

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 20th November, 2017
at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham at 7.30 p.m.

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

Public:

Also in attendance: Cllr Henry Batchelor

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** A West
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Planning**
 - a) **For Discussion:**

S/3959/17/PN Dotterell Hall, Cambridge Road
Proposed road
PC Decision: Support

S/3966/17/PN Rectory Farm, Cambridge Road
Application for prior notification for proposed hard-core track with membrane
PC Decision: Support
 - b) **Decisions:**

S/2770/17/LB The Old Vicarage
SCDC *granted* permission for replacement roof covering to rear lean to from plain tiles to natural slate.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

Inspection cover opposite VAS sign near the Dairy is low down. Clerk to report to Highways.

Balsham Buidings: Concerns raised that the lorries are parking on the road waiting for access onto the site and contractors parking on the road. The access needs to be made larger and the fence moved so that lorries do not have to reverse into the school drive to manoeuvre into the entrance. A generator is also running in a container causing noise all night. Andrew Fraser to speak to the Enforcement Officer at SCDC.

Speed of vehicles through the High Street. Pedestrian crossing. Junction outside the Bell: PC can only put in a pedestrian crossing and the junction has been assessed before and permission wouldn't be granted by CCC. Mobile speed signs are going to be purchased and shared with other villages.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

County Councillor: The Children's Centre in Linton will be closed and the ownership of the building will pass back to the PC. The Cathodeon Trustees will be working with the CC with a hope to provide outreach services. All comments to Henry Batchelor.

Parliamentary Boundary Review: Looking at areas that the local MP covers. With the current proposed changes some movement. Balsham and surrounding villages to stay in South Cambridgeshire. The consultation is open.

Consultation about CC Library Services as cuts are required. The usage figures of the mobile library service that visits Balsham are being assessed.

District Councillor: Balsham Ward meeting has been arranged on 29th November at Castle Camps at 7.30 pm with a planning officer.

Local plan information is available on SCDC Website.

Paper caddies will be collected up until 8th December and all paper to be put in the blue bin after this date.

Greater Cambridge Partnership: Local meetings organised and meeting on 22nd November and one of the strategies will hopefully be selected.

Community Awards: Nominated until 19th January, 2018

Community Chest: Funds available.

Community Energy Grant fund: To be run the same as Community Chest fund.

Maximum yearly grant £ 3,000 per application. To be launched in March 2018.

Cambridge Ice Rink construction starts 28th November at Newmarket Road, P & R Site.

This is being financed by a loan from SCDC Parish Planning Forum 13th Feb at SCDC.

6. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 16th October, 2017:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Website training:** Nigel Clark and the Clerk attended training with NextNorth.
 - b) **Barriers in Fox Road:** Clerk to apply for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the barriers in Fox Road and send to CCC.
8. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion**
 - a) **Flood lights repair:** The PC approved the quote from P Whiffen to repair the flood light near the pavilion at a cost of £ 220.00. A quote will be obtained for additional improvement work to the flood lights.
 - b) **Ditch and tree work:** The work has been completed by CGM.
 - c) **CGM:** The PC discussed the standard of work from CGM and agreed to give them 6 months notification to terminate the contract. The Clerk will put together tender information to send to other local contractors.
9. **Current Matters:**
 - a) **The Bell – Community Asset application:** FOI Information has been received from SCDC. Clerk to obtain proof of local teams/organisations using the pub.
 - b) **Repair of bus shelter (Lower Farm, High Street):** A quote has been received from Price Right Roofing for £ 1,200.00. Clerk to obtain more quotes before a decision is made.
10. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Highway Issues:** Low drain cover to be reported to Highways opposite the VAS sign near Balsham Place.
 - b) **Movable speed signs:** The speed sign has been ordered.
 - c) **Resurfacing request for Bartons Close:** Request to be made to CCC and Horseshoe Close be finished and Burrell Way and Bartons Close to be put on the list for next year.
 - d) **Double yellow lines:** Double yellow lines will be installed in the High Street near Balsham Buildings to prevent parking whilst the site is developed. Luke Harris to contact CCC to ask why the affected neighbouring properties hadn't been notified of the parking restrictions.
11. **Correspondence:** All emailed.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 15/11/17 and any invoices/receipts received up until 20/11/17 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts November 2017		
Allotment		£ 563.00
Balsham Map Project		£ 50.00
HMRC		£ 6,157.01
Total Receipts		£ 6,770.01
Payments November 2017		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 192.54 Pension £ 50.41	£ 1,030.25
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 165.00	£ 132.00
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
Opus Energy		£ 107.19
Glasdon U.K Ltd		£ 50.18
Local Council Public Advisory Service		£ 100.00
Kleen		£ 30.00
CGM Group		£ 2,314.20
LGSS Pension Scheme		£ 356.52
Swarcox (Speed signs)		£ 1,179.02
Total Payments (November)		£ 5,439.36
Bank Balances as at 15/11/17		
<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 21,156.11	
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 57,785.60	
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 41,902.91	
Total	£ 120,844.62	

13. Area Report:

Balsham Map Book: Members of the PC expressed that they were very impressed with the Balsham Map book. Over half the village have collected their copy and some are being delivered. The Balsham Map Project thanked the PC for their support.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 15th January, 2018 at 7.30 pm at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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