

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 14th July, 2014
at Balsham Church Institute at 7.30 p.m.

Present: A Fraser, J Gooch, D Kiddy, S Plumb, N Clarke, A West and A Blant (apologies for lateness).

In attendance: Mrs T Coston (Clerk),

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1. **Apologies for absence:** J Kiddy, R Barrett
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** Councillors did not declare any interests.
3. **Public Participation (15 mins):**
 - Training for website: Gill Parry-Browne would like to receive training on the website. Clerk to arrange training.
 - Tree in Car Park: The Mountain Ash Tree in the car park to be removed as it is dead.
4. **Report from District and County Councillor:**
 - County Councillor:** A review of the recycling centres in the area is taking place and South Cambs are looking at working across the county borders.
 - CCC has an extra £ 2 million to spend along with the £ 18 million to fill in the potholes.
 - The City deal has been signed and the Governance is now being worked on to bring it all together.
 - The applications for the Minor Highways improvement schemes have to be submitted by 12th September.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June, 2014:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Ownership of land next to school:** Information hasn't been received from the Land Registry. Mike McCall is cutting the hedge back tomorrow. Clerk to chase up and make further investigations.
 - b) **War Memorial:** The PC hasn't received any information about the grant. Clerk to chase up.
 - c) **Pond in Woodhall Lane:** To be discussed next meeting.
 - d) **Noticeboard:** Clerk to contact the company as the noticeboard is leaking.
 - e) **Church Institute windows:** The windows will be replaced on 2nd August.
7. **Planning:**
 - a) **Applications for PC Comments:**
 - S/1158/14/FL 24 The Rookery, Balsham (for information)
Single storey side extension and single storey rear extension
PC Decision: The tree was removed from the plans.
 - S/1323/14/FL 18 Woodhall Lane, Balsham
Freestanding aluminium greenhouse
PC Decision: Approve

S/1320/14/FL Dotterell Hall, Cambridge Road, Balsham

Alterations and conversion of agricultural buildings to 5 dwellings, erection of garages and associated works

PC Decision: Approve

b) **Decisions:** None

8. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) **Roundabout at the play area:** There is a crack in the seat of the roundabout and the bearings need replacing. The roundabout will be looked at to see the condition and quotes for a new roundabout are being looked into.

b) **Pavilion/Recreation Ground representatives meeting:** Nick Clarke and Annie West to set up a meeting. Clerk to supply keys to the pavilion to Nick Clarke.

9. Current Matters:

a) **The Meadow School update:** The school has had the best results ever. The PC will send a letter to congratulate the school. The road safety week was a great success.

b) **Village Sign:** The sign has been erected and very positive comments have been received. The old sign is going back to the WI and they are going to keep it in the village.

c) **Affordable Housing:** The 11 houses at May's Ave have been officially opened. There are 6 houses for rent and 5 for sale.

10. Highway Matters:

a) **Sign in Fox Road:** CCC still hasn't replaced the sign.

b) **Speed humps – Church Lane:** CCC has been chased up to replace the white lines.

c) **Dropped kerbs – White lines:** CCC has been chased up to paint the white lines along side the dropped kerbs.

d) **Parking around the school/junction of High Street – information from PCSO:** The PC agreed that the mini roundabout is not going to be progressed. The PC agreed for a Minor Highways improvement grant to be submitted for the raised junction in the High Street outside the school. Clerk to submit the forms by 12th September.

e) **Signpost Hildersham Crossroads:** Sign has collapsed at the junction and has been reported to CCC.

f) **Rookery Drains:** CCC have been asked to investigate the problems with the drains blocking and causing flooding in the Rookery.

11. Correspondence:

a) **Public Open Space Land, Goodliffe Ave/Plumian Way:** Persimmon Homes will not agree to pay the commuted sum for the grounds maintenance. A contractor is being arranged by Persimmon Homes to cut the grass.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 09/07/14 and any invoices/receipts received up until 14/07/14 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Payments June 2014		
T Coston Salary	£ 896.35 Exp £ 143.03	£ 1,011.98
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 155.00	£ 124.00
K Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 112.00
Martins Forge (D/Payment)		£ 583.82
Payments July 2014		
T Coston Salary	£ 896.35 Exp £ 143.03	£ 1,015.18
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 95.00 + £ 12.53 Exp	£ 88.53
K Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 112.00
HMRC (D/Payment)		£ 440.40
CGM Landscapes		£ 1,266.00
Kleen Windows		£ 60.00
M Parrish		£ 325.00
Gopak		£ 18.72
Total		£ 5,157.63

Bank Balances as at 09/07/14

Community A/C:	£	2,398.10
H.I. Account:	£	51,449.88
3 month notice account (Lloyds)	£	41,256.74
Total	£	95,104.72

13. Area Report:

a) **Gate at the end of Rosie Green:** The gate requires repairing. Roger Plumb offered to carry out the work.

b) **Travellers at Fox Road:** The travellers have moved on.

c) **Footpath from Plumian Way – Burrell Way:** The trees are overhanging and the residents will be asked to cut them back.

d) **Benches:** The benches in the village need to be varnished. Clerk to ask Mike McCall to varnish them.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

The Parish Council meeting will take place on 15th September, 2014 at 7.30 pm at The Church Institute, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed

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