

***BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL***  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at 7.30pm in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)**

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

**Public:** 7

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Harvey and Cllr Batchelor

**Clerk:** Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** K Reyes
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 mins):**

**Map Boards:** The map group has been successful in their application for £ 1,000 from the Community Chest grant and a donation from PC. Hopefully the map boards will be ready by the Platinum Jubilee or the Feast if not. The positioning of the map needs to be agreed on the Green between the map group and the PC.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**

**District Councillor:** 9 homes have been available for Afghan refugees and SCDC are responsible for vetting people that have put their homes forward for Ukraine Refugees. New digressionary covid funding open for businesses that missed out on some covid grants.  
Zero carbon community grants are available of £ 120,000. SCDC have been recognised for their work. SCDC are giving awarding grants to people who would like to provide health and wellbeing activities to the community.

**County Councillor:** LHI bid is being assessed tomorrow. There has been an underspend at the CCC last year which they have dedicated to the Highways work and rolled over into this year's Highways budget.  
Work on the A1307 is continuing at Hildersham and there are plans for a new travel hub on the Babraham side.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - a) **Platinum Jubilee celebrations:** The PC will plant a tree with a plaque, in a prominent position. One position which was suggested was on the grass at the end of the recreation ground car park. The PC has made a donation of £ 300.00 to the flower festival and £ 1,000 to the map group.
  - b) **Cleaning of war memorial:** Clerk to obtain information from the Diocese.
  - c) **Field End sign/Sleford Close:** Geoff Harvey is chasing up the signs with SCDC.
  - d) **Street light in Plumian Way:** The light won't be mended as it is scheduled to be replaced by SCDC.
  - e) **New grasscutting contractor:** The grasscutting contractor has started cutting and a lot of positive comments have been received.
  - f) **Footpath from Barton's Close to allotments/Hay House to allotments/Woodhall Lane allotments:** Rob Ellam is going to quote to improve the footpaths.
7. **Update on the Church Institute Lease**
  - a) **Letter in reply to Balsham Review article:** The PC agreed a letter of reply to be

printed in the review.

8. **Allocation of S106 funds:** The PC discussed the information received from the Scouts and were concerned that the building needs repairing so soon after it has been built. The Clerk will contact the Scouts concern about the building and ask the Church Institute for a quote for the disabled toilets.

9. **Planning:**

a) **For Discussion:**

**Proposal: All weather surface to prevent track surface damage leading to mud run off and erosion**

Site address: Charterhouse Plantation Cambridge Road Balsham

Reference: 22/01764/PRIOR

**PC Decision:** Approve

**T1 T2 T3 on sketch provided remove trees to ground level with a view to replanting with more suitable replacement species.**

Site address: 1A West Wickham Road Balsham Cambridge

Reference: 22/0441/TTCA

Public Access link: <https://applications.gretercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/0441/TTCA>

**PC Decision:** The map doesn't correspond with the address and need to have them replanting.

**Relocation of existing vehicular access with associated works including dropped kerb**

Site address: 1-3 West Wrating Road Balsham Cambridge

Reference: 22/00333/HFUL

Public Access link: <https://applications.gretercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/00333/HFUL>

**PC Decision:** The PC are concerned about the danger caused when reversing into the car parking space.

**Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for a proposed loft conversion including internal alterations at first floor**

Site address: 27 West Wrating Road Balsham Cambridgeshire

Reference: 22/01241/CL2PD

Public Access link: <https://applications.gretercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/01241/CL2PD>

**PC Decision:** Approve

b) **Decisions:** None.

10. **Allotment update:** The allotments rented out and nothing further to report.

11. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion**

a) **Adult gym equipment:** The PC are waiting to hear from the Wind Farm application.

b) **Benches at the recreation ground:** The benches are on order but there are supply issues and they will take two months to arrive.

c) **Purchase of tables/blinds/chairs for pavilion:** All on order.

d) **Acoustic boards in the pavilion:** The Clerk will look into this after obtaining some advice.

e) **Flood lights at the recreation ground:** The quote has been accepted from P & C Electrical and the work will take place asap.

f) **Electrical check at the pavilion:** The electrical check has been booked for the pavilion by P & C Electrical.

**g) Defibrillator at the pavilion:** The defibrillator has been installed at the pavilion.

**12. Highway Matters:**

**a) Parking sign on Green for school parking:** The Clerk will chase up Highways.

**b) Movable speed sign computer:** The Clerk will obtain quotes for a new computer which is fit for purpose.

**c) Linton Road junction:** The Clerk has asked for the white lines to be reinstated as the work to the junction is not being completed until the summer holidays. Clerk to also ask about the closure and diversions when the road is closed.

**d) Highways meeting:** Paul Anderson attended the Highways meeting and diversion signs were

**13. Correspondence:**

**a) Election of Parish Councillors – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022:** SCDC have published that there are 6 Parish Councillors that have been elected and the PC will be able to co-opt without advertising.

**14. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 20/04/22 and any invoices/receipts received up until 21/03/22 will be considered at the meeting.

**a)**

<b>Receipts (April 2022)</b>		
Hire of pavilion		£ 30.00
Precept		£ 25,000.00
Interest		£ 17.70
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£ 25,047.70</b>
<b>Payments (April 2022)</b>		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp: 243.25 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,158.79
M McCall (Gross £)	17.5 hours & £ 2.70 exp	£ 199.50
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
Cambridgeshire Pension		£ 653.90
Charles Silverman		£ 3,348.60
P & C Electrical		£ 300.00
Drax Energy		£ 15.86
Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd		£ 588.00
Kedel (Benches)		£ 3,309.40
<b>Total Payments March 2022</b>		<b>£ 9,728.05</b>

**Bank Balances as at 15/03/22**

*Community A/C:* £ 1,910.99

*H.I. Account:* £ 196,622.22

*3 month notice account (Lloyds)* £ 42,490.67

**Total** £ **241,023.88**

**15. Area Report:**

**a) Belfour Beatty:** Clerk to contact them about using the power on the Prince Memorial Green to power some lights on the bandstand.

**b) Light at the Church Institute:** Clerk to organise a replacement light with the electrician.

**16. Date of Next Meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 7.30 pm in Balsham Pavilion.**

Meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

**Signed**

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**Date**

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