

Berkswell Parish Council – Extraordinary meeting 30th August 2016

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell held in the Jubilee Centre, Station Road, Balsall Common on 30th August 2016 at 2 pm.

Item	Topic	Action by
1	Open Forum The public contributed to the greenbelt review item during discussion of that item	
2	Attendance: Councillors Howles , Burrow (in Chair & taking minutes), Lloyd, Drake, Hitchcock, 11 members of the public.	
3	Apologies Richard Wilson (Clerk), Councillors Cambage and Edwards	
4	Declarations of Interest None	
5	Appointment to NDP Steering Committee Councillor Burrow advised the meeting that he would be standing down from the NDP Steering Committee because he owned a field behind his house that adjoined two proposed sites for development and which could also be in an area subject to a change in greenbelt status. The NDP meeting that evening would be the last that he attended. It was agreed that Councillor Drake would replace him effective from 1 st September 2016	
6	The Council’s Position on the SMBC greenbelt review There was considerable discussion on the greenbelt review. The SMBC process whereby areas of the greenbelt would be assessed against the first 4 purposes for greenbelt as defined in the NPPF was explained and discussed. The review covered the whole of the Borough. It was agreed that the Parish Council would “check” the SMBC greenbelt review that was expected to be published shortly. Mr Beasley suggested that in addition to looking at individual areas, the Parish Council should look at the combined effect of several adjoining areas on the purposes of the greenbelt to ensure that the SMBC review did not miss cumulative effects. It was agreed that Councillors Drake and Lloyd would undertake a review of the SMBC report on behalf of the Council. By preference that would be in conjunction with Balsall PC for the whole community via the NDP Steering Committee. If that were not possible then they would prepare a proposed response for Berkswell PC to make directly to SMBC. Progress would be reviewed at the next meeting of the Council on 15 th September 2016.	Drake & Lloyd
7	Next meeting of the Council 15 th September 2016 at 7.30 pm, the Hornets Club House, Lavender Hall Lane.	