

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 18th April, 2017
at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham at 7.30 p.m.

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

Public: 2

Also in attendance: None

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Barrett, Richard Turner and Annie 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/0923/17/FL 3 Dungate Lane, Balsham
Two storey extension to side of house
PC Decision: Approved
 - b) **Decisions:** None.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

Loose horses: A member of the public raised the issue that there are loose ex-race horses in Woodhall Meadows. The Clerk will write to the owners and ask them if they would fence alongside the right hand side of the footpath Woodhall meadows to make it safer for walkers.

Cheque from Balsham Ploughmen: The PC were very pleased to receive a cheque for £ 1,600 from Balsham Ploughmen for the defibrillator and towards the painting of the telephone box.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

District Councillor report: SCDC has a new chief executive. The Local Plan is still being discussed.
6. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th March, 2017:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Speed watch signs:** The PC are waiting for more information about purchasing the speed watch signs with the neighbouring Parish Councils.
 - b) **Website redesign:** Clerk to chase up the information for the website for the next meeting.
 - c) **Painting of telephone box near Bell Pub:** The telephone box will be painted in two weeks.
 - d) **Map of Balsham:** Clerk to speak to Seppe Cassettari about a map and James Kiddy suggested looking at the Planimeter application.
8. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion**
 - a) **Replacing of storage heaters:** The storage heaters have been replaced and are working well. They can be programmed just when the pavilion is in use.
 - b) **Painting the pavilion:** The pavilion has been painted by Neil Claxton and the PC is very pleased with the work.

c) **Electrical safety inspection report:** The electrician will carry this out as soon as he has availability.

9. Current Matters:

a) **Balsham Community Orchard:** The orchard is all planted and the trees are flowering.

b) **Adoption of telephone boxes and defibrillator purchase:** The Clerk is arranging the adoption of the telephone boxes and will order the defibrillator and cabinet when the telephone box has been painted.

10. Highway Matters:

a) **Highway Issues:** Sign in Fox Road: Andrew Fraser has spoken to Nicola Burden about the sign in Burrell Way and Fox Road

b) **School Lane:** The new owners of Sutton Hall have organised for some tree work to the tree overhanging School Lane.

11. Correspondence:

a) **James Binney Will Trust (Pampisford Estate): Letter concerning land ownership:** The PC will invite the person responsible for the Trust to a further meeting.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 11/04/17 and any invoices/receipts received up until 18/04/17 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Payments April 2017		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,192.36 Exp £ 214.78	£ 1,407.14
M McCall (Gross £)	£ 230.00	£ 184.00
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
Opus Energy		£ 421.78
Kleen Windows		£ 30.00
Timpson (key Cutting)		£ 20.50
SCDC (Waste collection)		£ 266.50
SJ Electrical Services (Heaters in pavilion)		£ 8,371.78
Saffron Security Ltd (Key fobs)		£ 48.00
Advantage Windows (Church Institute Door)		£ 1,184.70
Environment Agency		£ 22.31
War Memorials Trust		£ 20.00
Anglian Water Business		£ 298.51
HMRC		£ 325.18
Age Uk Cambridgeshire and Peterborough		£ 800.00
Point Contact Hygiensis		£ 139.17
Avast anti-virus		£ 54.99
Neil Claxton		£ 2,770.00
Total Payments		£ 16,504.56
Bank Balances as at 11/04/2017		
<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 5,978.06	
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 57,785.60	
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 41,786.39	
Total	£ 105,550.05	

b) The Balsham Map Project: A request has been received to fund the printing of a book for every household in the village. The Map Group have been continuously fundraising to purchase the maps required for the project. It is hoped to publish the book in October.
The PC would like to know how much money the Map Project need to publish the book and what the shortfall in funding is before a decision on a donate is agreed.

13. Area Report: Nothing to report.

14. Date of Next Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on 15th May, 2017 at 7.30 pm at Rear Room of Church Institute, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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