

***BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL***  
**The Parish Council Meeting will be held on**  
**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 at 7.30pm**  
**in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)**

**Present:** A West, P Anderson, M Shaheer and G Fiddy

**Public:** 4

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Henry Batchelor, Cllr Geoff Harvey

**Clerk:** Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** H Ford, K Reyes, S Thurgood and J Kiddy.
2. **Parish Council vacancy:** The Clerk has received two applications, but it was felt that due to only four Councillors the decision would be made at the next meeting.
3. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item.** None
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**  
Rosie Green Wood: A meeting will be arranged with Ian Webb from the Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust. Richard Pargeter, Tracy Coston and Steve Thurgood will meet with Ian Webb.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
6. **Report from District and County Councillor:**  
**District Councillor:** There is a growth fund to help business through this period and there are 10 areas all detailed on the SCDC website.  
Local Plan is carrying on and the consultants are looking at the Call for Sites and assessing how they fit in and further consultation will take place after a decision is made. The PC asked if there is there any public input into the decision? There will be some consultation on the special options. Geoff Harvey will try and find out more details.  
**County Council:** Hildersham junction is being converted. Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership are applying for planning permission for the A11 roundabout to Addenbrookes.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - a) **Discussions with Balsham PCC concerning the Church Institute:** The PCC haven't reported back to the PC. A public meeting to be organised with the PCC and the Diocese. The Clerk will speak to the PCC about the meeting and the structure.
  - b) **Report about Community Orchard:** The grass has been cut.
  - c) **Rosie Green Wood update:** Thank you to Steve Thurgood for cleaning the tree board in Rosie Green Wood.
  - d) **Overhanging trees in the Parish:** The allotment hedges will be organised to be cut in September.
  - e) **Dropped kerbs in Dairy Way:** Clerk to chase up a response from planning.
  - f) **Contribution to Age Concern Uk:** Annie West and Clerk will arrange to meet with the Parish Nurse to discuss advertising the scheme. The Parish Nurse will be invited to a PC meeting.
  - g) **Abandoned car in Nine Chimneys Lane:** The abandoned car is still in the lane and the Clerk is chasing up the removal.

## 8. Planning:

### a) For Discussion:

Proposal: Submission of details required by conditions 5 (Pedestrian Visibility Splays), 6 (Traffic Management Plan), 7 (Remediation Method Statement) and 8 (Surface Water Drainage) of planning permission S/4527/18/PA

Site address: Barn At West Wickham Road Balsham Cambridge

Reference: S/4527/18/CONDB

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/S/4527/18/CONDB>

PC Decision: No recommendation

Proposal: Detached dwelling and double garage with access driveway and landscaping. (Re-submission of 21/00528/FUL)

Site address: 97 High Street Balsham CB21 4EP

Reference: 21/02724/FUL

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/02724/FUL>

PC Decision: No recommendation

### b) Decisions: None

### c) Tree applications:

Proposal: Yew (T1) - The tree was TPO'd a long time ago and has received very little pruning in this time. It is restricted by a road (which it is growing towards) and by ABC cables directly above it. It has developed into an odd shape and the tree does not seem to be of particularly high value.

The works recommended below are to improve the light levels in the garden, reduce the tree's projection into the road and keep the tree away from the electricity cables. Crown lift epicormic trunk growth up to 2m.

Crown reduce on all sides by up to 0.5m

Crown reduce on top by up to 2m and shape the crown to blend in with the sides.

One aim would also be to create a more symmetrical shape.

Site address: 40 West Wickham Road Balsham CB21 4DZ

Reference: 21/0780/TTPO

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/0780/TTPO>

PC Decision: Approve.

## 9. Allotment update:

a) **Allotments update/Allotment Policy**: Debbie Paton and the Clerk have inspected the allotments and written to some owners who haven't been farming the allotments.

The PC approved the allotment policy.

## 10. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) **Adult gym equipment**: The PC agreed the location at the rear of the pavilion with surfacing underneath. The Clerk to circulate some examples of equipment.

## 11. Highway Matters:

### a) Highway Issues:

b) **Double yellow lines on corner of West Wrattling Road/High Street**: The double yellow lines have been chased up by the Clerk.

c) **Parking sign on Green for school parking**: Clerk to chase up.

- d) MVAS Sign maintenance/moving around:** Speedwatch is back up and running with about 8/9 volunteers. The MVAS sign is used to during the Speedwatch sessions. Thanks to Debbie Paton for co-ordinating the rota.
- e) Countdown signs:** The PC agreed to apply through the LHI Scheme.

**12. Correspondence:**

- a) Broadband Scheme:** Balsham has the superfast broadband and they are now targeting places to increase the speed if there are more businesses. Muhammad Shaheer to complete a proposal for ultrafast broadband.

**13. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 15/07/21 and any invoices/receipts received up until 19/07/2021 will be considered at the meeting.

**a)**

<b>Payments July 2021</b>		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp £ 188.55 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,109.86
M McCall (Gross £) 23 hours	£ 14.00 expenses	£ 234.80
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 187.00
R S Components (Battery charger)		£ 127.90
Tree Surgery Services		£ 650.00
A J King		£ 950.40
ICO		£ 35.00
HMRC		£ 419.83
Opus Energy		£ 9.36
Age Uk		£ 900.00
Cyril Denny		£ 60.00
<b>Total Payments July 2021</b>		<b>£ 4,684.15</b>

**Bank Balances as at 15//07/2021**

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 11,904.64
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 169,404.52
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 42,490.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 223,799.83</b>

**14. Area Report:**

- a) Pop up Parish Council:** To start up again once every 2 months in the Coffee Shop. This will be organised on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am.
- b) Buses:** Debbie Paton has had a meeting with Lucy Fraser to try and get the bus issue resolved.
- c) Princes Close:** PC to chase up with CCC Highways about resurfacing.

**15. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at 7.30 pm in Balsham Pavilion.**

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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Date

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