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Balsall Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7:30pm

Balsall Common Village Hall, 112 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FF

Present - Chairman Cllr Liz Macdonald, Cllr Kay Howles, Cllr Keith Tindall, Cllr Richard Drake, Cllr David Slatter Cllr Sara Kirby (minutes), Cllr Marion Keeley, Cllr Richard Lloyd.
Ward Cllr Andrew Burrow and 10 members of the public

MINUTES

1. Public Forum

Issues raised by residents:

Residents of Holly Grange, Holly Lane raised the issue that the planning application PL/2022/01164/PPFL was not included on this months agenda. Apologies made by the council chair explaining this had been an administration issue. Residents shared their concerns regarding the proposed further development of a business to manufacture electric cars for children plus a racetrack which the company propose will be situated at the end of residents properties. Council listened to residents concerns and agreed to add to next months agenda so that the item can be formally processed..

2. Apologies Cllr Ellender, Ward Cllr Diccico, Ward Cllr Howell, Clerk

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Macdonald and Cllr Tindall - Item 11c expense claims.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th June 2022 were amended and approved. Minutes of the Extraordinary Balsall Parish Council Meeting held on the 22nd June 2022 were approved.

5. Ward Councillors – update:

- i. Heavy gardening maintenance work will take place on Kemps Green park (on Stoneton Crescent) in autumn/winter
- ii. Update on the new speed limits proposed around the parish See item 8 on the minutes below.
- iii. Solihull have reaffirmed their desire to maintain green open spaces on new housing developments within the borough
- iv. A further meeting between Berkswell Parish Council, Balsall Parish Council and Catesby is to take place to discuss the layout of BC3 Windmill Lane development

- v. HS2 are proposing running lorries along Lavender Hall Lane to Hall Meadow Road. Cllr Burrows has raised concerns regarding this proposal.
- vi. Request from resident for play equipment in Grange Park. **To be added to the Agenda of a future meeting.**
- vii. The new Solihull Local Plan will require developers to compensate for land coming out of the Greenbelt. **Ward Councillor Burrows proposed that the Parish Councils form a working group to come up with a shopping list that could improve things in the community such as improving access to PRow.**

6. Projects

6a. Balsall Common Village Centre

Council noted that the Heritage Trail map is now available. Council to approve it being placed on the Council website and noticeboards. **Approved.**

6b. Community Health Council to consider setting up a Community Health Working Group, jointly with Berkswell and Meriden Parish Councils, to approach the Balsall Common Health Centre (Balsall Common & Meriden Group Practice) following the concerns raised at the Balsall Parish Assembly 2022. (SK) **Approved.**

Cllr Slater has made contact with the new practice manager who indicated the practice would be happy to talk to us. Cllr Slater to draft TOR. Council to contact Berkswell and Meriden parish councils to ask if they would be interested in being part of the conversation. Cllr Tindal advised of a previous community group who used to meet with the GP practice but has not met for sometime. Cllr Slater to contact a representative from the group.

7. External Organisations Resolutions

Council received updates on meetings with external organisations:

7a. Meeting with Solihull Strategic lead for Cultural on 13 July 2022. Chair advised they had been updated regarding the counter terrorism issues associated with the Queens Baton Relay

7b. Report on Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee meeting on 9 June. Cllr Tindall reported that Birmingham airport has been confirmed as the primary airport route for the Commonwealth Games resulting in 12000 extra passenger traffic.

The Night Flying Policy is due to be reviewed. The current policy is no departures between 23.30 and 06.00 with an annual quota of 4000 flights; at present there are 877 per annum. Arrivals are allowed at night. The review will be undertaken late 2022 early 2023 to be completed in Autumn 2024.

8. Highways Resolutions

8a. Council noted and supported the proposed speed change proposals in the TRO consultation (30mph -Holly Lane, Balsall Common and 40mph -Table Oak Lane, Holly Lane, Brees Lane, Honiley Road, Fen End Road), as these are all asks that the Council has requested (SMBC email 12/07/2022). **Details published on SMBC website for residents to comment.** The change to 20mph for Station Road beside the shops is likely to be in phase 2 of Highways programme.

8b. Council to agree to write to Solihull Highways to ask what improvements could be made to reduce the accidents on the A4117 between the Evesons/Meer End Junction and Honiley Road (2000-2009 total 21 (4 serious) and 12 2010-2021 (3 serious). **Agreed. To raise concerns regarding pedestrian safety along the route as there is no pedestrian footway.**

9. Administration Resolutions

9a. Council to note the Council's annual governance and accounts return (AGAR) was submitted to the External Auditor by end of June. **Noted**

10. Solihull Local Plan EIP

- 10a** Council noted that there was an extra sitting day on 8 July to consider extension to the plan period and additional housing numbers. SMBC submitted papers¹ to the inspector in March/April 2022 but did not circulate them to affected parish councils before or after; having become aware of the papers they were circulated this month.
The papers identify local sites for additional housing. Of the +474 revised capacity on local sites Balsall Common(BC) sites are expected to take 134 (28%) of these. The trajectory table indicates that the BC sites are expected to be deliver new homes from 2024-25 (BC2, BC3 and BC5).
- 10b** Council approved writing to SMBC to request a programme manager to manage a "masterplan" for the development of the Balsall Common housing sites, village centre improvements and required infrastructure. The work programme to actively involve parish councils, ward councillors and the community.
- 10c** Council agreed to the structured approach produced by the TPO Working Group for identification and defining the need for TPOs on the ELP housing sites.
Council approved submitting the first TPO request for 5 trees on ELP housing site BC2.
Council authorised the Working Group to submit future TPO requests using the format as they are completed.

11. Accounts Resolutions

- 11a** Council to approve cashbook and bank reconciliations for June 2022. **Approved**
- 11b** Council to note the payments approved at the June meeting were made. **Noted**
- 11c** Council to approve the June 2022 payments listed below, using the General Power of

Competence: **Approved**

July 2022 Payments List (gross)

Invoices

AMS Ltd	Weekly playground inspection inv 1390	£225.00
Fairways Contracting Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Contract charge July 22-07-034	£1,400.00
Pied Piper Pest & WM	inv 3298 – June Cemetery pest control	£102.00
Viking Payments	inv 7084839 stationery	£293.25
WALC	inv 22271 MK Cemetery Management	£36.00
WALC	inv 22272 MK, DS Memorial Safety	£72.00
SLCC	inv MEM240139-1 annual subscription	£234.00
W J Robinson	inv Balsall PC 004 Internal Audit	£242.60
K Tindall	Cllr expenses (mileage) Mar-June	£15.30
J Parry-Evans	June invoice – Temporary Clerk	£1,362.50
E Macdonald	April reimbursement Village Planting	£276.29

DD/SO

Waterplus	DD	stw-inv06356192	£6.75
Conquira	SO	Office rent July	£600.00
Vodafone	DD	Charges June	£23.65
T Carpenter	SO	Salary July	
Smart Pension	DD	Account Service Charge June	£18.00
Smart Pension	DD	June contribution	£251.44
Lloyds Bank	DD	Payment card June	£54.92
Bank Charges	DD	05.03.22-03.06.22	£28.35

PAID

DefibWarehouse	Paediatric pads Temple Balsall invDW-60899	£165.60
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¹ Reviewing the Plan for Solihull's Future Examination of the Solihull Local Plan Examination Action Point 12.5 Extending the Plan Period to 2037 and Action Point 12.3-4 and 12.6 Local Plan Sites Stepped Requirement and 1.04.22 Five Year Land Supply

12. Environment & Parks Resolutions

- 12a Council to approve budget of £500 and authorise the Clerk to order notices for the village centre planters to recognise that they are provided by Balsall Parish Council. **Approved**
- 12b Council to note the ASB activity that has been occurring in The Grange. **Noted.**
Residents are encouraged to report ASB when it occurs to provide an evidence base for council and police. Council to signpost where to do this on its website.
- 12c Council to consider and decide, which if any of the options identified by Ward Cllr Burrow, following the decision at June meeting to request him to look at a way forward on a path from Willow Park to the PRow. Cllr Howles excused herself from the meeting prior to voting. Options:
1. Do nothing. **In Favour 5 Against 1 Abstain 1**
 2. Seek a formal footpath diversion of the existing public right of way from next to 95 Needlers End Lane to the desired Willow Park entrance **In Favour 0 Against 5 Abstain 2**
 3. Create a direct link from Needlers End Lane to the path next to number 95 by cutting through the (wooded) highway land in front that stretch of houses, bringing the entrance close to the park entrance and avoiding the walk down the service road; **In Favour 0 Against 4 Abstain 3**
 4. Carry on seeking compulsory purchase of the desired Willow Park route using Section 26 of the Highways Act **In Favour 0 Against 4 Abstain 3**
 5. Seek to buy the rights from Landowner **In Favour 0 Against 6 Abstain 1**
- 12d Council to to seek agreement on the proposed Willow Park footpath with the agents of the adjoining landowner, working with SMBC RoW officers and stressing the public benefit, policy compliance, timeliness in relation to the Local Plan, and the avoidance of the need to seek additional funding to secure a contested solution. **Not approved (1 in favour 6 against).**
Chair to write to the Land Agent and Friends of Willow park informing them of the council's decision.
- 12e Council to decide whether to participate in the Keep Britain Tidy's Love parks Week (29 July-5 August 2022). **Council decided not to participate due to short notice.**
- 12f Council to note that WCVs will be clearing in Willow Park on 14 July. **Noted**

13. Planning Applications

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

PL/2022/01126/MINFHO 16 Greenfield Ave CV7 7UG Single storey rear extension. Resin driveway **Expiry Date 14 July 2022 – No comment**

PL/2022/01261/MINFHO 31 Saracen Dr. CV7 7UA Single storey rear extension Erection of front porch **Expiry Date 14 July 2022 – Comment: footpath proximity to the application needs to be included on the application**

PL/2022/01154/PPFL The Elms, Balsall Street CV7 7AR Conversion of barn to form 3 residential units (Class C3) **Expiry date 15 July 2022 No comment**

PL/2021/03086/PPFL Parts of 88 And 90 Station Road And Field At The Rear Of Station Road/Stoneton Crescent Demolition of Part of 90 Station Road, formation of access way and erection of 4 detached houses with associated detached garages **Expiry date 15/22 July 2022. Objections to this development as the previous application for this site.**

Cllr Tindall agreed to draft an objection letter for the Clerk to submit

PL/2022/01172/MINFHO 6 Winsford Close CV7 Two storey extension to side with loft conversion **Expiry date 18 July 2022 No comment**

PL/2022/01218/PPFL 345 Kenilworth Road CV7 7D, Refurbishment works & change of use to form new opening ... entrance & glazed shop front for new coffee shop/cafe outlet **Expiry date 19 July 2022 Comment: concerns raised from member of the public regarding toilet facilities being inadequate.**

PL/2022/01311/MINFHO 68 Needlers End Lane CV7 7AB Demolish existing conservatory & porch, erect new 2 storey extension ... hipped roof & roof window conversion of existing garage to habitable room **Expiry date 25 July 2022 No comment**

PL/2022/01297/MINFHO The Trees, Wootton Lane CV7 7BS Conversion and alteration of triple garage to ancillary accommodation for carer or family member **Expiry date 25 July 2022 No comment**

PL/2022/01231/MINFHO 38 Oakley, Fen End CV87 1QE Single storey side extension. **Expiry date 27 July 2022 No comment**

PL/2022/01299/MINFHO 132 Station Road, CV7 7FF Retrospective planning application for an outbuilding **Expiry date 27 July 2022 Comment. Council consider this to be an inappropriate back garden development. To request a condition that the building is not to be used for residential purposes in the future.**

PL/2022/01355/TPO 23 Hawkswood Drive CV7 7RD Reduce side of oak tree by up to 3m to clear building fabric **Expiry date 28 July 2022. Comment – refer to Forestry Officer for guidance.**

PL/2022/01222/MINFHO 1 Asbury Road CV7 7QN First floor side extension over existing garage & internal alterations. **Expiry date 01 August 2022. No comment**

PL/2022/012/PPFL Kinsale 21 Wootton Lane CV7 7EZ Two storey front and rear extension to include an increase in ridge height. **Expiry date 04 August 2022. No comment.**

14. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 10 August 2022, 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 112 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FF

Signed: Date:
Chairman Cllr Liz Macdonald