

BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Monday 20th October, 2025 at 7.30 pm
in Balsham Pavilion (Green Room)

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence:**
- 2. Councillors are required to review the agenda, and to declare any pecuniary interest in any item.**
- 3. Public Participation (15 mins):**
- 4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th September, 2025:**
- 5. Report from District and County Councillor:**
- 6. Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Refurbishment of the old map board cases on Mays Ave Green and Rosie Green Wood
 - b) Trimming of Leylandii trees and cherry trees in High Street:
- 7. Solar Farm**
 - a) Approval/changes to the Terms of Reference to the Kingsway Alliance of Parish Councils.
 - b) Updates from Kingsway Solar Farm action group
 - c) Report from the Parish Council meeting with Kingsway Solar.
 - d) Discussion and agreement to the PC response to the Kingsway Consultation.
- 8. Planning:**
 - a) For Discussion:**

Proposal: T1 Conifer - Fell
T2 Apple - Fell
Site address: 1 Trinity Close Balsham Cambridgeshire
Reference: 25/1119/TTCA
Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/1119/TTCA>

Proposal: Single storey rear extension infill between existing single storey projections.
Site address: 45 High Street Balsham Cambridgeshire
Reference: 25/03754/LBC
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/03754/LBC>

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the extension to dropped kerbs to the front of the property to provide a wider driveway.
Site address: 12 Princes Close Balsham Cambridgeshire
Reference: 25/03791/CL2PD

Proposal: T1 - Ash - Work Required: Fell to ground level

Reason: The tree has multiple failed branches and a significantly hollow, decayed trunk. Due to its structural instability, it poses a serious risk to both the adjacent property and the nearby road. Removal is necessary on safety grounds.

Site address: 1 Orchard Close Balsham Cambridgeshire

Reference: 25/1035/TTPO

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/1035/TTPO>

b) Decisions

SCDC Approved Red Horse Chestnut - C1 - Pollard to 5m from ground level, crown is dying and the tree is in decline.

Site address: 95 High Street Balsham Cambridgeshire

Reference: 25/0868/TTCA

9. Allotment update

- a) Update on vacant allotments
- b) Removal of bamboo
- c) Community Orchard update
- d) Allotment improvement grant
- e) Cutting of allotment paths/community orchard/hedges

10. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

- a) Solar panel installation
- b) Emptying of grass containers
- c) Cutting back/removing the leylandii hedge at Balsham Recreation Ground.

11. Highway Matters:

- a) Change of Highways Officers for Balsham
- b) Church Lane

12. Correspondence:

- a) Condition of a tree in The Rookery

- 13. Finance:-** Receipts and payments up to 15/10/25 and any invoices/receipts received up until 20/10/25 will be considered at the meeting.

a)

Receipts		
Allotment rents	Rent	£ 377.50
TAC	Cricket Club rent	£ 650.00
SCDC	Precept	£ 39,000.00
Copper Consultants	Solar Farm Pavilion booking	£ 300.00
Pavilion booking	Funeral	£ 45.00
Total Receipts		£ 40,372.50
Payments (October)		
T Coston Salary (October)	£ 1,512.55(Gross) Tax/NI £ 129.96 Exp: £ 165.25 Pension £ 83.19	£ 1,464.65
M McCall	£ 375.00 (Gross) £ 75.00 (Tax) £ 33.40 (Ex)	£ 333.40
S Housden	Cleaner – Gross	£ 210.00
British Gas	Pavilion electricity	£ 49.01
Cambridgeshire Pensions	Clerk's pension x 2 months	£ 806.20
Tracy Coston	Key cutting	£ 31.50
Microsoft 365	Subscription	£ 23.04
Jennie Tipler	Tap fittings	£ 21.20
Community Business Suffolk	PC Insurance	£ 2,002.70
Balsham PCC	Church yard maintenance	£ 300.00
Saffron Security	Alarm maintenance	£ 109.20
Kleen Windows	Bus shelter cleaning	£ 30.00
PKF Audits	External Audit	£ 426.00
Herts and Cambs	Grasscutting	£ 534.00
EBay	Router for pavilion	£ 179.99
TOTAL		£ 6,520.89

Bank Balances as at 15/10/2025

Community A/C:	£ 3,380.35
H.I. Account:	£ 153,045.70
3 month notice account (Lloyds)	£ 43,871.51
Total	£ 200,297.56

14. Area Report:

- 15. Date of Next Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 17th November, 2025 in Balsham Pavilion.

Signed (Clerk)

J Coston

Date 15/10/2025