



Newsletter

March/April 2019

Supporting Our Community



Balsall Parish Council

The Chairman's Annual Report and parish council elections

The Chairman's Annual Report for 2018/19 which is the last year of the current 4-year term of this Parish Council is available now on our website. Please take the time to read what we have achieved this year and consider if you would like to stand for election and become a Parish Councillor for the next 4-year term. If you are interested, please contact the council Clerk on the email address at the end of this newsletter or visit the office. You can also get the information from the SMBC web site.

Willow Park

Please take the time to visit Willow Park, we have supported the resident's group "Friends of Willow Park" to help renovate the park and finally end the vandalism. It has been a great success - the residents have cleared undergrowth, planted new trees, planted bulbs and now Balsall Parish Council have funded the new play equipment. There is more to come too. There will be a path and keep fit equipment installed for the summer.



Solihull Local Plan

Balsall Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on 13th March to discuss and conclude our response to the Solihull Local Plan. The meeting was very well attended by residents we had not seen at meetings before. Our response as agreed by all highlighted that housing should not extend the built-up area boundary south of Balsall Street and Balsall Street Street East. A new primary school should be prioritised as well as the bypass for the HS2 traffic and a new village centre. The detailed response can be found on our website on the home page.

During March we held the following Meetings

6th March Neighbourhood Development Plan recommended approval of the submission version of the Plan -13th March Solihull Local Plan – 20th March Parish Council Meeting
All minutes from these meetings are available on our website.

HS2 update

Councillors attended the HS2 Implementation Advisory Group meeting at Solihull Council on Thursday 21st March. To see the HS2 presentation to this group go to our web site – go to public documents – HS2 Update is on the top right of the page.

Whilst at that meeting, we asked HS2 to organise a Drop-in Session for residents to attend out of working hours. We will update you when they give us a date on our Facebook page.

The gang show

2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group and Galileo Explorers proudly presented their Gang show at The Heart of England School for two nights last weekend. All members of the group from ages 6-18, plus a section of leaders, performed a variety of songs, dances and comedy sketches as entertainment. What a wonderful evening, Balsall Parish Council was invited too, and it was a great community event. Praise indeed to all involved not only to all the performers and the leaders but to all who helped with the organisation and planning.



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