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Balsall Parish Council Meeting

**Approved Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 August 2017
at 7pm in the Westlake Room, The Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common
CV7 7FF**

Minutes

Present: Councillor Judy Lea (Chair), Councillor Will Heard, Councillor Christina O'Sullivan, Councillor Helen Dean, Councillor Sheila Cooper, Councillor Marie-Louise Marsden, Councillor Richard Lloyd and approximately 7 members of the Public.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Tattum.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Forum

A member of the public commented that he felt the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 19 July 2017 did not say very much of the Parish Council's activities, for example items 11.3 where a report of a meeting with Anne Brereton was noted and 18.1 regarding the closed session. The question was raised that although 18.1 contained three resolutions that were somewhat meaningless it was assumed that they all relate to the Staffing Committee and therefore the Clerk as employee of the council.

The Chair replied that the closed session was confidential.

The member of the public continued to say that regarding item 11.3, which was an item noted but with no discussion or report on the matters involved and this

appeared to be a cover up. The member of the public requested that this point is taken on board and such minutes should not be issued in the future.

The Chair replied to say that the item had no proposal and no resolution and therefore no action for the Parish Council.

There was support with a further comment from another member of the public that this amounted to a failure to report the work of the Parish Council, was remiss and below the standards expected.

A member of the public queried whether the report would be available under a FOI request. It was pointed out that the previous Clerk's contact details were on the website for information requests.

There was a further query on accuracy of website information on members to committees for example Finance and General Purposes Committee. This was said to be not accurate as it was understood that Councillor Cooper had left the Committee.

The Chair indicated that all details of members to Committees, Working Groups and Outside bodies would be updated. It was confirmed that Councillor Cooper had been asked to stand down from some roles for the moment for reasons which will not be declared and there will be another councillor nomination to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The Chair emphasised that there was not an agenda item to discuss resolutions under item 18.1 of the Parish Council Meeting of 19 July and these are confidential. She also requested that the public forum refrain from this line of questioning to allow the business on the agenda to take place.

Questions from the public continued with questions relating to the resolutions taken in the private agenda of the 19 July 2017. Due to the disturbance caused, Councillor Heard proposed that the meeting be called to a halt; this was confirmed by the Chair and the meeting was suspended at 7.21pm.

Due to disruption to the business agenda, representatives from Virgin Media who were present for item 6 of the agenda, made their apologies which were accepted and they left the meeting prior to its adjournment.

Due to the suspension of the meeting, members of the public who attended the meeting to make comment regarding planning matters at agenda item 14 were unable to do so. These matters will be dealt with at the next available Parish Council meeting.

SIGNED **Mark Tattum (Chairman)** **DATE**