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## **Balsall Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 11th August 2021 at 7:30pm**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Liz Macdonald, Cllr Marion Keeley, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Richard Drake, Cllr Keith Tindall, Cllr Michael Ellender, Cllr David Slatter, Cllr Kay Howles  
Clerk Tracey Carpenter

**1. Public Forum**

There were four members of the public present

**2. Apologies**

Ward Cllr Diane Howell, Ward Cllr Ken Allsopp

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Marion Keeley declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item 17.

**4. Council approved as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**5. Council received an update from HS2, LM and BBV about current works in the area, associated traffic management etc., future updates to be arranged**

**6. Council received an update from the Chairman of the Working Group on the Balsall Common Centre Master Plan public exhibition and consultations in July**

**(6.1)** no issues were raised

**(6.2)** Council approved the revised Ways of Working for the Balsall Common Centre Masterplan Group

**7. Progress Reports**

**(7.1)** 19.07.21 letter sent to Saqib Bhatti MP about the proposed changes to planning laws outlined in the recent Queen's Speech to Parliament, no response received as yet

**(7.2)** Council noted training sessions attended in July

(7.3) Council noted interest has been registered for ping pong tables to be installed in Willow Park Balsall Common in the future should additional funding become available.

(7.4) Oldwich Lane's footpath – Council noted a scheme is being developed to deal with the back of footway and the flooding, awaiting further updates from Highways, SMBC

8. **Proposals** to receive update on management and maintenance on local defibrillators  
**Deferred** to the September meeting

9. Council approved the draft Terms of Reference for the Cemetery Working Group and noted the first meeting had been between all members, the cemetery consultant and clerk

10. **Accounts:**

(10.1) Council approved Bank Reconciliation for the period 01.07.21 – 31.07.21

(10.2) The Cashbook and Reserve Movements reports for July 2021 were noted

(10.3) The following payments using General Power of Competence for the month of August 2021 were noted

Invoice Date	Payment Method	Payee	Budget Heading	Gross £	VAT £
01.08.21	S.O.	Office Rent	Admin/Office Rent	600.00	-
15.08.21	D.D.	Smart Pension TC July	Salary/pension/NI	-	-
15.08.21	D.D.	TC August salary	Salary/pension/NI	-	-
21.07.21	D.D.	Vodafone	Admin/Tele & Internet	36.77	6.13
15.07.21	BACS	Viking Direct	Admin/Printing	29.82	4.97
26.07.21	BACS	J Parry-Evans	Cemetery/Records	550.00	-
30.07.21	BACS	A Burrows exhibition printing	Street scene / village improvements	102.00	17.00
30.07.21	BACS	A Burrows exhibition printing	Street scene / village improvements	232.76	7.12
30.07.21	BACS	A Burrows exhibition volunteer refreshments	Street scene / village improvements	53.00	2.28
13.07.21	DD	Waterplus 10.4 – 10.7	Cemetery/Rates	19.41	-
06.07.21	BACS	T Carpenter expenses	Office Move/stationery	122.66	18.71
25.07.21	BACS	Pied Piper July Moles	Cemetery/grounds	102.00	17.00
01.08.21	BACS	Fairways August	Willow Park	336.00	56.00
01.08.21	BACS	Fairways August	Cemetery	707.00	117.83
01.08.21	BACS	Fairways August	Oakley	317.00	52.84
31.07.21	BACS	AMS inspec 7.6-26.7	Recreation/Safety Insp.	360.00	-
01.08.21	BACS	Jubilee Centre exhibition room hire	Street Scene/Village centre improvements	180.00	-
01.08.21	BACS	SLCC 1.8.21 – 31.7.22	Admin/subscriptions	234.00	-
15.08.21	BACS	B Ball Summer planters	Street Scene	525.00	-

11. **Proposal** to receive updates on progress since correspondence exchanged for quiet lanes, speed limit issues and street sign clutter:

(11.1) quiet lanes - to note the response from Solihull Highways to the council's ask to designate our single track lanes as Quiet Lanes; to agree a forward plan

(11.2) speed limit issues - to note the response from Solihull Highways to the council's ask to reduce speeds on a number of roads; to agree a forward plan

(11.3) street sign clutter

**(11.3a)** to note the response from Solihull Highways to the council's ask to declutter road signs along the A452 Kenilworth Road

**(11.3b)** to approve the establishment of a Working Group to work with Solihull Highways on decluttering road and other street infrastructure

The above updates were noted

A working group of Cllr Macdonald, Cllr Slatter and Cllr Tindall to work with Solihull Highways on decluttering and other street infrastructure was approved.

12. Council approved applying to the HS2/Solihull Road Safety fund including to fund a Pedestrian crossing between the George-in-the- Tree and Dengate roundabouts  
**(12.1)** Council noted the website for registering applications: <https://hs2rsfssolihull.commonplace.is/> suggestions including pedestrian crossing etc. amongst others were discussed. It was agreed the Clerk would write to SMBC
13. Council agreed to write to WM Police Camera Enforcement Unit and invite them to discuss using mobile camera enforcement on Kenilworth Road and Kelsey Lane
14. Council noted there were no updates on progress since comments submitted on:  
**(14.1)** Potential Closure of Lay-by B4101 Balsall Street  
**(14.2)** Potential Prohibition of Driving on Hob Lane between B4101 Balsall Street and Piercil End
15. Council noted the outcome of the reconvened HS2 Planning Committee Thursday 29th July HS2 PL/2021/00471/HS2DIS - WASTE LANE SCH 17 in particular  
**(15.1)** Solihull Planning Committee unanimously refused the Schedule 17 application. Decision can be found at:  
[https://publicaccess.solihull.gov.uk/online-applications/files/A204DAEC0D08AE455E1937E325DDD934/pdf/PL\\_2021\\_00471\\_HS2\\_DIS-REFUSAL\\_HS2-1461574.pdf](https://publicaccess.solihull.gov.uk/online-applications/files/A204DAEC0D08AE455E1937E325DDD934/pdf/PL_2021_00471_HS2_DIS-REFUSAL_HS2-1461574.pdf)  
**(15.2)** Council congratulated all those who objected so effectively to the route and worked effectively together to raise concerns with the Planning Committee  
**(15.3)** Council agreed it should respond to any appeal by HS2
16. Council noted the verbal report on the July Area Committee Meeting AGM
17. Council considered the Proposed Diversion Footpath M166, Oldwich Lane East, Fen End, CV8 1NR and agreed to support proposal
18. Council agreed it should be represented in person at the Examination of the Solihull Local Plan. Clerk to write and inform the Programme Officer.  
As well as making representations the council agreed that Cllr Macdonald, Cllr Tindall and JPE would review the submitted SLP to see if it had incorporated our requested changes and if not would work on the Statement for October submission and basis for our representation.
19. Council agreed to write to WHP Telecoms on the mast proposal advising while it welcomed 5G could not support the proposed location.
20. **Planning Applications**  
**(20.1)** To consider the following Planning Applications;  
**PL/2021/02043/MINFHO Tudor Green Lane Balsall Common:** Description of Development: two storey front/side together with single storey extensions to front and rear to form new entrance lobby, comments due 01.09.21

**PL/2021/02041/TPO 146 Kenilworth Road Balsall Common Solihull Coventry CV7 7EW** Description of Development: Fell and remove, including stump grinding, oak tree at the front right of property, comments due 24.08.21

Council resolved to object to the application and ask that tree T1 be retained due to its contribution to the streetscene, and that tree T2 should not be reduced asymmetrically due to the long-term effect on the tree, but that both trees could be reduced in a balanced fashion to the satisfaction of the Tree Officer.

**PL/2021/01444/MINFHO Balsall Farmhouse Magpie Lane Balsall Common CV7 7AW** Description of Development: Construction of wooden garden building to be used as office and outdoor entertainment room. The wooden unit will be placed on a concrete base. Please see picture showing indicative design width 9.5m, depth 4.0m, height 2.5m, comments due 03.08.21

**PL/2021/01388/MINFHO Edelweiss Balsall Street Balsall Common Solihull Coventry CV7 7AS** Description of Development: Dropping of a kerb to allow vehicular access to driveway of property. Kerb located on a classified road, comments due 05.08.21

**PL/2021/01855/MINFHO 3 Bracebridge Close Balsall Common Solihull Coventry CV7 7QJ** Description of Development: Ground floor rear extension with internal alterations, comments due 10.08.21

**PL/2021/01901/MINFHO 17 Wootton Green Lane Balsall Common Solihull Coventry CV7 7EZ** Description of Development: Single storey front extension and canopy, comments due 11.08.21

**PL/2021/01734/MINFHO 316 Kenilworth Road CV7 7ER** Description of Development: Two storey extension together with ground floor rear infill, comments due 11.08.21

**PL/2021/01465/MINFHO Forge House Table Oak Lane Meer End CV81PZ** Description of Development: Single storey extension to rear of the property, comments due 09.08.21

**PL/2021/01980/TPO 201 Needlers End Lane Balsall Common** Description of Development: Blue spruce tree (A), selective pruning for infrastructure and health and safety, comments due 12.08.21

Council resolved to object to the application due to concern that the proposed reduction was too severe, but that the tree could be reduced in a balanced fashion to the satisfaction of the Tree Officer.

**(20.2)** To note the following Planning Determinations;

**PL/2021/01392/ADV 442 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common** Erect building fascia signs to proposed building – comments by 9th September **APPROVED**

**PL/2021/01625/MINFHO 11 Tidmarsh Close, Balsall Common:** One and a half storey extension to rear to form kitchen, dining and family room, with new bedroom and bathroom, new dormers to sides, and new canopy porch to front and side – comments due 8th July – **APPROVED**

**(20.3)** Awaiting planning decisions;

**PL/2021/01167/MINFHO 662 Kenilworth Road** – Description of development: Two storey rear extension with a flat roof, single storey rear extension with a flat roof - comments due by 7th June - **PENDING**

**Shell Waitrose, 442 Kenilworth Road** – Description Premises Licence Application - comments 07.06.21, requested extension

**PL/2021/00776/MINFHO 14 Foxes Way** – Description of Development: Two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/00945/MINFHO 680 Kenilworth Road** – Description of development: Single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, two storey and first floor front extensions and new covered porch way – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01360/MAJFOT Land At 722 Kenilworth Road and Land Adjacent To Harper Fields Care Home** – Description of Development: Hybrid application: Full permission for 95 dwellings comprising 55 open market and 40 affordable housing, with associated access, parking, and landscape and outline application for 5 self-build plots, with access discharged – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01213/TPO 32 Stoneton Crescent Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7QG** – Description of Development: Fell and remove low amenity oak tree (T1) covering house and gardens with heavy lean towards the property. Significant deadwood present and evidence of damaged, rubbing branches above seating/patio area. Cracks appear in house over winter season. Replant a smaller, more decorative tree – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01621/MINFHO 18 Saracen Drive, Balsall Common** – Description of Development: Ground floor side extension to link to existing detached garage and store to include alterations to existing store – comments by 12th July – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01533/MINFHO 108 Needlers End Lane, Balsall Common** – Description of Development: Two storey rear extension alterations and pitched roof to front garage – comments by 12th July – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01541/MINFHO 31 Wootton Green Lane, Balsall Common** Description of Development: Extension and alterations to existing outbuilding – comments by 21st July – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01584/MINFHO 26 Wootton Green Lane Balsall Common CV7 7EZ** – Description of Development: one and a half storey extension to rear to form kitchen, dining and family room, with new bedroom and bathroom, new dormers to sides, and new canopy porch to front and side – comments by 21st July – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01136/MINFHO 7 Burberry Grove Balsall Common CV7 7RB** Description of Development: Two storey side extension – comments by 23rd July – **PENDING**

**PL/2021/01671/MINFHO 16 Blythe Avenue Balsall Common** Description of Development: Demolition of existing kitchen & utility extension, construction of single storey side garage extension, rear dining room extension and front porch extension – comments by 26th July – **PENDING**

21. **Proposal** to discuss the formation of a committee of local people to consider options for the commemoration of the Covid pandemic, and terms of reference  
**Deferred** to the October meeting
22. **Correspondence**  
**None**
23. **Date and Venue of Next Meeting:**  
Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 8th September 2021, 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 112 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FF

The meeting finished at 9:25pm

Signed: .....  
Chairman Cllr Liz Macdonald

Date .....