

BERKSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE CALLING A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO AUTHORISE OPPOSITION TO A HYBRID BILL

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell will be held in the Jubilee Centre, 227 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FE, on Thursday 27 March 2014 at 7.15pm.

It is the intention of Berkswell Parish Council
to pass a resolution to oppose the HS2 Hybrid Bill.

As set out in s.239 of the Local Government Act 1972:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/239>

Section 239(1) states the definition of "local authority" for these purposes does include parish councils, as it provides that "where a local authority, other than a parish or community council, are satisfied that it is expedient to promote, or any local authority are satisfied that it is expedient to oppose, any local or personal Bill in Parliament" it has the power to promote or oppose it respectively. So only principal LAs may promote bills, but all LAs, including parishes, may oppose them.

Under s.239(2)(a), the resolution to oppose must be passed by a majority of the whole number of members of the authority (i.e., not only those showing up for the meeting) after a specially advertised meeting. It can be an ordinary meeting, but must have additional adverts.

Under s.239(3), this notice must be published "10 clear days" before the meeting.

Other matters to be considered at the meeting will appear on a full agenda.

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Public and Press are welcome to attend