

Balsham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 15th March, 2021
Remote meeting via Zoom at 7.30 p.m.

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

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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.	<p>Public Participation (15 mins): Steve Thurgood was thanked for clearing the dirt/mud off the plastic grass down to the gate at the Recreation Ground and for cleaning the gutter along the car park. Playground: Is there going to be anything for older children? The Clerk explained that there was funding for adult gym equipment, but a location needs to be agreed. The teens are enjoying the playground at the moment, but they will get bored with it hopefully. <u>Farmers Market:</u> There isn't a plant supplier at the market as one wasn't available.</p>	
4.	<p>Discussion with Peter McKeown, Carter Jonas regarding Land at Old House Road – Call for sites application. There are 7 sites in Balsham that are being promoted in call for sites. The developers have proposed 23 units on the site at Old House Road, a mixture of detached and semi-detached units. The PC discussed issues with parking and there not being a regular bus service. The access arrangements are acceptable to Highways. SCDC has published some information on the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The developers have set up a website at www.oldhouseroadbalsham.co.uk Bus services are being look at as residents are reliant on the car. Debbie Paton agreed to send around the details of her bus conversations that she has had with CCC and SCDC. The PC are concerned about where the additional cars will park. There is an average of 2 car parking spaces and on the site road. The properties are all 2-storey and it was explained that all affordable homes will have to meet Part N and accessibility standards. Some properties can be made wheelchair accessible and maybe to include a lift. The PC thanked the developers for attending the meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th February, 2021: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed (remotely) by the Vice-Chair.</p>	

	<p>Proposal: Barn conversion and new two bay garage Site address: Worsted Lodge London Road Old A11 Babraham Reference: 20/05297/LBC / 20/05296/FUL Decision: Approve</p> <p>(Gordon Fiddy declared an interest) Proposal: Single storey rear extension Site address: 5 Horseshoe Close Balsham Cambridge Reference: 21/00825/PRI01A Decision: Approve</p> <p>b) Decisions: None</p> <p>c) Tree applications: None</p> <p>d) Enforcement Issues: The SCDC Enforcement Officer has contacted the owner of Clarkes Meadow and a planning application will be sent into SCDC. The builders at the property in Bartons Close are going to reduce the height of the house before putting the roof on.</p>	
10.	<p>Allotment update: <u>Untidy allotment.</u> One allotment is an issue. The tenant as paid the rent until the end of September. Debbie Paton is concerned about the cost to the PC when an allotment isn't farmed and there is a waiting list of people requiring allotments.</p>	
11.	<p>Recreation Ground/Pavilion</p> <p>a) New play area: The new play area has been completed. There is an issue with the roundabout not turning properly but Kompan are taking technical advice and will return to the site to fix it.</p> <p>b) Electricity at pavilion: A new meter has been fitted at the pavilion because the old meter stopped working. The Clerk will now sort out the billing issues with Opus Energy.</p> <p>c) Adult gym equipment: Quotes to be arranged for adult gym equipment after a location has been agreed. Councillors to look at a suitable location.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC/ALL</p>
12.	<p>Highway Matters:</p> <p>a) Highway Issues: A car has been dumped in Nine Chimneys Lane and has been reported to SCDC Environmental Health Department and the police. Clerk to chase up the removal of the car.</p> <p>b) Double yellow lines on corner of West Wrattling Road/High Street: A response has been received from Highways and because of one of the objections the request for double yellow lines has to be discussed at committee level. Clerk to respond that the PC do not have any objections</p> <p>c) Parking sign on Green for school parking: Ongoing with Highways.</p> <p>d) Water on West Wrattling Road: The water is still running and a concern.</p> <p>e) MVAS Sign: Laura Cook and Debbie Paton have agreed the locations with Mike McCall. The time that the school warning lights are on needs to be known to set up the new signs.</p> <p>Laura Cook is retiring from organising Speedwatch and a new</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC/ MMcC</p>

	replacement is required. f) Sweeping of School Lane: The area has been reported to Highways.	TC
13.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) Land off Plumian Way next to 47/49 – Persimmon Homes asking for PC to take on the Public Open Space land and maintain it for a commuted sum. The PC have said that they do not agree to take on the POS because Persimmon Homes are only willing to fund the costs for 10 years.</p> <p>b) Parish Nurse letter: A letter has been received from Hildersham PC asking for a donation for the Parish Nurse. The Clerk was asked to find out statistics for the Age Concern scheme that the PC already subscribes to before a decision is made to help with the funding for the Parish Nurse.</p>	TC TC
14.	Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 11/03/2021 and any invoices/receipts received up until 16/03/2021 will be considered at the meeting	
	Receipts March 2021	
	Foodbank donation	£ 50.00
	Total	£ 50.00
	Payments March 2021	
	T Coston Salary £ 1,018.55 Exp £ 166.50 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,081.44
	M McCall (Gross £) 10.5 hours	£ 100.80
	S Housden (Gross £) £ 154.00	£ 154.00
	Foodbank	£ 50.94
	CCC – Speed sign	£ 500.00
	Haven Power	£ 104.38
	Three Counties Fire – Pavilion and CI	£ 332.69
	Restoro (Computer software)	£ 31.14
	PFK Littlejohn	£ 408.00
	Steve Thurgood (Cleaning & Petrol)	£ 178.02
	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£ 259.20
	Total payments	£ 3,200.61
	Bank Balances as at 11/03/2021	
	Community A/C: £ 14,970.38	
	H.I. Account: £ 195,204.52	
	3 month notice account (Lloyds) £ 42,490.67	
	Total £ 252,665.57	
15.	<p>Area Report:</p> <p>a) Sign for new play area: Clerk to arrange two signs for the new play area.</p> <p>b) Hedge planting on footpaths: The PC reminded residents to open a gate and do not walk through the newly planted hedge on Woodhall Lane and the Roman Road.</p>	TC
16.	Date of Next Meeting: Parish Meeting will be held on 19 th April, 2021 at 7.30 pm Remote meeting via Zoom.	

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Action

1.	Replacement street light in Fox Road	GH
2.	Contact CCC to see why grips haven't been dug into the verges	HB
3.	Agreement for ditch at rear of Balsham Buildings	TC
4.	Overhanging trees in the Parish	TC
5.	Dropped kerbs in Dairy Way in Samworth Close	TC
6.	Ditch on allotment border	TC
7.	Ownership of tree on West Wickham Road	TC
8.	Speak to Opus Energy about pavilion electricity meter issue	TC
9.	Quotes/location for adult gym equipment	TC/ALL
10.	Foodbank accounts	TC
11.	Removal of car from Nine Chimneys Lane	TC
12.	MVAS Sign	TC/ MCC
13.	Land off Plumian Way	TC
14.	Parish Nurse letter/Age concern	TC
15.	Signs for the new play area	TC