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## **Balsall Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 7:30pm**

Notice is hereby given of the Balsall Parish Council Meeting to be held at **Westlake Room**, Balsall Common Village Hall, 112 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FF.  
Councillors are summoned to attend for the purpose of resolving the business to be transacted.  
The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend.

Tracey Carpenter  
Clerk & RFO  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### **AGENDA**

1. **In Attendance**
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Drake, Cllr M Keeley, Ward Cllr Burrow
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes Resolution** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the:  
  
(4.1) Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
  
(4.2) Extraordinary Meeting 20th December 2023
5. **Public Forum**  
Residents are invited to make representation on items on this agenda and these will be invited by the Chairman immediately before the meeting considers that item.  
Residents of the parish are invited to make representation on any issue. The council will respond in one of the following ways:
  - Complaints will be referred to the Clerk for action;
  - Councillor(s) may undertake to follow up the issue;
  - Agree an agenda item for the next meeting
6. **Ward Councillors to provide an update on items of interest**
7. **Planning Applications**

(7.1) Council to consider and agree responses to the following **Planning Applications**;

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

- PL/2023/01853/PPTREE** 39 Alder Lane Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7DZ – **Refused**  
**PL/2023/02153/TPO** Daycare Centre 10 Gorton Croft Balsall Common Solihull – **Approved**  
**PL/2023/02259/MINFHO** 47 Greenfield Avenue Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7UG – **Approved**  
**PL/2023/02357/MINFHO** 16 Saracen Drive Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7UA – **Approved**  
**PL/2023/02168/MINFOT** Tipperary Inn Meer End Road Meer End Solihull – **Refused**  
**PL/2023/02514/MINFHO** 90 Station Road Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7FL – **Approved**

(7.3) Awaiting **Planning decisions**;

- PL/2023/00859/VAR** Forge House Table Oak Lane Meer End Solihull – **Not determined referred to enforcement**  
**PL/2021/01360/MAJFOT Land At 722 Kenilworth Road** And Land Adjacent To Harper Fields Care Home Balsall Common Solihull – **Awaiting Decision**  
**PL/2023/01554/PPFL** Stable Building Oldwiche Lane East Fen End Solihull - **Awaiting Decision**  
**PL/2023/01520/PPOL** Land At Station Road Balsall Common - **Awaiting Decision**  
**PL/2023/01595/PPFL** Land at Hodgetts Lane: Battery energy storage site - **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/01952/PPFL** Land At Meer End Solihull – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02173/VAR** 345 - 347 Kenilworth Road Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7DL - **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02188/TPO** 24 Speedwell Drive Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7AU – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02433/PPFL** The Barn at Packwood Poultry – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02567/MINFHO** 2 Grange Road – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02533/TPO** 8 Cedar Wood Drive Balsall Common CV7 7DS – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02492/PPFL** The Elms Balsall Street Balsall Common – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02248/PPOL** Land At Frog Lane Balsall Common Solihull – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02156/PPFL** Land Off Magpie Lane Balsall Common Solihull - on planning committee agenda 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, Cllr R Drake to represent BPC  
**PL/2023/02341/TPO** Premier Inn Kenilworth Road Balsall Common Solihull – **Awaiting decision**  
**PL/2023/02352/PPFL** Redundant Power Station Frogmore Lane Fen End Solihull – **Awaiting decision**

## 8. Accounts

### (8.1) Bank Reconciliation

To sign off Bank Reconciliation for the period 01.12.24 – 31.12.24

(8.2) To note the Cashbook and Reserve Movements reports for December 2023

(8.3) Proposal to approve 24/25 precept for the notice to be submitted to SMBC by 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

(8.4) To approve the following payments below using the General Power of Competence for the month of December 2023

(8.5) To propose to nominate two Councillors to authorise this month's bank payments as per Agenda Item (8.4)

| Inv. Date | Inv. No.   | Payee               | Description                 | Vat    | Gross   |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| 25.01.24  | Payslip    | Tracey Carpenter    | January Salary              | -      | -       |
| 30.11.23  | 2023/BPC25 | J Parry-Evans       | Dec Cemetery Memorials      | -      | 387.50  |
| 14.12.23  | 3690       | Pied Piper          | Dec Mole Control            | 17.00  | 102.00  |
| 14.12.23  | 201223     | Methodist Church    | Room Hire                   | -      | 9.25    |
| 14.12.23  | 1413       | Vish Gardening      | Watering                    | -      | 74.50   |
| 22.12.23  | 1424       | Vish Gardening      | Watering                    | -      | 74.50   |
| 13.12.23  | 1659       | AMS                 | July playground inspections | -      | 225.00  |
| 13.12.23  | 1660       | AMS                 | Aug playground inspections  | -      | 180.00  |
| 13.12.23  | 1661       | AMS                 | Sept playground inspections | -      | 180.00  |
| 13.12.23  | 1662       | AMS                 | Oct playground inspections  | -      | 225.00  |
| 13.12.23  | 1663       | AMS                 | Nov playground inspections  | -      | 180.00  |
| 01.01.24  | 24-01-034  | Fairways            | Willow, Oakley, Cemetery    | 240.32 | 1442.00 |
| 31.12.23  | 675        | WALC                | Council Friendly Policies   | 12.00  | 72.00   |
| 04.01.24  | 3302       | DM Payroll Services | Oct 23 – March 24           | -      | 76.00   |

(8.6) Proposal to note Lloyds Bank Card spend (Unity Trust) for the period 01.12.23 – 31.12.23.

\* Monthly Fee (dd) £3

\* Monthly Adobe (dd) £19.97

9. **Proposal to approve** terminating the agreement with the current playground inspector and instructing Fairways to commence from the start of the new financial year.
10. **Propose council** amends budget to include annual cost of £1000 for communications to residents, which could include buying space in magazines such as the Bugle.
11. **Proposal to receive** a verbal update from Cllr Slatter regarding the Community Health & Wellbeing Volunteer Driver campaign.
12. **Proposal for Council** to suggest content for Facebook posts for the forthcoming month.
13. **Proposal to approve** Clerk write to a property on Needlers End Lane about the dumping of building material in Willow Park and inform them that if it is not moved by a specified deadline the Parish Council will organise the removal, and the associated costs will be billed to the responsible resident(s).
14. **Proposal to note** the outcome of an informal meeting to discuss matchday parking with the Hornets. Council to defer any further action at this time pending the initiative being pursued by Ward Councillor Burrow.
15. **Proposal for Council** to consider the implications of the NPPF published on 19 December 2023, in-particular whether to challenge the development of housing sites in the Green Belt (NPPF paras 61, 62, 35, 77 and 230).
16. **Proposal that the Council** write to Solihull MBC Highways pointing out the continual flooding of Station Road next to a bus stop is having on residents in our community and asking for an update on when work will be undertaken to resolve the problem. (see also agenda item 21.1 resident's letter)
17. **Council to receive** an update on the requested Programme Manager for Balsall Common following the meeting with SMBC officers on 11 January.  
(17.1) Council to approve in principle funding the post for a period of 3 years. The cost of the post to be shared with Berkswell Parish Council proportionate to the share of future CiL funding due from BC1-6 housing developments in the draft Solihull Local Plan, initial cost to be met from specific reserves.
18. **Proposal for Council** to approve using Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers to plant the hedging in Willow Park, which the council received from its Arden Free Tree scheme application, within a budget of £100.
19. **Proposal for Council** to note feedback from the informal meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January with Labour Candidate for West Midlands Mayor.
20. **Council to note** HS2's Balsall Common Viaduct Engagement Event Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>; for councillors to attend and give views on the proposals.
21. **Correspondence**  
(21.1) Coventry-bound bus stop opposite village hall (see also agenda item 16)  
(21.2) Community Benefit Fund Berkswell BESS (Re: planning reference: PL/2023/01595/PPFL Land at Hodgetts Lane: Battery energy storage site)  
(21.3) Safety and aesthetic improvements sought near Willow Park  
(21.4) Enquiry Re Local Council Land Balsall Our Ref L671146 (Originally, on the BPC meeting agenda of 8th November, item 24 addressed the Council's request for additional information)  
(21.5) Friends of Willow Park request the use of the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers for conservation projects in the parish
22. **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**  
The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7:30pm in the Westlake Room

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