

BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Monday, 15th November, 2021 at 7.30pm
in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)

Present: A West, J Kiddy, S Thurgood, K Reyes, S Wilcox, G Fiddy and M Shahleer
(apologies for lateness)

Public: 5

Also in attendance: Geoff Harvey

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** P Anderson, H Ford
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item.** None

3. **Discussion with the Jake Nugent, Endurance to discuss the status of the local plan and how our discussions about the bus service in Balsham.**

Jake Nugent from Endurance and Pete McKeown from Carter Jonas presented to the meeting.

The Land south of Old House Road, Balsham being promoted and they wanted the opportunity to talk to the PC as the local plan is moving forward and they have been exploring the bus service matter.

The PC said that SCDC have assessed all the sites and no new allocations have been proposed and growth is proposed across the edge of Cambridge.

The latest SCDC housing documents show that Balsham needed 21 houses, rent and shared ownership. The 23 units would deliver 9 affordable dwellings.

The PC explained that Debbie Paton has spoken to both Mayor's about the lack of a bus service and the response was that it isn't economical viable.

Improving the local bus service needs to be thought of before more houses are built.

Rerouting the No 13 has been looked into. Congestion charges may cause an issue.

Greater Cambridge Local plan won't be adopted for 3/4 years and then a new local plan would be started.

Balsham should remain a group village and Cheffins are not aiming to challenge that.

How do you make villages sustainable? The site would be required to provide first homes and include Rural travel hubs to provide electric car spaces and electric bikes.

All details are on www.Oldhouseroadbalsham.co.uk.

No further parking has been added to the plan and 2 spaces per dwelling and some space for visitor parking which is within the parking standards.

Planning policy wouldn't support a planning application if it was submitted now.

The PC thanked Jake Nugent and Pete McKeown for attending the meeting.

4. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

Ploughmen: The ploughmen would like to help to fund the cleaning of the War memorial cleaning and repairs

5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October, 2021:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

- 6. Report from District and County Councillor:** Written report sent.
Henry Batchelor: Apologies sent.
Geoff Harvey: Local Plan consultation has resulted in most of the development being directed to the new towns/Bourn Airfield site.
All new developments will have to be zero carbon or net zero carbon they will have to make a contribution to low energy options. Houses will have to be built with uprated installation.
A food waste trial is being carried out in other villages.
- 7. Matters arising from the minutes:**
- a) Report from meeting with Balsham PCC concerning the Church Institute:**
The PC, PCC and Church Institute Committee and public met on 21st October, 2021 to discuss the future of the PC.
The general feeling was that there is a large enough population in Balsham to support the Church Institute.
The PC will have to make a final decision at the January meeting. Annie West, Gordon Fiddy and James Kiddy will put together three proposals for the meeting to be voted on by the PC.
- b) Broadband speeds:** Muhammad Shahleer produced a draft questionnaire for the village, more information needs to be added before they can be sent out.
- c) Planting daffodils in the village:** The daffodils have been purchased and will be planted within the village by volunteers.
- d) Overhanging hedges/trees in the village:** All letters have been written. The PC will arrange for the cherry trees opposite Lower Farm and the trees on the corner of Linton Road/Cambridge Road when planning has been approved, but due to forward booking it won't be before February 2022.
- e) Field End Sign:** Clerk to chase up with SCDC.
- f) Lamp in Plumian Way passage:** Clerk to report to CCC Street lighting.
- g) Stocking Toft:** The sign is in the hedge and the hedge needs to be cut back to expose the sign.
- 8. Planning:**
- a) For Discussion:**
Proposal: Demolition, replacement and extension of existing timber framed outbuilding.
Site address: 4 West Wrattling Road Balsham CB21 4DX
Reference: 21/04669/LBC - 21/04668/HFUL
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/04669/LBCNo>
PC Decision: No objections
- Proposal: Erection of front porch and bay window, first floor side extension with balcony on roof and loft conversion with dormer.
Site address: 56 Fox Road Balsham CB21 4EZ
Reference: 21/04499/HFUL
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/04499/HFUL>
PC Decision: The PC would prefer brick to be used and not wood to match the materials in the area.
- Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of a new single storey rear extension and dormer to rear roof.
Site address: 5 Woodhall Lane Balsham CB21 4DT Reference: 21/04474/HFUL
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/04474/HFUL>
PC Decision: No objections

Site address: 13 West Wrating Road Balsham CB21 4DX

Reference: 21/1458/TTPO

Proposal: T1 Yew to take down to a stump close to ground to allow for turning area on the drive.

T2 Beech group x3 to reduce branch ends by 3m. To reduce the crown from 27m high and leave at 24m with 15m radius left at 12m. pPC Decision: No objections

Site address: 18 West Wickham Road Balsham CB21 4DZ Ref: 21/1444/TTPO

Proposal: T1 Walnut - Crown lift to 3m above ground level on all sides

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

9. Allotment update: There are 3 half plots available.

10. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Adult gym equipment: The location still needs to be decided and Clerk to find out if the equipment can be installed onto the bricked area and what surfacing is required.

b) Defibrillator: The defibrillator has been delivered but the cases are out of stock at present.

11. Highway Matters:

a) Double yellow lines on corner of West Wrating Road/High Street: The yellow lines should be installed within 3 months as the order has been received by the contractor.

b) Parking sign on Green for school parking: Sign to be chased up with Highways when the yellow lines have been installed.

c) Parking letter from Cambridgeshire Police: The letters have been printed and given to residents of Trinity Close and some parish councillors.

d) Local Highways Initiative Scheme: The PC will apply for countdown signs into the entrances to the village.

12. Correspondence: All emailed.

13. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 10/11/2021 and any invoices/receipts received up until 15/11/2021 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Payments		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp: 225.42	£ 1,141.06
	Pension £ 56.02	
M McCall (Gross £) 23.5 hours Ex £ 10.50		£ 245.70
S Housden (Gross £) £ 154.00		£ 154.00
Parish Nurse Scheme		£ 1,500.00
Drax (Street light electricity)		£ 17.42
A J King		£ 211.20
Opus Energy		£ 29.37
Total Payments November 2021		£ 3,298.75

Bank Balances as at 15/11/2021

Community A/C: £ 3,837.37

H.I. Account: £ 183,604.52

3 month notice account (Lloyds) £ 42,490.67

Total £ **229,932.56**

b) Budget/Bank Reconciliation: The budget and bank reconciliation was distributed and

agreed.

14. Area Report:

a) **Linton Road development:** The Clerk will organise a meeting with Matthew Homes to discuss the changes to the Linton Road junction.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 25th January, 2022 at 7.30 pm in Balsham Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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