

BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 17th October, 2022 at 7.30pm
in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)

Present: Gordon Fiddy, Steve Wilcox, Paul Anderson, Heather Pierce, Jennie Tipler, Nick Coates, James Kiddy and Kim Pearson.

Public: 5

Also in attendance: Cllr Geoff Harvey

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** Steve Thurgood, Cllr Henry Batchelor
2. **Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item:** None.
3. **Public Participation (15 mins):** None
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October, 2022:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **Report from District and County Councillor:**
District Councillor:
The sustainable transport consultation has gone live today. Everyone is encouraged to have their say. The congestion charge is part of the consultation. The congestion charge will include Addenbrookes Hospital.
Garages at Princes Close: A resident has asked to purchase some of the land where the garages are, but SCDC are going to turn some of the area into a parking area and the brick built garages will be rebuilt and re-let.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) **Map project signs, including update on planning permission:** The maps have been delivered and need to be installed. Steve Thurgood will be asked to contact Dick Paden if he can help install the map boards.
 - b) **Planting of an oak tree:** A quote is being organised from Majestic Trees for one or two oak trees in the allotment field near Hay Close.
 - c) **Cleaning of war memorial:** A quote has been received and the Diocese have been contacted for permission.
 - d) **Footpath from Barton's Close to allotments/Woodhall Lane allotments:** A quote is being organised for the footpath from Barton's Close to the allotments.
 - e) **Tree root in ditch at recreation ground:** A quote is being arranged from Herts and Cambridgeshire Grounds Maintenance.
 - e) **Rookery trees:** The Clerk is meeting Herts and Cambridgeshire Grounds Maintenance to discuss the trees on the amenity area and the lime tree at 11 The Rookery.
 - f) **Response regarding SCDC Local Plan:** Gordon Fiddy has sent in a response from the PC.
 - g) **Quote for telephone box:** Quote to be arranged from Handy Heroes for mending the door and painting. Clerk to ask Stan Stinton to mend the door.
7. **Update on the Church Institute Lease:** The solicitor has been contacted and he is on holiday until 26th October. Gordon Fiddy to speak to the solicitor on return from holiday.

- 8. Allocation of S106 funds:** The scouts have been contacted to inform them of the S106 money and they have been asked for a list of new tasks that the funds are required for. The Church Institute have spent about £ 2,000 on LED lights, which they hadn't budgeted for.

9. Planning:

a) For Discussion:

Proposal: T1 - Horse chestnut Crown reduce 2-3m excessive shading

T2 - Horse chestnut - Crown reduce 2-3m excessive shading

Site address: 7 Queens Close Balsham Cambridgeshire

Reference: 22/1154/TTPO

Public Access link: <https://applications.gretercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/1154/TTPO>

PC Decision: No objections

Proposal: Ash - Fell.

Site address: 100 Aisle Barn High Street Balsham

Reference: 22/1119/TTCA

Public Access link: <https://applications.gretercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/1119/TTCA>

PC Decision: No objections

Proposal: T1 Sycamore Shorten lateral branches by 2-3m back to boundary and suitable growth points, this will improve shape of tree

T2 Ash Shorten lateral branches by 3-4m, back to boundary and suitable growth points and reduce over extended limbs by 3-4m.

Site address: 2 Fox Road Balsham Cambridgeshire

Reference: 22/1094/TTCA

Public Access link: <https://applications.gretercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/1094/TTCA>

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

10. Allotment update:

a) Allotment inspections: Heather Pierce and the Clerk will carry out inspections and write to allotment tenants that need to make improvements to their allotments.

b) Hedge cutting: The PC agreed for 2 days work to be undertaken and then it will be assessed before another decision is made.

11. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

a) Adult gym equipment – Discussion regarding cricket club: The adult gym equipment has been installed and the Clerk will obtain quotes for a path from the gate to the equipment.

b) Acoustic boards in the pavilion: Clerk to speak to the choir master about the boards.

c) Quotes for tree/hedge cutting at the recreation ground: The PC agreed the quotes from Herts and Cambridgeshire Grounds Maintenance.

12. Highway Matters:

a) Parking sign on Green for school parking: The sign has been installed and it is hoped that the position won't affect the Christmas tree.

c) Highways Improvement Scheme (next round of bids): Information about the scheme has been sent to Councillors and a new application will be arranged.

d) Highways meeting: The joint parishes Highway meeting has been arranged for 2nd November with Highways.

e) Fox Road sign: The sign still requires fixing.

13. Correspondence:

a) Bus shelter – Lower Farm: The quote will ask Handy Heroes for a quote for maintaining the bus shelter.

14. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 12/10/22 and any invoices/receipts received up until 17/10/22 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts (October 2022)		
Allotments		£ 280.00
Total Receipts		£ 280.00
Payments (October 2022)		
T Coston Salary	£ 1,018.55 Exp: £ 221.02 Pension £ 56.02	£ 1,024.35
M McCall (Gross £)	16.5 hours	£ 158.40
S Housden (Gross £)	£ 154.00	£ 154.00
Business Service at CAS (Insurance)		£ 1,751.23
Roger Scotland		£ 160.00
Saffron Security		£ 108.00
Herts and Cambridgeshire Grounds Maintenance		£ 126.00
Kleen windows		£ 30.00
HMRC		£ 766.17
Herts and Cambridgeshire Grounds Maintenance		£ 408.00
Total		£ 4,686.15

Bank Balances as at 12/10/2022

Community A/C: £ 4,092.98

H.I. Account: £ 166,622.22

3 month notice account (Lloyds) £ 42,490.67

Total £ **213,205.87**

b) Accounts and budget update: The accounts were discussed with the budget for 2023/24.

15. Area Report: Nothing to report.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting will be held on 21st November 2022 at 7.30 pm in Balsham Pavilion.

Meeting closed at: 10 pm.

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