

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 15th January, 2018
at Green Room, Balsham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

Present: J Gooch, J Kiddy, P Anderson, A Blant and A West

Public: 5

Also in attendance:

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Henry Batchelor, Cllr Richard Turner, Cllrs A Fraser, L Harris, D Kiddy and R Barrett.
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None

3. **Reach Community Project** – Tina Rice

Reach is a Christian based charity in Haverhill. The charity started as a food bank and now has a resource centre and debt advice. Tina explained that they would like to develop the service in the South Cambridgeshire villages from Haverhill to Abington. Tina Rice has also visited local schools to give them information. The service is confidential and they will visit homes as well. The help often starts with a food parcel or school uniform etc. Young people in care are coming into the local villages and Reach will be available to help with debt and managing money.

People can refer themselves, schools can give out the information and residents can pass on the details to people in need.

Reach is self-funded and applications are being made to continue the funding to keep the resource centre and foodbank open.

There have been 50 beneficiaries in the villages in 5 months.

The PC thanked Tina Rice for taking the time to come and talk to the PC and suggested that an article is put into the Balsham Review and a donation will be considered at the next meeting.

4. **Planning**

a) **For Discussion:**

S/4592/17/FL Barn at West Wickham Road, Balsham

Erection of dwelling

PC Decision: Approve

S/4383/17/FL Barn Dotterell Hall, Cambridge Road

The alteration and conversion of agricultural buildings to five dwellings, erection of single garage and associated works.

PC Decision: Approve

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

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.

PC Decision: No recommendation

The PC were concerned that plot 2 has been moved and is too close to the boundary overlooking No. 87 High Street. The property should be moved back in line with No. 87 High Street to stop overlooking and further away in the location on the first application.

b) Decisions: None

5. Public Participation (15 mins):

S/4592/17/FL Barn at West Wickham Road, Balsham

The owner explained that he already had been granted permitted development to convert the largest barn in November 2015. The owner would like to develop a eco efficient four bedroom home on the site. The building has been moved from the boundary, the piggery and the barn will be knocked down.

Access onto West Wickham would be the same as the existing house so there will not be an extra access.

Trees on corner of Cambridge Road: Clerk to check when CGM are carrying out the work.

Inspection cover outside Dairy: to be reported to Cambridge Water.

97 High Street: Proposed development

The first proposal was very considerate to neighbouring properties and as far away from the boundary as possible but the latest proposal has pushed plot 2 much closer to the boundary and overlooking garden and window to the top level.

Development at Balsham Buildings: There is concern about some lorries reversing into the school driveway to get into the site. Clerk has contacted Hills regarding the contractors parking on the road and why they cannot access the site using the two gates as an in and out system.

6. Report from District and County Councillor:

Reports received and emailed to all Councillors.

County Councillor: The County Councillor will be asked for more details about the proposed changes to the City Deal.

7. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20th November, 2017: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

8. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Barriers in Fox Road: The Clerk will speak to the Clerk at West Wratting about their gating order and contact SCDC about the gating order procedure.

9. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Flood lights repair: Clerk to chase up Paul Whiffen to repair the flood light.

10. Current Matters:

a) The Bell – Community Asset application: Clerk to get written proof of which community groups use The Bell.

b) Repair of bus shelter (Lower Farm, High Street): Clerk to arrange quotes from Mark Munday and KJP Maintenance.

c) Grasscutting Tender: Clerk to send out tender documents for all the grounds maintenance in the village.

11. Highway Matters:

a) **Highway Issues:** Clerk to report the inspection chamber outside the Dairy and that the white lines at the end of Horseshoe Close.

b) **Movable speed signs:** The signs are on ordered.

c) **Parking restrictions in the High Street:** The yellow lines have been installed on the school side as cars are parking on the pavement opposite. Clerk to contact Hills about the contractors cars parking in the High Street, which is against the planning conditions.

d) **Highways Local Improvement Scheme:** Annie West and Jenifer Gooch will present at CCC on 5th February to apply for funding for the zebra crossing.

12. Correspondence: Emailed.**13. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 10/01/18 and any invoices/receipts received up until 15/01/18 will be considered at the meeting.**a)**

Payments December 2017		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 187.69 Pension £ 50.41	£ 1,025.40
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 120.00 Ex 15.89	£ 135.89
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
Wave (Water)		£ 199.07
Kleen Windows		£ 30.00
Three Counties Fire Protection		£ 26.52
CGM		£ 120.00
Cambridge Water Business		£ 156.28
LGSS Pension Scheme		£ 356.52
OPUS energy		£ 363.95
Total Payments (December)		£ 2,553.63
Payments January 2018		
T Coston Salary	£ 916.50 Exp £ 191.49 Pension £ 50.41	£ 1,029.20
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 100.00	£ 80.00
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
A J King (Verti-draining)		£ 336.00
Opus Energy		£ 534.28
Ridgeons		£ 64.56
Staples		£ 49.30
CGM Group		£ 120.00
Rialtas Business Solutions		£ 34.80
Total Payments (January)		£ 2,388.14
Bank Balances as at 10/01/2018		
<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 12,366.81	
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 57,785.60	
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 41,902.91	
Total	£ 112,055.32	
b) Setting of precept 2018/19: The PC agreed a precept of £ 44,000.		

14. Area Report:

a) Hedges: Thurlow Estate have taken out the hedge out on their land near the allotments. The PC will ask if the hedge will be replanted.

b) PC Elections: The elections will take place in May. To be advertised in the Balsham

Review.

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

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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