

## **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell, held in the Jubilee Centre, Balsall Common, on 11 July 2013 at 6:00 pm**

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Burrow and Lock. In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Howles presided.

### **2. Attendance**

Cllrs Benton, Hitchcock, Howles, Lloyd, Meeson.

One member of the public.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Lloyd declared a personal interest in relation to item 5, as the Chairman of the Heart of England High Speed Railway Action Group, and a director of Stop HS2.

### **4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

In the absence of the Chairman, this was deferred to the next meeting.

### **5. Response to consultation on draft HS2 Environmental Statement**

Cllr explained that the 8-week period available to respond to the consultation on the draft HS2 Environmental Statement ended at midnight. He had prepared and circulated a draft response on behalf of the Parish Council.

Members discussed the draft and requested that the following points be included or amplified:

- emphasise need for tunnel past Balsall Common
- noise impact on properties near the Station, such as the Railway Inn and the British Legion
- pollution risk to Berkswell Lake
- soil compaction at construction sites
- policing of migrant work force
- monetised value of environmental impact, especially using CAVAT
- disturbance to sub-strata water as well as groundwater

It was resolved that **Cllr Lloyd would finalise the response and email it to Cllr Howles who would submit it on behalf of the Parish Councillor.**

### **6. Staffing matters**

Nothing to report.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on 25 July 2013 at 7:45 pm in the Reading Room, Berkswell.

The meeting closed at 6:55 pm.

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