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.Public: 3Also in attendance: Cllr Henry Batchelor, Cllr Geoff HarveyClerk: 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.	Public Participation (15 mins):Steve Thurgood was thanked for clearing the dirt/mud off the plasticgrass down to the gate at the Recreation Ground and for cleaning thegutter along the car park.Playground: Is there going to be anything for older children? The Clerkexplained that there was funding for adult gym equipment, but a locationneeds to be agreed. The teens are enjoying the playground at themoment, but they will get bored with it hopefully.Farmers Market: There isn't a plant supplier at the market as one wasn'tavailable.	
4.	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.	
5.	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th February, 2021: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed (remotely) by the Vice-Chair.	

6.	Report from District and County Councillor:District Councillor: Geoff Harvey has chased up the street light and thepole hasn't been replaced in Fox Road.County Councillor: Report sent out.The County Council elections are in May and CCC cannot make anylarge scale decisions until from end March to May.A new local Highways Officer has been in post today and will becontacting the Clerk.The PC asked why the Council cutting the verges today and they haven'tdug the grips out? Cllr Batchelor will check with CCC.	GH HB
7.	 Matters arising from the minutes a) Ditch at rear of Balsham Buildings: Hills have assured the Clerk that changes are being made but they are not complete yet. b) Discussions with Balsham PCC concerning the Church Institute: A meeting has been arranged on 24th March. c) Report about Community Orchard: Replacement trees are being organised and delivered tomorrow. There are more volunteers to help at the weekend to take out the old trees and plant the new ones. There may be a need for some topsoil to fill in when planting. Benches and juicing kit would be good to have to encourage people to enjoy the orchard. d) Rosie Green Wood update: Meeting to be arranged when it is allowed. e) Overhanging trees in the Parish: James Kiddy has sent an email with the overhanging trees in Balsham. PC to write to the residents to ask them to cut back the trees. f) Dropped kerbs in Dairy Way and Samworth Close: Clerk to chase up with planning. g) Ditch on border of allotments: The PC agreed to take out the hedge when the fence is in place. h) Tree on West Wickham Road: There has been a complaint about the tree on West Wickham Road and Burrell Way which needs tidying up. Clerk to try and find out the owner of the tree and will contact CCC Highways. 	тС тС/ЈК ТС ТС тС
8.	Covid-19 support in the Parish a) Foodbank report : Funding will be closed off by the end of the financial year.	тс
9.	Planning: a) For Discussion: Proposal: Detached dwelling and double garage with access driveway and landscaping. Site address: 97 High Street Balsham CB21 4EP Reference: 21/00528/FUL PC Decision: Approve Proposal: Installation of 6 No. antennas, 1 No. 300mm dish, and 1 No. cabinet and ancillary works thereto. Site address: Balsham Water Tower West Wickham Road Balsham Reference: 21/00948/TELNOT Decision: Approve	

	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	
	(Gordon Fiddy declared an interest)	
	Proposal: Single storey rear extension	
	Site address: 5 Horseshoe Close Balsham Cambridge	
	Reference: 21/00825/PRI01A	
	Decision: Approve	
	b) Decisions: None	
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	c) Tree applications: None	
	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.	
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10.	Allotment update:	
10.	Untidy allotment. One allotment is an issue. The tenant as paid the rent	
	until the end of September. Debbie Paton is concerned about the cost to	
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	the PC when an allotment isn't farmed and there is a waiting list of	
	people requiring allotments.	
11.	Recreation Ground/Pavilion	
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	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.	
	b) Electricity at pavilion : A new meter has been fitted at the pavilion	TC
	because the old meter stopped working. The Clerk will now sort out the	
	billing issues with Opus Energy.	
	c) Adult gym equipment: Quotes to be arranged for adult gym	TC/ALL
	equipment after a location has been agreed. Councillors to look at a	
	suitable location.	
12.	Highway Matters:	
	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.	тс
	b) Double yellow lines on corner of West Wratting 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	TC
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	c) Parking sign on Green for school parking: Ongoing with	
	Highways. d) Weter on West Wrotting Bood: The water is still supping and a	
	d) Water on West Wratting Road: The water is still running and a	
	concern.	
	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	TC/
	to be known to set up the new signs.	MMcC
	Laura Cook is retiring from organising Speedwatch and a new	

	replacement is required.			
	f) Sweeping of School Lane: The area has been repo	orted to Hig	ghways.	тс
13.	Correspondence: a) Land off Plumian Way next to 47/49 – Persimm for PC to take on the Public Open Space land and ma commuted sum. The PC have said that they do not ag POS because Persimmon Homes are only willing to a years.	aintain it fo gree to take	r a on the	тс
	b) Parish Nurse letter : A letter has been received fr asking for a donation for the Parish Nurse. The Clert out statistics for the Age Concern scheme that the PC to before a decision is made to help with the funding Nurse.	k was askee C already su	d to find Ibscribes	тс
14.	Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 11/03/2021 invoices/receipts received up until 16/03/2021 will be meeting	•	ed at the	
	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 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			
	<i>Community</i> A/C: £ 14,970.38			
	H.I. Account: £ 195.204.52			
	<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i> £ 42,490.67			
	Total £ 252,665.57			
15.	 Area Report: a) Sign for new play area: Clerk to arrange two sign area. b) Hedge planting on footpaths: The PC reminded gate and do not walk through the newly planted hedge 	residents to	o open a	тс
	Lane and the Roman Road.			
	Date of Next Meeting: Parish Meeting will be held	1 oth	1 2021	

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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