

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 15th April, 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, J Kiddy and J Scotland.

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Also in attendance: Cllr G Harvey.

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Co-option of Parish Councillor:** Julia Scotland was co-opted onto the PC.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**
 - Event Noticeboard: It was confirmed that village events can be advertised on the PC noticeboard.
 - Litter pick: The PC will thank the 'Men of Balsham' for organising a litter pick in Balsham.
 - Speeding traffic: A member of the public complained about speeding traffic in the High Street and Linton Road.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th March, 2019:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
6. **Report from District and County Councillor:**
 - District Councillor: A1307: Haverhill Camber of Commerce were bidding for another pot of money to do another study on by-pass of A1307 but it has been turned down by the Combined Authority.
 - CCC Children's Services** have had an Ofsted review which has dropped down a slot and it is hoped that more money is spent to increase.
 - CCC CEO** has retired and a replacement is being advertised for.
 - Creative income streams are being looked into to generate income.
 - Rules on empty houses are being tightened up. An extra 100% on the council tax.
 - The combined authority are moving ahead of the Cambridge Automass Metro.
 - The old sewerage works at the North of the City is going to be moved to create more houses with lots of renewable energy systems.
 - Wi-fi in community buildings to be looked into.
 - County Council: The combined Parishes meeting took place about Fox Road and the impact of the improved surfacing. The meeting discussed who the issues should be reported to. Emma Knight explained the legalities around having barriers fitted and the PC agreed that the likelihood of it being agreed to install the barriers was low.
 - Members of the Parish Councils reported problems with travellers leaving rubbish and defecating in the fields, fly tipping, vehicles driving through at speed, motorbikes speeding through and general litter.

Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Barriers in Fox Road report from Combined Parishes meeting: Details of the meeting discussed in County Councillor report. The PC agreed to publicise the email addresses for issues to be reported to.

b) Report from PC Surgery: Very well supported and another organised for May 16th at 11am.

Issues raised:

Funding for play area: *The PC explained that there was money due from the developments in Balsham (S106 funding).*

Condition of the roads: Condition of the roads, especially Burrell Way and Linton Road. A local resident offered to take photos and email to CCC.

The PC will report to CCC.

Removal of hedges: *The PC explained that it will grow back and is part of a management scheme.*

Speeding Vehicles: Speeding through the village and in particular West Wickham road continues to be a problem.

c) Water connection at Princes Close allotments: The contractor has confirmed that the water connection would be too far from the tap in the Hawthorns. Clerk to contract Cambridge Water to obtain a quote from a closer location.

d) Quote for security lighting at the pavilion: The quote still hasn't been received from Saffron Security. Clerk to chase up again.

e) Street light on path between Plumian Way/Burrell Way: The light SC18 has been reported. The streetlight in Church Lane to be reported as on during the day.

f) Ditch at rear of Balsham Buildings: The ditch is the responsibility of Hill Development. The Clerk to contact Hills and ask for it to be cleaned out.

g) Storage of the Tommy figure: The Clerk has written to the Rector and asked for the matter to be discussed with the PCC.

h) Dog bin at the Hawthorns: SCDC have been contacted to see if they would empty another bin.

i) Noticeboards in bus shelters: Mike McCall will make out of wood and install.

7. Planning:

a) For Discussion: None

b) Decisions: None

8. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Improvements to the pavilion and flooring quotes: The Clerk to organise another quote from M J Lawrence for improvements to the Pavilion.

9. Highway Matters:

a) Highway Issues: Potholes/road condition discussed and minuted in 7b)

b) Issues with dropped kerb near Balsham Building development: All completed.

c) LHI scheme in High Street: The works will take place in the summer holidays.

d) VAS Signs: A response hasn't been received about the VAS signs from CCC and Henry Batchelor has been asked to chase up a response.

e) Road sign in Linton Road: Reported to Highways.

f) Street name signs – reported for maintenance: Reported to Highways

10. Correspondence: None

- 11. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 10/04/19 and any invoices/receipts received up until 15/04/19 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts April 2019		
M Shahleer (Pavilion Hire)		£ 40.00
Allotments		£ 15.00
Total receipts		£ 55.00
Payments April 2019		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp £ 162.50 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,061.63
M McCall (Gross £)	16.5 hrs £ 198.00 + £ 39.50 Exp	£ 182.60
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
LGSS (Pension)		£ 413.53
A J King		£ 152.00
Environmental Agency		£ 23.04
Age Concern (Mobile Warden Scheme)		£ 900.00
War Memorial Trust		£ 30.00
Kleen Windows		£ 30.00
Staples		£ 93.33
John Robinson (Grasscutting on Allotments)		£ 203.19
Total Payments		£ 3,243.32

Bank Balances as at 10/04/2019

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 6,025.34
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 81,840.24
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 42,173.31
Total	£ 130,038.89

- 12. Area Report:** None

- 13. Date of Next Meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 20th May, 2019 at 7.30 pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8pm at The Green Room, Balsham Pavilion, Balsham.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed

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