

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 20th February, 2019
at Green Room, Balsham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

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

Public: 5

Also in attendance: Cllr G Harvey.

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** James Kiddy, Tina Daniels and Cllr Henry Batchelor.
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:**
3. **Introduction from Steve Jordan Community Worker for Balsham, Great & Little Abington and Hildersham:** Steve Jordan is a Community Worker working with the Parish Nurse Plus Project. His role is to support the Parish Nurse and to put together a list of activities/directory so the Parish Nurse can signpost people to the support or activity. Steve also meets with people in the villages to find out their needs. Meadow School children have been interviewed.
A bank of volunteer/buddies are being created to help someone in need. Steve Jordan is supported through grants and donations and initial contract is 6 months. All age groups are supported and it is important to make contact with everyone, especially those who are not on social media/internet.
Publicity has been through Facebook and meeting with pupils at the Meadow and a letter has been sent out to parents. The project is attending the Hub on 1st Thursday of every month.
The PC were asked to continue with the financial support.
Steve Jordan was thanked for attending the meeting.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**
Recycling Electrical Items: A member of the PC asked if the PC could arrange for a yearly or twice yearly collection of small electrical items for recycling. Clerk to look into details and report back to the next meeting.
Balsham Ploughmen: The Ploughmen have discussed raising funds to light the inside of the bandstand. The PC thought it was a good idea but they were unsure where the electricity source could come from. Julia Scotland agreed to investigate further.
Street light in Footpath from Burrell Way to Plumian Way: The street light doesn't work until it senses movement. Clerk to report to SCDC.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st January, 2019:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
6. **Report from District and County Councillor:**
District Councillor: A1307 improvements have been moving ahead and the upgrade at LVC is due to be finished by the end of March. Within the next year the bus lane between Dalehead foods and LVC should be completed. Dean Road is going to be changed so vehicles cannot turn left from Bartlow. There are plans for a Rural Hub at Bartlow crossroads.
A1307 is being put back on the major road network map.

CCC and SCDC are increasing their council tax rises to the maximum amount allowed. Consultations on the East/West Rail link from Oxford to Cambridge and a strategic bus review is taking place.

Babraham Park and Ride: The amount of parking spaces are being increased due to Papworth opening. All staff working between 9-5pm are not allowed to park at Addenbrookes.

The water leak in West Wrating Road has been reported to Cambridge Water but they haven't reported back concerning it. Clerk to ask Nicola Burdon at Highways for an update.

7. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Barriers in Fox Road: Geoff Harvey was asked for an update before the next meeting.

b) PC email addresses: Most of the members of the PC have logged onto their PC email addresses.

c) PC Surgery: Gordon Fiddy, Annie West and the Clerk will attend a PC Surgery on March 21st at Balsham Café at 10am to meet with any members of the public.

8. Planning

a) For Discussion: None

Plumbs Dairy: Clerk to email the timeline of decisions for Plumb Dairy.

b) Decisions:

S/4519/18/FL 9 Plumian Way, Balsham

SCDC *approved* the 2 storey side extension and attached side garage

S/4527/18/PA Barn at West Wickham Road, Balsham

SCDC *approved* the Prior approval of agricultural barn to dwelling house

S/4560/18/LB The Old Fox, 12 Fox Road

SCDC *approved* to replace existing front door with new oak door

9. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Improvements to the pavilion and flooring quotes: A quote has been received from one floor supplier and at least one of the builder's quote will be received before the next meeting.

10. Current Matters:

a) Allotment computer package: The Clerk has applied to the Wind Farm for the grant.

b) Update on allotments and shed complaint: A letter has been sent to an allotment holder giving her 6 weeks to clear the allotment.

The owner of the shed to the rear of Horseshoe Close has informed the PC that he isn't going to move the shed that he put up without permission. The PC discussed the location of the shed and agreed to give the owner retrospective permission.

c) Water quote for Princes Close: Clerk to chase up the quote.

11. Highway Matters:

a) Highway Issues: Clerk to chase up the access line outside Balsham Café. The PC thanked staff at the Café for putting cones out to stop the parking. The PC agreed to pay for white line.

b) Issues with dropped kerb near Balsham Building development: The works are being completed this week.

c) LHI scheme in High Street: No further information has been received.

d) LHI scheme – Dolls Close: Costings are still being obtained by Highways. The footways have been repaired in Dolls Close.

e) **VAS Signs:** The sign outside Balsham Place is working and nothing has been heard back from Highways.

12. Correspondence:

a) **Bartons Close:** Muhammad Shaheer mentioned that there are a lack of dropped kerbs. The Clerk asked for the areas to be marked on a map.

b) **S106 agreement:** Clerk to contact the Scouts to ask them about their plans to spend the S106 money from the Linton Road development.

c) **Hedge/trees cleared at the allotment land:** Concerns have been raised about the clearance of the hedge near the allotment. Clerk to speak to James Kiddy.

13. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 13/02/19 and any invoices/receipts received up until 15/02/19 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts February 2019		
Balsham Cricket Club		£ 435.00
Balsham Football Club		£ 435.00
Balsham Colts Football		£ 435.00
Allotments		£ 12.50
Total receipts		£ 1,317.50
Payments February 2019		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp £ 162.50 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,066.64
M McCall (Gross £)	23.5 hrs £ 282.00 Ex £ 9.90	£ 235.50
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
LGSS (Pension)		£ 413.53
Three Counties Fire Protection Pavilion & CI)		£ 74.94
Total Payments		£ 1,944.61

Bank Balances as at 13/02/2019

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 6,646.38
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 86,840.24
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 42,173.31
Total	£ 135,659.93

14. Area Report:

a) **Saffron Security:** Quote to be chased up for the emergency lighting.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 18th March, 2019 at 7.30 pm at The Green Room, Balsham Pavilion, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed

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