broken signs: The Goodliffe Ave sign and the Linton Road sign are broken and need repairing. Clerk to report to SCDC.

The drain cover is still needing to be repaired outside Plumbs Diary. Clerk to chase up with Cambridge Water.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th September, 2018:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

District Councillor:

Fox Road: Cllrs Henry Batchelor and Geoff Lewis met with Rob Lewis at SCDC this afternoon and it was discussed that there are four other similar situations across SCDC which all require barriers. PC should be receiving a consultation document and Geoff Harvey will keep the PC updated.

The A1307 Local Liaison Forum was held on 12th September. Improvements to the road were discussed.

The Local Plan has been approved.

Parish Council Liaison Meeting with SCDC Cabinet will be held on 27th November.

SCDC has a £400,000 Grant for the voluntary sector.

Bins: A 2nd green bin will be charged for from April 2019.

County Council: Announced 3 days of unpaid leave to all staff, which has created a lot of discussion.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Barriers in Fox Road:** SCDC are progressing with organising the barriers. (Discussed in District Councillor report).
 - b) **Electricity supply for Christmas Tree on green:** Balfour Beatty are waiting on the plugs before work can be carried out. The Ploughmen will put up a cut tree behind the village stone. The PC discussed to have a shaft in the ground and it was agreed to have an above the ground planter.
 - c) **PC email addresses:** Nextnorth are still looking into the addresses to make them accessible for all.
 - d) **Dolls Close:** CCC have agreed that the access line can be put in, even though there isn't a driveway. The work could take up to 13 weeks. Geoff Harvey and Annie West carried out a site visit to look at the area and where the new parking is proposed by

SCDC.

7. Planning

a) For Discussion:

S/3200/LB 36 High Street, Balsham

Demolition of existing rear extension and side conservatory.

Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

PC Decision: No recommendation

S/3586/18/LD 13 Bartons Close, Balsham

Lawful Development Certificate for proposed loft extension

PC Decision: No recommendation

S/3567/18/PA 13 Bartons Close, Balsham

Prior approval for a single storey rear extension

PC Decision: No recommendation

S/3585/18/FL Land adjacent to 13 Bartons Close

Detached dwelling

PC Decision: Refuse

Over development for the site, parking issues and traffic issues, loss of light to neighbours.

b) Decisions: None

8. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Update about drainage/surfacing/ditch clearance near the entrance: The work has nearly been completed.

b) Update about security/CCTV/lighting at Pavilion: The Clerk is meeting with Saffron Security on 26th November to discuss.

c) Improvements to the pavilion: Steve Thurgood has started to put some ideas on the drawings of the pavilion.

d) Cleaning of pavilion roof and gutters: Clerk to arrange with Price Right Roofing.

9. Current Matters:

a) Numbering of allotments: The allotment numbers have been ordered and are going to be put on stakes for every allotment. New allotment holders have been signed up and some of the vacant plots need to be cleared. Debbie Paton and the Clerk will arrange for some of the overgrown allotments to be sprayed and cleared before the winter.

b) Allotment computer package: Clerk to apply for a grant.

c) Church Institute Lease / PC Responsibilities: Gordon Fiddy has looked at the lease in depth and will discuss with the Church Institute Committee. The lease with the PC expires in 2024.

d) Water at Princes Close allotment: Clerk to organise a quote.

10. Highway Matters:

a) Highway Issues: Muhammad Shaheer attended the meeting with Highways on 26th September.

The matters raised for Balsham were that following the closure of the A1307 after an accident and issues with the diversion routes, an alternative route will be put in place. Geoff Harvey will look into more details about a neighbourhood plan.

11. Correspondence: All emailed.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 11/09/18 and any invoices/receipts received up until 08/10/18 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts October 2018		
SCDC (Precept)		£ 22,000.00
Allotments		£ 875.00
Hall Hire		£ 10.00
Total receipts		£ 22,885.00
Payments October 2018		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp £ 148.50 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,090.09
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 222.00 Ex 71.38	£ 237.88
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
LGSS (Pension)		£ 396.22
Suffolk Acre		£ 10.89
Balsham PCC		£ 495.00
Mr C Denny (Hedge at CI cutting)		£ 60.00
Opus energy		£ 85.71
Andrew King		£ 672.00
Total Payments (October)		£ 3,146.76

Bank Balances as at 04/10//18

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£	4,434.49
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£	112,339.86
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£	41,902.91
Total	£	142,422.98

13. Area Report:

a) Bartons Close: An issue has been raised about the number of dropped kerbs in Bartons Close.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 19th November, 2018 at 7.30 pm at Green Room at the Pavilion, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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