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Balsall Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Cllr Liz Macdonald, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Richard Drake, Cllr Michael Ellender, Cllr Sara Kirby, Cllr Kay Howles, Cllr Keith Tindall, Cllr Marion Keeley, Cllr David Slatter (minute taker)

1. Public Forum

There were five members of the public present plus two representatives from ENSO Energy (see point 5)

(1.1) Comments taken from a resident on agenda item. 11 755 Kenilworth Road

(1.2) No representations made by the public

2. Apologies

Ward Cllr Ken Allsopp, Ward Cllr Tony Diccico, Ward Cllr Diane Howell,
Clerk Tracey Carpenter

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 11.1 - Planning Application PL/2021/02724/PNCUDW - Cllr Keeley

4. Council approved as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 – Proposed Cllr Macdonald, Seconded Cllr Keeley

5. **Proposal** to receive a presentation from ENSO Energy. Further information <https://ensoenergy.co.uk/enso-projects/honiley-road-solar-farm>

Presentation received from Enso Energy Project Developer and Planning Consultant followed by questions. Whilst the solar farm site is not within the parish it was confirmed that the cable linking the site to the National Grid Berkswell site would pass through Balsall and Berkswell parishes. There have been modifications to the proposals following the public consultation and the site would remain designated as greenfield. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Balsall Parish Council website.

6. **Proposal** to approve a Grant application received from the Festival Committee for a Platinum Jubilee Music Festival in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, amount £8,000, event date Friday 3rd June 2022.
After discussion a grant of £5,000 was approved, the maximum allowed under the council's Grant policy; it was agreed that it could be made in 2 tranches in the current and next financial year to enable commitments to be made. The clerk to discuss the timing of the grant with the Festival Committee
7. **Proposal** to receive an update from the Cemetery Working Group
CWG Chairman gave the update which covered the following;
- The Diocese Faculty has given permission for the work to take place
 - Bids from the tender will be looked at on the 16th November
 - Scoring of the tenders will be completed by 24th November
 - A report will be submitted on the preferred supplier by 2nd December in time for the next Parish Council meeting
 - Further details on the work will be published in the next edition of The Bugle
 - It is envisaged that the work will be starting 10th January 2022
8. **Proposal** to receive updates on previous resolutions not on the agenda
Council noted the updates on the agenda and verbal updates provided by the Chair
- (8.1) Potential Closure of Lay-by B4101 Balsall Street – no update from SMBC
- (8.2) Potential Prohibition of Driving on Hob Lane between B4101 Balsall Street and Piercil End – site meeting to be arranged with SMBC and Barston PC – Still waiting for SMBC to arrange a date to meet.
- (8.3) WM Police Camera Enforcement Unit have been contacted regarding the possibility of mobile cameras on Kenilworth Road and Kelsey Lane – they are going to look at the casualty stats for that area whilst SMBC have been contacted requesting that speed surveys are conducted. SMBC written response was to advise the council to apply to the HS2 Road Safety Fund. At the quarterly meeting with Highways it was suggested using average speed cameras on the A452; Council were supportive of this proposal.
- (8.4) Examination of the Solihull Local Plan – update. Council noted that SMBC has confirmed at the Examination that the concept masterplans are illustrative and not binding.
- * Matter 6a Housing Site allocation- Statement submitted and representation made at hearings on 8th and 9th November. This appears to have resulted in agreeing some of our asks on Frog Lane (no vehicular access to Frog Lane, excluding the playing fields, allotments from the site boundary and leave them in the Green Belt; Trevallyn Stud no vehicular access to Wootton Green Lane)
 - *Matter 10 Promoting quality of place – the Councils Statement was submitted, the hearing is on 2nd December
- (8.5) Air Quality – meeting 1st November with the Head of Planning and his colleagues from their public Protection team who work directly on air quality matters in a planning context. Despite 5 staff from SMBC coming to talk to us they only covered the same ground that had been set out in their letter but in a little more detail - gave the addresses of the diffuser tubes, confirmed they are now working and they would not be moving them. They did not propose anything more but did agree that as the AQ Mesh had passed its useful life and was unreliable that it could be removed. Councillors found the meeting to have been unproductive.
- (8.6) The RoSPA Annual Inspection Report for Willow Park and Oakley has been circulated to councillors. Council agreed that the Clerk should get costs for the remedial work set out in the summary with the exception of the MUGA (this has

been looked at previously and considered to be too expensive)

- (8.7) PRoW Willow Park – email received from SMBC. Council noted the contents of the email and decided that as the response did not dissent from creating an access to the PRoW from Willow Park that assent could be assumed
- (8.8) Willow Park Council noted that
- * daffodil bulbs were purchased and planted by Friends of Willow Park and supporters on 6th Nov
 - * to consider cutting back trees overhanging 41 Needlers End Lane & where to site new bench – no update
- (8.9) Streetcare/Grime Busters – working in the Meriden Ward w/c 29th November. Councillors were reminded to inform the Clerk of any areas that need cleaning, particularly signs.
- (8.10) Christmas Lights Switch On, Friday 26th Nov 3:30pm. Council noted that the Head Girl & Boy Hof E have accepted the invitation to switch on the lights and that the Balsall Common Primary School choir would be singing but still to hear from the Lions on Santa.
- (8.11) Centre planters – the summer bedding plants have now been exchanged for winter pansies and continue to provide colour and interest. Council asked the Clerk to write and thank Mr and Mrs Ball for their hard work and commitment to making the village centre look good with their planting.
- (8.12) Quarterly meeting with SMBC Highways – Council received a verbal update from the Chair and Cllr Tindall. A useful meeting covering a range of topics including an update on the Road Safety Fund which they are currently analysing but the main concern from Balsall Common was speed on the A452 hence the suggestion on using Average speed Cameras following a successful trial in 3 areas that had significantly changed driver behaviour. Council were thanked for their suggestions and asked to put them in priority order if not already done so. The decluttering signs order has been approved and passed to Balfour Beattie to action but as a non-priority may be some weeks. The flooding on the A452 at the Station Road roundabout and suggested checking the gully is blocked and report it using the Solihull Report a gully problem - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Report-a-gully-problem>

9. **Proposal** to note the update report from the Chairman of the Working Group on the progress of the Balsall Common Centre Master Plan project.
Council noted the report.

10. **Accounts:** All noted to consider whether another account is required if funds are going over the FCS £85,000 protection ceiling.

(10.1) To note bank account balances as of 31st October 2021

Unity Trust Bank	£93,140.37
Santander	£78,511.70
Multipay Card	£ 226.99

(10.2) To note the following payments using General Power of Competence for the month of November 2021

Invoice Date	Invoice / Method	Payee	Budget	Gross	Vat
24.10.21	59474	RoSPA	Recreation/inspections	370.80	61.80
01.11.21	s.o.	Conquira Nov	Admin/Office Rent	600.00	-
15.11.21	dd	Pension TC Oct	Salary/pension/NI	-	-

26.11.21	bacs	Salary TC Nov	Salary/pension/NI	-	-
04.11.21	dd	Vodafone	Admin/Tele & Internet	22.00	3.67
30.10.21	004/21	J Parry-Evans	Cemetery/ManProject	400.00	-
30.10.21	004/21	J Parry-Evans	Cemetery/Observer advert	252.00	-
26.10.21	21779	WALC Climate	Training Slatter	36.00	6.00
26.10.21	21778	WALC clerk's toolkit	Personnel/training	24.00	4.00
15.11.21	Expenses	T Carpenter	Memorial inspec postage	14.90	-
21.10.21	3161	Pied Piper Oct	Cemetery/grounds	102.00	17.00
01.11.21	12520	Fairways Nov	Willow Park/grounds	336.00	56.00
01.11.21	12520	Fairways Nov	Cemetery/grounds	707.00	117.83
01.11.21	12520	Fairways Nov	Oakley/grounds	317.00	52.84
15.10.21	35525	Edge set up Cllr	Admin/IT	36.00	6.00
15.10.21	35526	Edge Cllr 365	Admin/IT	42.19	7.03
20.10.21	0577	WALC Cllr book	Admin/stationery	5.00	-
14.10.21	35528	Edge mapping	Cemetery/IT	40.00	8.00
14.10.21	7764328	Viking stationery	Admin/stationery	103.09	17.18
18.10.21	35528	Edge Heritage	Cemetery/IT	36.00	7.20
12.10.21	dd	Waterplus	Cemetery/rates	22.73	-
15.11.21	1269	AMS 13.9-25.10	Rec/safety Inspection	315.00	-
01.11.21	21761	WALC	Personnel/training Kirby	30.00	5.00
10.11.21	2110353	Ove Arup	Masterplan Stage 5	6,600.00	1,100.00

**(10.3) To note receipts for October 2021
Council noted**

Month Received	From	Description	Amount
October	Various	Cemetery income	1,365.00
	Berkswell PC	ARUP 34% contribution	935.00
	GBSLEP	BC Masterplan 50% of Grant	12,500.00
TOTAL			£14,800.00

11. Planning Applications

(11.1) To consider the following Planning Applications;

- PL/2021/02612/MINFHO** 7 Alder Lane CV7 7DZ Erect boundary walls and gates to front garden comments due 11.11.21. Object
- PL/2021/02713/PPFL** Moat Barn, Oldwich Lane Full application for the use of the existing access to the north west of the barn conversion approved under PL/2013/01734/CU instead of the previously consented access to the south east of the building comments due 15.11.21. No objection
- PL/2021/02691/MINFHO** 5 Dunchurch Close Extension across back of house / remove old conservatory comments due 18.11.21. No objection
- PL/2021/02726/MINFHO** 755 Kenilworth Road First floor front extension over existing garage and utility room, fenestration changes and minor internal alterations comments due 26.11.21. Object - Council agreed with the grounds raised by the resident at the outset of the meeting.

Additions to the agenda considered as response required before next meeting

- PL/2021/02724/PNCUDW** Holly Bush Farm change of use from agriculture to residential. Object as does not meet class Q criteria and request full planning application be submitted

- PL/2021/02858/TPO** Resubmission following part refusal (split decision).
No objection

(11.2) To note the following Planning Determinations;

PL/2021/02043/MINFHO	Tudor Green Lane	APPROVED
PL/2021/02041/TPO	146 Kenilworth Road	SPLIT DECISION
PL/2021/01901/MINFHO	17 Wootton Green Lane	APPROVED
PL/2021/01671/MINFHO	16 Blythe Avenue Balsall Common	APPROVED
PL/2021/00471/HS2DIS	452, Kelsey Lane, Waste Lane, Hodgetts	REFUSED
PL/2021/02435/MINFHO	19 Needlers End Lane	APPROVED

(11.3) Awaiting Planning Decisions;

PL/2021/02002/TPO	90 Station Road	PENDING
PL/2021/02180/PPFL	Fernhill Farm Fernhill Lane	PENDING
PL/2021/02223/MINFH	132 Station Road Balsall	PENDING
PL/2021/01444/MINFHO	Balsall Farmhouse Magpie L Balsall Com	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	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/2021/02360/MINFHO	20 Balsall Street East	PENDING

12. Proposal to note the continuing anti-social behaviour at Temple Balsall causing disruption and vandalism – Cllr Keeley.

Council noted the continuing problem and encouraged reporting to the police so that their data analysis identify the area as a hot spot and send resources to patrol. Clerk asked to write to the police and SMBC to express council's concerns at the ASB and ask what actions are being taken to stop it, cc to ward councillors.

13. Correspondence

(13.1) Solihull Climate Action request to raise awareness - Council noted the email and asked through if it could be circulated through the RA Communicator.

(13.2) Pavement outside St Peter's Church, hall & vicarage requiring repair – Council considered the request & photographs from the St Peter's Churchwarden. The Council thought it was a wider problem covering the pavement in Gypsy Lane (not included when the pavement outside the HoE school was repaired) and the Holly Road junction. Clerk to write to SMBC Highways to ask if these are on their maintenance schedule and their priority.

(13.3) Village Hall increase in utility bills, energy saving ideas, hirer charges to increase from January 2022. Council noted that the hall charges would be increasing from January 2022 and would build into the budget calculations for the coming year.

14. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 8th December 2021, 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 112 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FF

The meeting finished at 9:45pm

Signed: **Date:**
Chairman Cllr Liz Macdonald