

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 21st October, 2019
at Green Room, Balsham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

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

Public: 8

Also in attendance: Cllr Henry Batchelor and Cllr Geoff Harvey

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** J Scotland and K Reyes
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

Bus Survey: The bus survey has been handed out to residents, available on-line and notices have been put on the bus stops. A petition has been organised outside the Café and school. Residents have given very positive comments. There have been 125 comments online and 94 signatures over the last weekend. The printed copy of the survey to go into the review.
Lucy Frazer has been corresponded with, but no reply has been received.

Ploughmen: The ploughmen will be lighting up the Christmas tree on 7th December.

Bush near the bus shelter: The bush near the bus shelter near Nine Chimneys has been cut down as it was growing under the bus shelter.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September, 2019:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

County Councillor: The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership consultation is still open. Details of a Highways open days PC can have a tour of the facilities. There are proposed major developments on the A505, Great Chesterford Garden Village, and Genome Campus development that could affect Balsham. CCC have set up a focus group for how best Highways can cope with the development. Henry Batchelor is on the Steering Group for the A505. The A14 upgrade is opening a year early.

District Councillor: The zero-carbon grant is open now. SCDC are hoping to mark National Tree Charter Day. There has been a top up to the Community Chest grant. Recycling centre rules have changed so commercial vehicles have to pay to use the site. Motion to look into having more wind turbines as there haven't been any since 2015. A resident has asked for the footpath from Plumian Way to Old House Road to be cleared of vegetation.
Fox Road: There are concerns about the rat running of vehicles.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - a) **Water connection at Princes Close allotments:** Clerk to chase up an appointment with Cambridge Water.
 - b) **Updated quote for security lighting at the pavilion:** The lighting quote was agreed from Saffron Security.
 - c) **Street light on path between Plumian Way/Burrell Way:** The light hasn't still been mended. Clerk to chase up.

- d) **Ditch at rear of Balsham Buildings/Building levels:** James Kiddy to speak to Thurlow Nunn about the deed for the ditch. SCDC have confirmed that Hills Residential have built to the correct levels.
- e) **Naming of Development off High Street (Plumbs Dairy):** The PC agreed to continue to ask with Dairy Way.
- f) **Bus survey:** Covered in public participation.

7. Planning:

a) For discussion:

S/2914/19/FL Glovers Dell, 28 High Street

Carpport to front and conversion to garage

PC Decision: Object

The garage is going to be converted into an office and the garage is an oak and thatched cart lodge.

The PC is concerned about the loss of privacy to 34 and 36 High Street and the Velux windows need to be opaque and non-opening.

The PC voted: 5 object, 1 abstain and 1 for.

S/3299/19/FL 5 Woodhall Lane, Balsham

Installation of car port to side elevation

PC Decision: Support

S/3169/19/LB – S/3165/19/FL 13 West Wrattling Road, Balsham

Replacement of existing 5 bar wooden gate with steel automated swing gates at entrance to driveway

PC Decision: Support

8. Allotment update:

a) Printing of allotment handbook: The PC approved the ‘Guide for allotments’ booklet to be printing at a cost of £ 75.00 at E & E Plumridges.

b) Theft from sheds at allotments: A family in Woodhall Lane intercepted criminals stealing items from about 20 sheds. The police removed all items and allotment holders had to collect from the police station. The PC have reiterated the polices advice to not leave anything of value in the sheds.

The gutting on the Scout Hut have been improved and the Scouts have offered to put up a security light at the back of the scout hut. The gap between the Scout hut and the fence is being blocked up. The chairs have also been removed.

Community Allotment: Sadly, there has not been very much interest.

9. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Building work: The building work will hopefully begin at the end of October.

b) Replacement of flooring quotes: Flooring quotes revisited due to the time delay.

c) Replacement bench on recreation ground: Clerk to order the bench.

10. Highway Matters:

a) Highway Issues:

b) Pedestrian crossing outside The Meadow School: The PC said that the zig zag lines should go further. The installation of the double yellow lines will be revisited on the corner opposite The Bell Pub.

c) Overhanging branches and hedges in the village: Clerk to contact a few residents about overhanging vegetation and hedges in the village.

Trinity Close – Tree to be cut back over the flashing sign near The Clock House.

Sutton Hall: Ask to cut back branches.

Linton Road: Chestnut trees need cutting back.

d) Parking at the school: Annie West and Debbie Paton are organising a meeting with the Headteacher at The Meadow.

e) Parking sign on Green for school parking: The PC discussed the idea of having one directional sign on the Green to direct to the Recreation Ground, Church and school parking. Highways to be asked to see if their permission is required.

11. Correspondence:

a) Street lights: CCC have informed the PC that they are withdrawing from organising the energy supply for the street lights. The Clerk has started the process of applying for the MPAN numbers and energy quotes.

b) Damage to bus shelter near Lower Farm: Some vandalism has been caused and the Clerk will organise a quote for the repair.

12. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 17/10/19 and any invoices/receipts received up until 21/10/19 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts October 2019		
Allotment receipts		£ 750.00
Precept (SCDC)		£ 22,000.00
Total Receipts		£ 22,750.00
Payments October 2019		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp £ 135.75 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,043.93
M McCall (Gross £)	22 1/4 hrs	£ 213.60
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
LGSS (Pension)		£ 413.53
A J King		£ 732.00
Opus Energy		£ 33.30
3C Shared Services		£ 678.00
Saffron Security		£ 48.00
C Denny (Church Institute hedge)		£ 60.00
Staples		£ 31.70
Total Payments		£ 3,408.06

Bank Balances as at 16/10/2019

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 4,182.56
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 105,840.24
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 42,245.29
Total	£ 133,430.26

13. Area Report:

a) Pop up PC meeting: The next Pop up PC meeting will be held at the Balsham Café on 25th October. Annie West, Paul Anderson and the Clerk to attend.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Meeting will be held on 18th November, 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Green Room, Balsham Pavilion, Balsham.

15. Confidential Item: Pavilion: See confidential minutes.

Meeting finished at 9.35 pm

Signed

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