

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 17th February, 2020
at Green Room, Balsham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

Present: G Fiddy, J Kiddy, D Paton, J Scotland, M Shaheer, P Anderson, K Reyes and S Thurgood.

Public: 6

Also in attendance: Cllr Henry Batchelor, Cllr Geoff Harvey

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** Annie West
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Discussion with Peter McKeown (Carter Jonas) and Jake Nugent (Endurance Estates) regarding piece of land south of Old House Road and east of Dolls Close:**
The site has been put forward in the call for sites for the SCDC Local Plan process. The developers are planning 20/25 properties on the site of which 40% will be low cost housing and maybe some self-build properties. The draft local plan won't be published until mid-2021.
Concerns were raised about the access and the drainage on the land by the PC and members of the public.
The PC thanked Peter McKeown and Jake Nugent for attending the meeting.
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**
Water on West Wrattling Road:
Paul Mower reported that he wrote to Nicola Burdon (CCC Highways) about water issues on the West Wrattling Road.
White lines have been sprayed on the road but they have faded away.
Henry Batchelor reported that the Nicola Burdon was going to organise for the Flood Team at CCC to visit and assess the water issues. Henry Batchelor will chase up when the visit will take place.
The drain is also damaged on the other side of the road. The footpath is collapsing because of the damaged drain. The paths shouldn't be resurfaced until the drainage is sorted out.
Trees down Woodhall Lane: It is thought that Highways own the trees on the right-hand side. Clerk to ask Neil Carson if he has proof that the trees/hedges are highways.
James Kiddy to look at the hedging to see if it can be cut.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January, 2020:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by James Kiddy.
6. **Report from District and County Councillor:**
District Councillor:
A1307 update: The bus lane and upgrades to the cycle path is complete. The traffic light work has already started at Linton High Street.
Local Plan Consultation: A road show will be organised at Balsham Pavilion on Wednesday 19th February for the surrounding villages.
Council Tax: Customers will be encouraged to sign up to on-line billing.
East/West rail: A station will be built at Cambourne and link up with the Cambridge South station at Addenbrookes.

There are grants available for free trees available from SCambs.
The UDC Local Plan development for Great Chesterford has been withdrawn.
Planning meeting: Julie Ayres from the planning department.
GCO: Money for upgrades for A1307. The mayor of the combined authority has taken up the project from Cambourne to Cambridge. All the funding for the A1307 is secure.
Henry Batchelor to send info about zero carbon grant to local residents that were interested in the Community car scheme.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) **Street light on path between Plumian Way/Burrell Way:** The light has eventually been mended after months of communication with SCDC.
- b) **Ditch at rear of Balsham Buildings:** The Site Manager has informed the PC that the ditch will be cleared out within 3 weeks and has asked for access from the allotments. The Management Company will take over when over half of the houses have been sold. Residents have the opportunity to join the management company as directors. Each property will pay a service charge.
The bridge will be made for use for disabled. The gate will be opened.
- c) **Bus survey:** The Business Development Manager at Stagecoach has replied to say that it is difficult to provide services to rural communities. Meeting with Lucy Frazer. Contact will be made to the Big Green Bus Company to run a bus to Linton latter in the afternoon.
- d) **Streetlight contract:** The Clerk is still waiting for quotes.
- e) **Community Car Scheme:** No further information has been received.

8. Planning:

a) For Discussion:

S/0269/20/FL Land west of 10, Cambridge Road, Balsham

Erection of one detached house with single garage

PC Decision: Planning application has been approved for a one storey property.

Support: Concern about historic flooding issue on the land with a property with a basement. Concern about the detail about the ground levels of the plot.

b) **Decisions:** None

9. Allotment update: Nothing to update.

10. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

- a) **Building work:** The work has been completed.
- b) **Replacement flooring:** Clerk to contact the contractors for a firm date.
- c) **Security lighting:** The additional lighting will be installed 9th and 10th March.
- d) **Conifer hedge cutting:** It would cost £ 2,500 to cut the trees down by one third. The width cannot be reduced.
Clerk to ask Alex Talbot for his advice about the hedge and a quote for taking the whole hedge out and replacing with a fence or if there is anyway to reduce the width.
- e) **Funding for adult gym equipment:** Suggested location at the rear of the pavilion near the bowl sheds.
- f) **Relocation of the youth shelter:** The PC agreed not to reinstate the youth shelter and it will be disposed of.

11. Highway Matters:

a) Highway Issues:

Pavements in West Wratting Road: The pavements at the Old Post Office have been marked but not maintained.

Potholes in road along the back of the Bandstand: The road is full of potholes. The PC suggested to close off the road with a bollard. Clerk to ask CCC Highways to find out

the procedure and the timescale.

b) Pedestrian crossing outside The Meadow School: The work has been completed and the Clerk is going to chase up the installation of the white line near Jubilee House.

c) Overhanging branches and hedges in the village: Woodhall Lane trees are hopefully going to be assessed by the electricity company. The trees at the Manor are overhanging the wall and the streetlight.

d) Parking at the school: An application will be made for the double yellow lines in the High Street.

e) Parking sign on Green for school parking: Annie West is in correspondence with Highways about parking sign.

12. Risk Assessment: The risk assessment policy and risk assessment schedule were approved.

13. Correspondence:

a) Tree in Plumian Way: The branches have been cut back from around the wires. The branches need to be cut away from the road.

b) LAP at Plumbs Dairy: The developers asked the PC if they would take on the Local Area of Play (LAP) with a payment for 10 years. The PC did not agree as it would be their liability after 10 years.

14. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 12/02/2020 and any invoices/receipts received up until 17/02/2020 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Payments February 2020			
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55	Exp £ 184.89	£ 1,091.07
		Pension £ 56.02	
M McCall (Gross £)	23 hrs / £ 2.70	expenses	£ 223.50
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00		£ 154.00
Kleen windows			£ 30.00
CCC (Access line)			£ 120.00
HMRC			£ 472.53
MiJan Ltd			£ 60.00
Three Counties Fire Protection (Pavilion)			£ 385.56
Three Counties Fire Protection (Church Institute)			£ 362.95
A Westley Construction Ltd			£ 1,718.00
Total Payments			£ 4,617.61

Bank Balances as at 12/02/2020

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 2,225.45
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 35,932.03
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 42,490.67
Total	£ 80,648.15

15. Area Report:

a) Pond at Hunters Moon: The PC are concerned about the safety of the site. Clerk to contact the owner to install hoarding for safety and security.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Meeting will be held on 16th March, 2020 at 7.30 pm in The Green Room, Balsham Pavilion, Balsham.

Meeting finished at 9.50 pm

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