

BALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Monday 16th March, 2026 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 16th February, 2026:**
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) Pump track project
 - c) Post at recreation ground car park
 - d) Development off Fox Road/High Street update
 - e) Housing Needs Survey
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
8. **Planning:**
 - a) **For Discussion:**

Proposal: Ash Tree - Fell and base ground out.
Reason - dying decayed ash tree stump (height 7ft, girth 5ft) 3 ft from public footpath through churchyard -
It is intended to be replaced by a mountain ash (rowan) tree sapling.
Site address: Holy Trinity Church Church Lane Balsham
Reference: 26/0213/TTCA
Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/0213/TTCA>

Proposal: Birch Tree x 4 - Crown reduction up to 3m, and thinning out of crossing branches 25%.
Site address: 11A West Wratting Road Balsham Cambridgeshire
Reference: 26/0149/TTCA
Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/0149/TTCA>
 - b) **Decisions**

Proposal: Demolition of the existing garage and side annex. Part single storey and part two storey side and rear extensions with new front porch.
Site address: 21 Princes Close Balsham Reference: 26/00374/HFUL
Application withdrawn

Proposal: 6-7 trees (ash, field maple, birch) crown raise the trees overhanging Fox Road to 4.5-5m above ground level.

Site address: 121 High Street Balsham Cambridgeshire

Reference: 26/0068/TTCA

SCDC approved application

Proposal: Tree shown in photo 1 - Remove tree to ground level as a new driveway is going to be built where the gate is situated in photo 2.

Cherry tree in photo 3 - Crown reduce by 1.5m to remove weight from tree and reduce overhang over driveway.(see photo)

Cherry tree in photo 4 - Reduce height by 2 metres and reshape/crown reduce tree to rebalance due to UK power removing one side of tree to clear power lines.

Site address: 108 High Street Balsham Reference: 26/0022/TTCA

SCDC approved application

Description: Single storey rear extension.

Address: 3 Anvil Close Balsham Reference: 25/04952/HFUL

SCDC approved application

Description: Single storey side extension. Erection of porch canopy to front and dormer to rear roof.

Address: 2 Queens Close Balsham Reference: 26/00017/HFUL

SCDC approved application

Description: Retrospective change of use of existing Highways verge to residential curtilage.

Address: 1 School Lane Balsham Reference: 25/05058/FUL

SCDC approved application

9. Allotment update

- a) Update on vacant allotments
- b) Removal of bamboo
- c) Community Orchard update - volunteers
- d) Allotment improvement grant
- e) Letter regarding 'No Parking sign' at Princes Close allotments

10. Recreation Ground/Pavilion

- a) Solar Panel registration with British Gas
- b) Update on cutting back/removing the leylandii hedge at Balsham Recreation Ground and replacing the fence and hedge.
- c) Replacement pavilion heaters update
- d) Replacement fascia/downpipes/guttering quote

11. Highway Matters:

- a) Update from Balsham Speedwatch and request for speed calming measures.
- b) Road Sign – Cambridge Road, High Street drain, street light 34, and Hildersham Road ditch all reported.

12. Correspondence:

- a) Parish Council elections 7th May. 2026
- b) IT policy

13. Finance:- Receipts and payments up to 11/03/2026 and any invoices/receipts received up until 16/03/2026 will be considered at the meeting.

a)


Payments (February)		
T Coston Salary (February)	£ 1,512.55(Gross) Tax/NI £ 130.16 Exp: £ 172.56 Pension £ 83.19	£ 1,471.76
M McCall	£ 405.00 (Gross) £ 81.00 (Tax) £ 110.23 (Ex)	£ 434.23
S Housden	Cleaner – Gross	£ 210.00
British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£ 479.14
P & C Electrical	Pavilion Wi-fi Heaters	£ 2,666.72
Santander	Bank charges	£ 4.99
E & E	Sim for pavilion	£ 27.00
Mark Channells	Fertiliser for orchard	£ 55.76
Rob Ellam	Map boards in High Street	£ 642.00
Kleen Windows	Bus shelter	£ 30.00
Cambridgeshire Pension	2 x months	£ 765.34
Cambridgeshire Acre	Membership	£ 74.50
Falcon Tree Specialists	Laurel hedge and planting	£ 2,208.00
British Gas Lite	Pavilion Electricity	£ 979.81
TOTAL		£ 10,049.25

Bank Balances as at 11/03/2026

Community A/C:	£	3,437.08
H.I. Account:	£	116,045.47
3 month notice account (Lloyds)	£	43,871.51
Total	£	163,354.06

14. Area Report:

15. Date of Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 20th April, 2026 in Balsham Pavilion.

Signed (Clerk) 

Date 11/03/2026