

BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 7th August, 2023 at 7.30pm
in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)

Present: Gordon Fiddy, Steve Thurgood, Jennie Tipler, Heather Pierce, Paul Anderson, Nick Coates and Kim Pearson

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Also in attendance: Cllr Geoff Harvey, Cllr Henry Batchelor

Clerk: Tracy Coston

1. **Apologies for absence:** James Kiddy, Steve Wilcox
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. **To approve the Statement of Accounts/audit form 2022/23:** The PC approved that Statement of Accounts.
5. **To discuss the valuation of the Church Institute:** The valuation document has been received from Arkwright & Co. The Open market freehold valuation desktop valuation is £ 115,000 or £ 10,500 for rent. The valuer visited the Church Institute twice and spoke to two other values of similar properties. The PC discussed the purchase price and grants available and agreed that they were not interested in the increased rental amount of £ 10,500. The PC discussed the other financial obligations alongside the purchase price. Gordon Fiddy will speak to the Charity commission to ask their opinion. The PC will look at the conditions of the grant and assess what we can take from own funds and offer.
6. **Quotes for Prince Memorial:** The Prince Memorial is within the Conservation area and planning would have to be spoken to. The PC approved the paving around the map boards for £ 738.00 and the slabs to be put under the other bench.
7. **Plumian Way trees:** The PC do not own the trees that are overgrown. Ownership to be looked into.
8. **Allotments:** The paths will be cut again.
9. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next Parish Meeting will be held on 18th September, 2023 at 7.30 pm in Balsham Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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