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Balsall Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7:45pm

Present: Chairman Cllr Liz Macdonald, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Sara Kirby, Cllr Marion Keeley, Cllr Kay Howells, Cllr Keith Tindall, Cllr David Slatter (minutes); Ward Cllr Diane Howell and seven members of the public.

Minutes

- 1. Public Forum** Three issues were raised by a resident:
 - The over abundance of diversion road signs along the A452 Kenilworth Road within the village:
 - the confusing 30-50 mph speed limits when travelling south on the A452 toward the George in the Tree roundabout. It was suggested that SMBC be asked for a 30 mph speed limit from the new Park lane roundabout to the village boundary when it is complete. This area is within Berkswell parish and should be raised with them.
 - The parking on verges, with particular reference to Needlers End Lane near Willow Park. The council has raised this with SMBC; it would be helpful if the problem is raised through the Solihull Connect contact centre and/or Fix My Street to provide data for officers to consider the issue. It was noted that there has been an increase in delivery vehicles parking on verges across the parish.

Relevant items to be included on the April meeting agenda and as potential points for discussion at the Parish Assembly on 27 April.

- 2. Apologies** Cllr Drake, Cllr Ellender, Clerk T Carpenter.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** Agenda Item 11b Chairman and Clouncillor Expenses - Cllrs Macdonald, Keeley, Lloyd and Howells.
- 4. Minutes** Council approved the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 9 February 2022. Proposer Cllr Macdonald, Seconded Cllr Keeley.
- 5. Ward Councillors** - updates would be taken under agenda items.

6. Projects

6a. Temple Balsall Cemetery Memorial Inspection

Council noted the progress update from the Cemetery Working Group and that Recommendations using a risk-based approach on next steps would be brought to the next Meeting. The Cemetery Working Group were thanked for their work to date on this project.

6b. Balsall Common Village Centre Masterplan

The Chairman proposed and Cllr Keeley seconded the resolutions. Council were reminded that the Agreement for joint working between Balsall and Berkswell Parish Councils on the Balsall Common Centre Project were agreed at Council meeting on 11 Nov 202, item 11 and these superceded any previous decisions.

Council

- i) received and accepted the final report (10) from the Working Group by a majority of 6 to 1 with Cllr Lloyd against;
- ii) authorised unanimously the Clerk to make final payments, including paying for the domain name (www. bccentre.co.uk) for another year and to collect final contributions to the costs
- iii) authorised the Clerk to inform GBSLEP of the project's completion and provide them with a copy of the masterplan, if required, and to collect any outstanding grant contributions and to ensure the grant contract is signed off; 5 councillors in favour with 2 abstentions;
- iv) accepted and agreed to implement the recommendations of the Balsall Common Centre Working Group with respect to the Arup proposals for a master plan for the enhancement of Balsall Common centre; 6 councillors in favour and 1 against.
- v) recorded its thanks to the Working Group, Arups and all those who contributed to the development of the masterplan. Council considered it had been a brilliant community Effort and particularly thanked the clerks of Balsall and Berkswell Parish Councils and The Working Group Chair, Andrew Burrows for his drive and leadership.

6c. Heritage Trail

Council noted that the grant funding decision was still awaited. Ward Cllr Howell informed the meeting that the budget had been allocated and would write to confirm.

7. Highways

7a TRO Station Road DPPB

Council noted that Cllrs Macdonald and Lloyd had met with Solihull Highways officer to discuss the proposal. Council agreed to amend the resolution and approved the amendment to “replace an existing blue badge bay with a blue badge parking bay within the parallel parking bay on Station Road” in order to maintain the level of general parking. This was supported with six in favour and one against.

- 7b Council received an update on the Decluttering of Kenilworth Road. The order to declutter the agreed list had been approved and issued in 2021. Unfortunately, the officer processing the order went on long term sick leave and no one had picked up the work until the Council sought a progress report. Some of the signs are electrified and are dependent on Western Power Distribution disconnecting them, which has a lead time of 10-12 weeks; standard signs should be dealt with in 6-8 weeks.

8. Meetings

Council received verbal updates on:

- 8a Meeting with Solihull Strategic lead for Cultural on 2 March 2022 (LM) when village planned events including the Jubilee Picnic in the Park, Food Festival, Beer Festival, were Discussed and details sent following the meeting.

- 8b** Birmingham Airport ACC Meeting Cllr Tindall provided a report on the meeting covering recovery of activity, reduction in Covid precautions, the development of a new security hall, successfully reducing the land take for the HS2 people carrier, confirmation that the revised procedure has resulted in a reduction in aircraft overflying Balsall Common and hence noise pollution.
- 8c** The Chairman represented the Council at Balsall Common Lions Annual Presentation Night on 28 Feb.
- 8d** Council noted that the Parish Assembly would be on 27 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

9. Contracts and Memberships

- 9a.** Council noted that the Clerk and Chairman undertook a review with Fairways of the Grounds Contract at the end of its first year.. This had clarified the scope of the works and resolved some communication issues.
- 9b.** Council noted that WALC will become a limited company in 2022; Council unanimously approved continuation of WALC/NALC membership from 1 April 2022-31 March 2023 at a joint membership fee of £967.

10. Willow Park and Planters

- 10a.** Council noted the 3 recent storms had caused damage in Willow Park uprooting a tree and unanimously approved additional costs to remove debris to avoid the branches becoming a fire risk.
- 10b.** Council unanimously approved a budget of £100 to purchase additional spring bedding for the planters in Station/ Kenilworth Roads due to original plants' roots rotting.

11. Accounts

- 11a** Council noted that the payments approved in February had been made.
- 11b.** Council approved the March payments as listed below:

March 2022 Payments List (gross)

HMRC	Q2 P30 Employers payslip	£2,165.34
WALC	Training - Planning SK inv	£30.00
Arup	BCC Masterplan Stage 6 inv 88-2115013	£6,600.00
AMS Ltd	Weekly playground inspection	£450.00
A Burrow	Masterplan ICS print costs reimbursement	£117.00
Pied Piper	Moles Feb inv 3228	£102.00
Fairways	Grounds contract Feb inv 12- 22-12920BPC	££1,400
Overnight Site Ltd	Website Hosting inv 1117006- R5	£150.00
J Parry-Evans	Temp Clerk Feb invoice	£800.00
J Parry-Evans	Cemetery Project management	£500.00

Councillors (4)	Q4 allowances (RD, RL, MK, KH)	£800.00
Chairman	Q4 allowance (LM)	£400.00

+Direct Debits - Smart Pension, Waterplus, Vodafone and Standing Orders - Clerk salary, Conquira office rent

12. Planning Applications

12.1 To consider the following **Planning Applications**;

PL/2002/000256/HSDIS Council agreed unanimously to object to the resubmitted HS2 Schedule 17 request to run 400 LGVs on Kenilworth Road and Kelsey Lane. Cllr Tindall to write with the Councils objections and to attend Planning Committee meeting to make objections in person, liaising with Berkswell PC and Ward Councillors.

PL/2022/00169/MINFHO first floor side extension, 10 Asbury Road. Council agreed to raise this and next application with SMBC as, if work on both was carried out at the same time this could block access to Balsall Primary School, so requires construction management constraints Council noted that Officers have asked about bats

PL/2022/00232/MINFHO single storey side and rear wrap around extension 14 Asbury Road - see previous comments. Council noted that Officers have asked about flood risk.

PL/2022/00155/MINFDW erect replacement dwelling 83 Station Road CV7 7FN No objection as new building is still smaller than neighbours and Solihull has yet to issue a Supplementary Planning Policy on Climate Change.

PL/2022/00254/MINFHO demolish existing conservatory and erect new ground floor rear extension 9 Bracebridge Close CV7 7QS No objection.

PL/2022/00294/MINFHO single storey front, side and rear extension 35 Oakley CV8 1QE No objection but Council noted possible terracing effect and a similar application for 34 might be expected.

12.2 **Balsall Housing Sites** - Council unanimously approved the establishment of a Tree Preservation Order

(TPO) Working Group and the TOR to identify and submit TPOs for the significant trees in or adjacent to the Balsall housing sites in the emerging Solihull Local Plan. Members to be Cllrs Macdonald, Lloyd, Tindall and Kirby.

13. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Council unanimously approved purchasing bunting, lamp post signs from the Royal British Legion to decorate the village centre to create a festive atmosphere for the Jubilee and to work with Berkswell Parish Council to get discounts for volume purchases.

Council agreed a provisional budget of £1000.

Council to clarify with SMBC where the bunting can be hung and by whom, identify risks and insurance implications.

14. Correspondence

Council noted a request was received from a non-resident of the PC for a copy of the Balsall Common Village Centre update report 9. which had been provided . Council noted that a response to a resident on the Aldi/Lidl planning applications was outstanding.

15. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

Balsall Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 13 April 2022, 7:45pm at the Village

Hall, 112 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FF