

BERKSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell, held in the Westlake Room, Balsall Common on 30 July 2015 at 7:00pm

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<p>1. Attendance KH, AB, RL, DH, DE, AC</p> <p>2. Apologies for Absence Cllr David Bell</p> <p>3. Declaration of Interest RL declared a personal interest in HS2. AC declared she is married to the author of HoE grant application so won't take part in discussion on this item AB wrote the Berkswell Society grant application so won't take part in discussion on this item</p> <p>4. Open Forum Parishoners of Berkswell were invited to address the Council on any relevant matter for a maximum of 3 minutes.</p> <p>Graham Lock stated he had learned that HS2 will not indulge in any further consultation regarding proposed works impacting the conservation area. SMBC have indicated they could step in at planning application stage to raise concerns relating to the conservation area. GL will not be taking this issue any further. GL also commented on the traffic study in Berkswell. GL is trying to get a meeting together with SMBC to discuss scope. Cllr D Bell has agreed to organise a meeting.</p> <p>5. Borough Councillor's Report and Parish Councillor's Opinion Cllr Tony Dicicco reported on the West Midlands Combined Authority – work is on-going to see how it will work. Scope is economic growth, transportation and housing. Cllr Dicicco will keep Councillors informed of developments. A consultation document is due out in August, but no details are available as yet.</p> <p>6. The following award of grants were agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53rd Coventry Scouts After discussion the Council agreed that an award of £2,500 will be made with the proviso it is spent within 3 years from today's date. This is only a pledge at this stage, the scouts will request the payment of the grant in due course . This grant is made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19. • Heart of England School After discussion the Council agreed that an award of £2,000 will be made for use within the Music Department and £500 for disadvantaged students from Berkswell Parish. DH expressed he would be unhappy for a grant to be made for 		

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<p>disadvantaged students and would prefer the whole sum to be for the Music Department. As a condition of the grant, HoE are required to provide tangible evidence of how the money was spent. This grant is made under the Local Government Act 1972 S.137</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balsall & Berkswell Hornets Football Club RL was confused about how our previous grants have been spent. Grant was used to pay rent and rates but rates are no longer payable. RL also pointed out that the Hornets had promised to discuss the appearance of the new building but they didn't. The Hornets had to change the plan to fit into available funding. After discussion the Council agreed that an award of £1,250 towards on-going running costs would be made. This grant is made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19. • Berkswell Society After discussion the Council agreed a grant of £500 towards enhancing the environment. This grant is made under the Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9 and 10. <p>7. Berkswell Parish Council response to HS2 Ltd AP2 RL outlined the main items in the Additional Provisions 2 consultation. The Council has 2 weeks to file a petition. The main issue discussed was the provision of a roundabout at Park lane which could cause congestion on Lavender Hall Lane. SMBC had requested this roundabout, based on road safety. RL believes we should petition against this addition. HS2 have altered the construction traffic route but it will still go through the village. RL proposed the Council will petition against AP2, to be developed by exchange of emails and submitted by the due date of 28 August 2015. AB expressed concerned the area may lose concessions, for example regarding noise barriers, if the Council make too many petitions. GL cautioned that the Council should pick its battles carefully. GL thought that the Council may need independent and impartial advice before making any petition. KH presented a further motion "do we need to seek professional (barrister or Agent) help in drafting the petition?" AB was in favour of not employing professional help. This view was supported by DH and the majority of councillors. RLs motion was passed.</p>														
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<p>submit an objection. However, it has since been determined that the date for comment had expired.</p> <p>51488 - This will be a large rebuild of the existing premises (limit is 40% increase). On the assumption SMBC will have checked the application the Council has no objection.</p> <p>51496 – No objection</p> <p>9. Accounts for Payment</p> <p>The following were approved for payment:</p> <table data-bbox="132 779 1259 898"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Payee</i></th> <th><i>Cheque</i></th> <th><i>Amount</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Andrew Burrow (Printing of Airport Noise Monitoring letter)</td> <td>001741</td> <td>£33.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Pettifor & Son Ltd (Charcoal for Parish barbecue)</td> <td>001742</td> <td>£137.70</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>10. Next Meeting</p> <p>Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 17 September 2015 at 7:45pm, Reading Room, Berkswell</p>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque</i>	<i>Amount</i>	Andrew Burrow (Printing of Airport Noise Monitoring letter)	001741	£33.00	A Pettifor & Son Ltd (Charcoal for Parish barbecue)	001742	£137.70		
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Meeting closed 20:30.

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