

***BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL***  
**The Parish Council Meeting will be held on**  
**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 7.30pm**  
**in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)**

**Present:** A West, J Kiddy, P Anderson, S Thurgood, K Reyes, H Ford and G Fiddy.

**Public:** 8

**Also in attendance:**

**Clerk:** Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** Muhammad Shaheer, Steve Wilcox, Cllr Henry Batchelor and Cllr Geoff Harvey
2. **Welcome to new Councillor:** Steve Wilcox unfortunately sent his apologies due to illness.
3. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None.
4. **Discussion with the Parish Nurse, Keith Day and Community Warden:**  
Keith Day, Parish Nurse Scheme, Kim Cox – Community Nurse, Faye Parker – Age UK Small Wardens Scheme.

Kim Cox – Parish Nurse: Kim explained about the Parish Nurse scheme and Parish Nurses work through Churches and look after people of all faiths or with no faith. To date there are 80 patients on Parish Nurse file, 30 on a regular basis and Kim works for 2 days a week visiting 8 people/families a day and there are no time restraints per visit. The Parish Nurse deals with new referrals from the GP, safe referrals and visits the community café in Balsham. The Parish Nurse has an honorary contract with Linton GP and a very good partnership.

Covid changed so many people's lives, fear, complex conditions, bereavement, dementia, The Parish Nurse scheme makes a difference in the community and evaluations show that they are making a difference.

Most patients are from Abington and Balsham as they are the largest villages.

If the Parish Nurse scheme received extra funding more hours could be funded.

The Parish Nurse costs £ 22,000 per year to run and an extra day would cost £ 7,000.

The funding is received from Parish Council's and individual donors. The Parish Nurse scheme is not funded by the NHS or the Diocese.

**Community Warden:** Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.  
Small Villages Warden Scheme.

Faye Parker works in the 7 villages for 15 hours a week and budgeted for 12 households and there are 14 households receiving help. There is no time limit for people to be on the scheme.

Duties carried out are: Companionship, errands, prescriptions, social worker, interaction with other agencies, help with a hoarder, housebound residents, mental health help, hearing aids and other issues.

A waiting list is held if required. The cost of the scheme is £ 9 a week and £ 11 a couple. Referrals from GP, friends and self-referral.

Faye Parker is leaving the position but there will be cover arranged and the job is being advertised.

- 5. Public Participation (15 mins):**  
Members of the public if it would be possible to have additional benches on the recreation ground.  
The Ploughmen are going to keep all the money raised in the village.
- 6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 7. Report from District and County Councillor:** Report received, and absences received.
- 8. Matters arising from the minutes:**
- a) **Meeting Balsham PCC concerning the Church Institute:** The meeting will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 pm.  
A format for the meeting was agreed.
  - b) **Report about Community Orchard:** Work is continuing with volunteers.
  - c) **Dropped kerbs in Dairy Way:** A response hasn't been received from planning.
  - d) **Broadband speeds:** Muhammad Shaheer is producing an article for the magazine.
- 9. Planning:**
- a) **For Discussion:** None
  - b) **Decisions:**
  - c) **Appeal: 20/05294/FUL Worsted Lodge, London Road, Old All**  
Appeal for Barn Conversion and two bay garage.
- 10. Allotment update:**  
All payments have been received. There are 2 ½ plots available and allotments to be checked before winter.
- 11. Recreation Ground/Pavilion**
- a) **Adult gym equipment:** Debbie Paton and Annie West are meeting this week to discuss Pricing inclusive for ground works.  
Location required: Debbie and Annie. Next meeting proposal.
  - b) **Flood lights:** Clerk to organise a quote for new flood lights.
- 12. Highway Matters:**
- a) **Double yellow lines on corner of West Wrattling Road/High Street:** CCC have appointed a contractor but the contractor hasn't given a date.
  - b) **Parking sign on Green for school parking:** To be chased up with CCC.
  - c) **Parking letter from Cambridgeshire Police:** The Meadow School and playgroup have sent a letter to parents to ask them to park responsibly. The police have given a letter template which will be personalised and put on cars that are parked on pavements and in irresponsibly.
- 13. Correspondence:** All emailed.
- 14. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 13/10/2021 and any invoices/receipts received up until 18/10/2021 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts October 2021	
Allotments	£ 1,045.50
Askham (Pavilion Hire)	£ 20.00
Precept	£ 24,200.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£ 25,265.50</b>

Payments October 2021		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp: 215.39 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,130.93
M McCall (Gross £)	11 hours	£ 105.60
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
CAS Business (Insurance)		£ 472.80
Avast		£ 23.88
Staples		£ 94.06
Zoom		£ 14.39
Kleen windows		£ 30.00
Cambridgeshire Pensions		£ 980.85
Opus Energy		£ 29.37
Screwfix		£ 114.94
Saffron Security		£ 101.40
Cyril Denny (CI hedge)		£ 70.00
A J King		£ 2,459.40
Viking		£ 135.89
<b>Total Payments October 2021</b>		<b>£ 5,917.51</b>

**Bank Balances as at 13/10/2021**

Community A/C:	£ 3,528.33
H.I. Account:	£ 188,604.52
3 month notice account (Lloyds)	£ 42,490.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 234,623.52</b>

**b) Parish Nurse funding:** The PC agreed to donate £ 1,500 per year to the Parish Nurse scheme, the donation will be discussed at every October meeting.

**15. Area Report:**

**a) Planting daffodils:** The PC agreed to purchase some daffodil bulbs to replace the bulbs in the village. Annie West to organise the planting.

**b) Overhanging trees/hedges in the Village:** The Clerk to write to owners of trees in the village that need to be trimmed back. The PC will organise a tree surgeon for the trees on the corner of Linton Road/Cambridge Road and the cherry trees in the High Street.

**16. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at 7.30 pm in Balsham Pavilion.**

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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