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Balsall Parish Council Meeting 8 December 2021

Present: Chairman Cllr Liz MacDonald, Cllr Richard Drake, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Michael Ellender, Cllr Keith Tindall, Cllr Marion Keeley, Cllr Kay Howles, Cllr Sara Kirby

MINUTES

1. Public Forum

There were 7 members of the public present

2. Apologies

Cllr David Slatter, Ward Councillors & Tracey Carpenter, Clerk.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Council approved as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 subject to a correction: Item 3, should be Planning Application PL/2021/02713/PPFL

At this point the Council agreed to hear views on the Planning Application for 88/90 Station Road as several members of the public were in attendance as nearby residents of the properties.

5. Council received an update from the Cemetery Working Group

(5.1) Council accepted the CWG's recommendation to appoint Independent Memorial Inspections (IMI) to carry out the Memorial Inspection and Making Safe of Memorials at Temple Balsall Cemetery. IMI were chosen after a bid evaluation of submitted tenders had been completed.

(5.2) Council approved the cost of the memorial inspection plus any associated costs

6. Proposal to receive updates on previous resolutions not on the agenda

Cllr MacDonald reported on a meeting with Solihull Highways. A large response received to the HS2 Safety Fund consultation, main concern was speeding through the village.

(6.1) Potential Closure of Lay-by B4101 Balsall Street – some discussion with SMBC including reducing foliage between layby and road to improve visibility.

(6.2) Potential Prohibition of Driving on Hob Lane between B4101 Balsall Street and

Piercil End – site meeting to be arranged with SMBC and Barston PC – no date arranged as yet

(6.3) Examination of the Solihull Local Plan

Matter 10 Promoting quality of place – submission made, hearing 2nd December.

Not asked to participate.

(6.4) Streetcare/Grime Busters – working in the Meriden Ward w/c 29th November, requested jobs list submitted

(6.5) Christmas Lights Cllr MacDonald reported on the “switch on”. It was agreed to write to those who helped including Balsall Common Lions, the Primary School Choir, SMBC, Shane Collins (for the mince pies). Council also thanked Cllr MacDonald for providing chocolates and the Clerk for her organisation of the event.

(6.6) Pavement outside St Peter's Church, hall & vicarage. Agreed to write to St Peters with disappointing response from SMBC indicating not a priority for action

(6.7) Agreed to write to Pied Piper with appreciation of the respect shown by their operative at the Temple Balsall Remembrance Day wreath laying.

7. Council noted an update report from the Chairman of the Working Group on the progress of the Balsall Common Centre Master Plan project

8. Accounts:

(8.1) Council noted bank account balances as of 30th November 2021

Unity Trust Bank £80,428.49

Santander £78,512.37

Multipay Card £ -

(8.2) Council noted the following payments using General Power of Competence for the month of December 2021

Invoice Date	Method /Invoice	Payee	Budget	Gross £	VAT £
01.12.21	s.o.	Office Rent December	Admin/Office Rent	600.00	-
15.12.21	dd	Pension TC November	Salary/pension/NI	-	-
24.12.21	dd	TC December salary	Salary/pension/NI	-	-
04.12.21	dd	Vodafone	Admin/Tele & Internet	22.00	3.67
30.11.21	005/21	J Parry-Evans	Cemetery/ManProject	350.00	-
26.11.21	300921	VH room hire July-Sept	Admin/roomhire	45.00	-
16.11.21	1827	DM Payroll ½ year	Prof/Accountancy	76.00	-
15.11.21	Expenses	T Carpenter	Admin/office	12.99	-
25.11.21	Expenses	T Carpenter	Choir thank you gifts	28.70	-
21.11.21	3182	Pied Piper Nov Moles	Cemetery/grounds	102.00	17.00
01.12.21	12620	Fairways December	Willow Park/Grounds	336.00	56.00
01.12.21	12620	Fairways December	Cemetery/Grounds	707.00	117.83
01.12.21	12620	Fairways December	Oakley/Grounds	317.00	52.84
16.11.21	1489	Fairways	2 Christmas Trees	427.20	71.20
26.11.21	35528	HeritEdge underpayment	Admin/IT	15.20	-
15.12.21	1279	AMS insp 1.11-29.11	Rec/Safety Insp.	225.00	-

(8.3) To note the approved grant of £5,000 awarded to BC Festival Committee for contribution towards the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations to be paid in two instalments – 1st payment £3,000 December 2021, 2nd payment £2,000 April 2022

(8.4) Council noted receipts for November 2021

Month Received	From	Description	Amount
November	Pollard Memorials	Additional inscription	55.00
TOTAL			£55.00

(8.5) Council noted Parish CIL spending for the last financial year in the Infrastructure Funding Statement. It was agreed this should show the date receipts received.

9. Planning Applications

(9.1) Council considered the following **Planning Applications;**

PL/2021/02978/TPO

175 Station Road Crown reduction of 3 - 4 metres of oak tree (720 T1) in decline, excessive die-back.

It was agreed Cllr Lloyd would draft a request to the Forestry Officer to inspect the tree and agree a specification of any work to be done in line with BS3998

PL/2021/02700/TPO

Land To The Side Of 5 Ashley Way Reduce the height of the Oak trees back to previous pruning points or up to a 20% reduction in height (which ever the greater extent of pruning), and gently shape back into the remaining sections of the canopies (i.e. the sides).

Council was disappointed at the lack of detail contained in the application. It was agreed Cllr Lloyd would draft a request to the Forestry Officer to inspect the tree and agree a specification of any work to be done in line with BS399.

PL/2021/02999/MINFHO

603 Kenilworth Road Single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage space to provide habitable accommodation and internal alterations. No objection.

PL/2021/02921/MINFHO

16 Blythe Avenue Demolition of previous kitchen & utility extension & construction of side garage, rear dining & front porch extensions to semi-detached bungalow. (Re-submission of approved application PL/2021/01671/MINFHO) .No objection.

PL/2021/03020/TPO

42 Arden Close Fell oak tree (T1) due to location in neighbour's garden close to boundary and over dominates garden of 42 Arden Close.

It was agreed Cllr Lloyd would draft a response.

PL/2021/03086/PPFL

88 & 90 Station Road Demolition of part of 90 Station Road, formation of access way and erection of 4 detached houses with associated detached garages, parking, landscaping and associated site works on unused land between Station Road and Stoneton Crescent - Revised scheme comments.

(NB this item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as several residents living nearby were in attendance BUT is minuted here)

A lengthy discussion took place with contributions from councillors and residents. It was agreed to object to the application. Cllr Tindall agreed to draft the objection.

(9.2) Council noted the following Planning Determinations;

PL/2021/01444/MINFHO	Balsall Farmhouse Magpie L Balsall	WITHDRAWN
PL/2021/02360/MINFHO	20 Balsall Street East	GRANTED
PL/2021/02612/MINFHO	7 Alder Lane CV7 7DZ	REFUSED

(9.3) Awaiting planning decisions;

PL/2021/02002/TPO	90 Station Road	PENDING
PL/2021/02180/PPFL	Fernhill Farm Fernhill Lane	PENDING
PL/2021/02223/MINFHO	132 Station Road Balsall	PENDING
PL/2021/01980/TPO	201 Needlers End Lane Balsall Common	PENDING
Shell Waitrose	Premises Licence Application	PENDING
PL/2021/01360/MAJFOT	Land At 722 Kenilworth Road and Land Adjacent To Harper Fields Care Home	PENDING
PL/2021/01213/TPO	32 Stoneton Crescent Balsall Common	PENDING
PL/2021/02235/VAR	Brook Farm Oldwich Lane East	PENDING
PL/2021/02445/TPO	74 Needlers End Lane	PENDING
PL/2021/02713/PPFL	Moat Barn, Oldwich Lane	PENDING
PL/2021/02691/MINFHO	5 Dunchurch Close	PENDING
PL/2021/02726/MINFHO	755 Kenilworth Road	PENDING
PL/2021/02724/PNCUDW	Holly Bush Farm	PENDING
PL/2021/02858/TPO	Resubmission following part refusal	PENDING
PL/2021/02858/TPO	146 Kenilworth Road Crown reduce oak	PENDING

10. Correspondence

(10.1) An email has been received regarding the possibility of developing 1.4 acre of land on 722 Kenilworth Road CV7 7HD - WM189705, wishing to discuss with the Parish Council.

Council agreed not to meet the correspondent. The land is in the Greenbelt and not part of the Solihull Local Plan.

(10.2) An email had been received from a resident concerned about speeding and traffic on Kelsey. Although believed to be a Berkswell Resident Cllr MacDonald agreed to respond (copying the Clerk and Chairman of Berkswell)

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting
To be confirmed

The meeting finished at 8.50.
