

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of
Berkswell, held in the Westlake Room, Balsall Common,
on 30th April 2014 at 6.00 pm**

1. Attendance

Cllrs Cambage, Hitchcock, Howles, Lock (Chairman).
Mrs S Butterworth (Clerk).
1 member of the public.

2. Apologies

Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Bell, Mr Brant, Mr Tindall

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council meeting

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 March 2014 were confirmed as accurate, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere on this agenda

Carried forward.

6. Co-option of Councillor Cooper

It was resolved to co-opt Ms Sheila Cooper to fill the vacancy on the Council. The declaration of acceptance of office was signed by Cllr Cooper and the Clerk.

7. HS2

Deadline for submission of petition – 23 May 2014.

Purpose of meeting to agree:

- delegation of power and scope of powers, i.e. managing relationship with Agent, negotiation with HS2 Ltd, completion of petitioning process.
- how we manage financial commitment.
- scale of level of professional help.

Expenditure discussed:

- appointment of Agent.
- petitioning presentation.
- taking petition to Hearing.
- appointment of Counsel.
- additional cost of presenting to House of Lords if thrown out by Select Committee.

Cllr Lock is in contact with all affected Parish Councils.

Cllr Hitchcock confirmed the Tree Wardens will be producing a petition for incorporation with the Parish Council petition.

Cllr Hitchcock proposed Cllr Lock be appointed as the person with the delegated powers, with the Clerk as the delegated officer. All agreed and the motion was passed.

Cllr Cambage proposed the appointment of a QC (expenditure to be discussed as the process progresses). Seconded by Cllr Cooper.

Cllr Lloyd to be incorporated in all decision making.

8. Planning Applications

9.4.14	2014/493	52 Meeting House Lane	Two storey front and side extension
10.4.14	2014/593	The Haven, Back Lane	Single storey side extension
22.4.14	2014/656	21 Huddesford Drive	Replace existing lean-to roof with enclosed porch

No comments regarding planning applications.

9. Accounts for Payment

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Balsall Common Methodist Church	001643	£23.10
Solihull MBC (Speed Visor Batteries)	001644	£912.06
Berkswell Estate	001645	£5.00
WALC (Annual Subscription)	001646	£724.00
AON UK Ltd (Insurance)	001647	£874.36

Clerk to write to SMBC to advise of decision made in December 2013 to cease payment for speed visor batteries.

10. Next Meeting

Berkswell Parish Assembly 8 May 2014 at 7.45pm, in the Reading Room, Berkswell

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

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