

***BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL***  
**The Parish Council Meeting will be held on**  
**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at 7.30pm**  
**in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)**

**Present:** P Anderson, M Shaheer, S Thurgood, K Reyes, H Ford and G Fiddy.

**Public:** 1

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

**Clerk:** Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** James Kiddy, Annie West  
It was agreed that the meeting would be chaired by Paul Anderson.
2. **Parish Council vacancy:** The PC unanimously approved Steve Wilcox to be co-opted onto the PC.
3. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**  
The bus shelter near Lower Farm needs the window frame replacing. Steve Thurgood will assess the work that is required.  
Complaints were made about the speed of traffic in Cambridge Road.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2021:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by Paul Anderson.
6. **Report from District and County Councillor:**  
**District Councillor:** The local plan is approaching the next stage of consultation. None of the call for sites in Balsham were taken forward.  
SCDC have a 'New business growth fund' to help people grow businesses.  
**County Councillor:**  
The PC agreed to apply for countdown signs for all entrances into the village.  
Princes Close resurfacing has been reported to the Highways Officer.  
Parking enforcement: CCC have applied for the responsibility to the Government to take the responsibility from the police.  
The PC has requested a printed letter from the police to be able to put onto illegally parked cars.  
A meeting has been organised with the mayor to talk about future vision of A1307.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - a) **Meeting Balsham PCC concerning the Church Institute:** The meeting has been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm at the Pavilion.  
The PC agreed that the meeting would be to come and discuss the future of the Church Institute with members of the PCC and the PC.
  - b) **Report about Community Orchard:** Grass has been cut and work needs to be done on the trees.
  - c) **Rosie Green Wood meeting update:** Steve Thurgood, Richard Pargeter and Iain from Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust this morning to discuss work that needs to be carried out to maintain the wood. The quote will obtain some quotes to carry out the work before the end of February.
  - d) **Dropped kerbs in Dairy Way:** A response hasn't been received about Dairy Way.  
Clerk to send the plans for Samworth Close to Richard Pargeter.

- e) **Parish Nurse and Community Warden:** The Parish Nurse and Keith Day will attend the next PC meeting and the Clerk will ask the Community Warden to attend as well.
- f) **Broadband speeds:** Superfast Broadband in Balsham currently but there is ultra-fast technology. The number of businesses to be identified. Muhammad Shahler to share via email with the links and to advertise in the Review.

## 8. Planning:

a) **For Discussion:** None

### b) Decisions via email:

Conversation of an existing single house into two, 2 bedroom flats.

Address: 46 High Street Balsham CB21 4EP

Reference: 21/02922/FUL

PC: Objected

Renovation of an existing Grade II Listed 5 bedroom house, associated landscaping and alterations to the front boundary wall.

44 High Street Balsham CB21 4EP

PC: Objected

### b) Decisions:

SCDC approved the retrospective construction of a field shelter with storage space and composting toilet (Re-submission of 21/01077/FUL)

Address: Clerks Meadow West Wratting Road Balsham

Reference: 21/02513/FUL

### c) Withdrawals:

Conversation of an existing single house into two, 2 bedroom flats.

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Reference: 21/02922/FUL

The application has been withdrawn.

Renovation of an existing Grade II Listed 5 bedroom house, associated landscaping and alterations to the front boundary wall.

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## 9. Allotment update:

a) **Inspection:** An inspection has been carried out last week and some letters have been sent out to tenants.

b) **Allotment gate from Hawthorns:** The gate will be locked to stop unwelcome visitors and non-allotment holders from parking in the allotments.

## 10. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) **Adult gym equipment:** The Clerk will circulate the adult gym equipment that has been put into Northstowe.

b) **Hiring out of the pavilion:** The PC agreed that the hiring rate will be £ 10.00 per hour.

c) **Clearing out the pavilion:** A skip has been hired and the pavilion cleared out. The Clerk thanked Kevin Housden for loading the skip and clearing up the pavilion.

d) **Defibrillator at pavilion:** The football club and clerk have applied for a defibrillator and cabinet to be funded by the Football Association. The PC will pay for the defibrillator and cabinet to be installed at the front of the building.

e) **Request for a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) :** The football club asked the PC if they would consider the installation of a MUGA at Balsham. The PC would like further

details and costings before any decision are made.

**f) Boys Football Club:** The boys football club has folded unfortunately but the men's team are discussing the possibility of running a boys football club.

**11. Highway Matters:**

**a) Double yellow lines on corner of West Wrattling Road/High Street:** The lines have been approved but no further information has been received. Clerk to chase up again.

**b) Parking sign on Green for school parking:** Clerk to chase up once the double yellow lines are installed.

**c) Road closures:** The PC discussed why CCC Highways asked for their comments when closing the road Issues with asking for the road to be closed. The PC complained that diversion signs weren't always moved at the end of the road works.

Henry Batchelor agreed to speak to Highways to make sure that the road closures were always necessary and traffic lights couldn't be used.

**d) School parking:** The school have emailed parents about the dangerous parking and the PCSO said that he would visit on morning to assess the parking.

**e) Road sign:** Clerk to report that the Field End sign has broken off.

**12. Correspondence:** All emailed.

**13. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 15/09/2021 and any invoices/receipts received up until 20/09/2021 will be considered at the meeting.

**a)**

Receipts August 2021	
Allotments	£ 167.50
Payments August 2021	
T Coston Salary £ 1,018.55 Exp: 206.55 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,122.09
M McCall (Gross £) 21 hours £ 2.70 expenses	£ 204.30
S Housden (Gross £) £ 154.00	£ 176.00
SCDC	£ 472.80
Amazon (locks & cleaner)	£ 85.90
A J King	£ 1,247.40
Robert Ellam	£ 326.70
A J King	£ 950.40
Opus Energy	£ 19.05
<b>Total Payments September 2021</b>	<b>£ 4,604.64</b>
<b>Receipts September 2021</b>	
Allotments	£ 437.50

<b>Payments (September 2021)</b>		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp: 219.34 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,134.88
M McCall (Gross £)	21 hours £ 2.70 expenses	£ 204.30
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 176.00
Nextnorth		£ 180.00
Debbie Paton (keys)		£ 41.65
Avast		£ 49.99
Balsham PCC		£ 495.00
Opus Energy		£ 19.35
Community Action Suffolk		£ 1,622.24
Stowmarket Skips		£ 285.00
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>£ 4,208.41</b>

**Bank Balances as at 15/09/2021**

<i>Community A/C:</i>	£ 4,712.51
<i>H.I. Account:</i>	£ 169,404.52
<i>3 month notice account (Lloyds)</i>	£ 42,490.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 212,607.70</b>

**14. Area Report:**

a) **Grasscutting:** Some of the grasscutting is not up to standard. The Clerk will speak to the contractor.

**15. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 7.30 pm in Balsham Pavilion.**

Meeting closed at 9.42 pm

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