

Balsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 18th March, 2019
at Green Room, Balsham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

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

Public: 5

Also in attendance: Cllr G Harvey and Cllr H Batchelor

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** K Reyes.
Tina Daniels has resigned from the PC and the position will be advertised.
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 mins):**
Road sign in Linton Road: This has been hit and bent. James Kiddy will sort out the sign.
Inspection cover outside Old School House: To be reported to Highways.
Ditch at rear of Balsham Buildings: Clerk to check the ditch agreement.
Tommy: The vicar refuses to have the Tommy in the Church on display and it has be in the Vestry. PC to write to the Vicar Ian McColl.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th February, 2019:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**
District Councillor: The Greater Cambridge Partnership are holding another consultation. The Land Settlement in Abington have had their neighbourhood plan accepted. Highways have removed the 40 mph on A11. SCDC adopted current local plan late and now progresses of the next local plan. Call for sites has started and open until the end of the month.
County Council: The charge for using computers in libraries has been dropped and all computers are free to use in CC libraries.
Barriers at Fox Road: There is a Combined meeting on 10th April, 6.30 pm with Highways and Emma Knight is attending the meeting. It is important to log all the evidence of litter collection/quad bikes/anti-social behaviour. Greater Anglian Trains has reduced the time has to be delayed is now 15 mins and not 30 mins before they claim compensation. SCDC are revamping the sustainable parishes partnership. Funding will be available.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Barriers in Fox Road:** Covered in the County Councillor report.
 - b) **PC Surgery:** The surgery is 10am on 21st March in Balsham Café. Gordon Fiddy, Annie West and Tracy Coston will attend.
 - c) **Hedge work at the allotments:** The hedge has been coppiced as it was dead and it will regrow. The PC will look and see if any gaps need to be filled.
 - d) **Water connection at Princes Close allotments:** Clerk to chase up an appointment with Chris Hall..
 - e) **Quote for security lighting at the pavilion:** Clerk to chase up the quote with Saffron Security.
 - f) **Street light on path between Plumian Way/Burrell Way:** The Clerk has reported the street light to CCC.

g) Electrical Recycling: The Clerk has contacted a number of companies and they do not offer the service as the cost of recycling electrical items is prohibitive.

7. Planning

a) For Discussion:

S/0697/19/LB – S/0695/19/FL Worsted Lodge, London Road Old A11, Babraham

Proposed barn conversion to residential use and alterations adjacent to Worsted Farmhouse.

PC Decision: Approve

S/0783/19/LB Granary and Cart Lodges, Worsted Lodge, London Road, Babraham

Removal of one bay, replacement of rotten parts of timber structure, new timber infill for storage within and concrete floor and projecting apron, blocking in of a doorway and general repairs to deteriorated parts of curtilage-listed cartlodge.

PC Decision: Approve

b) Decisions: None.

8. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Improvements to the pavilion and flooring quotes: Clerk to ask Hills Construction if they are interested in quoting for the work.

Clerk to chase up another flooring quote and speak to Building Control about the permissions required for the improvements to the pavilion.

b) Bins at the pavilion: The usage of the bins is to be monitored.

9. Current Matters:

a) Allotment computer package: A grant from the Wind Farm has been applied for.

b) Update on allotments: A number of complaints have been received about dog fouling on the allotments. Signs have been put up.

c) PC Vacancy – due to resignation of Tina Daniels: The position will be advertised.

10. Highway Matters:

a) Highway Issues:

b) Issues with dropped kerb near Balsham Building development: The dropped kerb is now all completed.

c) LHI scheme in High Street: Clerk to chase up with Officer and ask for dates.

d) Dolls Close: SCDC applied for parking spaces, but no information about when they are being implemented.

e) VAS Signs: Both the VAS signs are working.

f) White line outside the Café: Clerk to ask Nicola Burdon CCC.

g) Bartons Close: Dropped kerbs required in 4 places, Clerk to ask CCC.

h) West Wratting Road: Clerk to chase up with Nicola Burdon at CCC.

11. Correspondence:

a) Memorial bench for Anne Cheall: The PC were very pleased for a bench to be donated to the village. The PC suggested that a bench could be placed on the Prince Memorial Green.

b) Dog poo bin: Clerk to contact SCDC to see if they will empty a dog bin near Hawthorns gate.

- 12. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 13/03/19 and any invoices/receipts received up until 18/03/19 will be considered at the meeting.
a)

Receipts March 2019		
Balsham Carpet Bowls		£ 157.00
Allotments		£ 20.00
Total Receipts		£ 177.00
Payments March 2019		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp £ 162.50 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,061.63
M McCall (Gross £)	10 hrs £ 120.00	£ 96.00
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
LGSS (Pension)		£ 413.53
A J King		£ 288.00
Rob Ellam		£ 85.00
Handy Heroes		£ 607.00
Total Payments		£ 2,705.16

Bank Balances as at 13/03/2019

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 5,230.44
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 86,840.24
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 42,173.31
Total	£ 134,243.99

13. Area Report:

- a) **Noticeboards:** Clerk to look into notice boards in Nine Chimneys Lane and Lower Farm bus shelter.
b) **Tree at 17C West Wickham Road:** The tree needs to be cut back as it has been weighed down by ivy and branches and branches have fallen off in the wind. Clerk to write to the owners at 17 West Wickham Road.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 15th April, 2019 at 7.30 pm at The Green Room, Balsham Pavilion, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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