

# Berkswell Society

## Notes of Committee Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at the Bear Inn

Present			Apologies
John Thomas (in Chair) Andrew Burrow (minutes) Malcolm Hickin	Bill Bailey Jane Edwards (JED) Graham Lock	Ken Shaw Jim Ellis (JE)	Alan Hanbury
Item No	Action	By whom	
1/2018	Minutes of the meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved		
2/2018	Following the sad death of the Society Treasurer, Graham Davison, the committee recognised his valuable contribution to the Society since its formation in 1973. Society to write to his widow (Sue) and express its condolences	ASB	
3/2018	Matters Arising		
	New planters have been installed at entrance to Berkswell village. Thanks to London Midland for their donation of one of the planters		
	Graham is still working on finding a coordinator for planters for Berkswell village. If he cannot find anyone he will undertake the role himself	GL	
	<b>Web site</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JE gave an overview of the proposed site which was endorsed. It was agreed that he should purchase a new domain name (Berkswellsociety.org.uk) at a cost of £61.95 plus vat</li> <li>It was agreed that a map of the conservation area should be included</li> <li>Everyone should feed their comments to JE or copy for inclusion</li> </ul>	JE  ASB/JE All	
	Maintaining the helpers listing – process in place by GL and KS		
	Cheque donation to little ray of sunshine - Done		
	Direction sign to the well on the old museum post - Done		
4/2018	Arrangements for replacement of Treasurer		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following to be bank signatories for the Society – John Thomas, Andrew Burrow, Ken Shaw. JT to organise this via the bank.</li> </ul>	JT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS to consider becoming the Treasurer when he understood the role better. ASB/KS to discuss.</li> </ul>	KS/ASB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASB to hold Treasurer's file including the cheque book until the situation is resolved</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JT confirmed that as far as he could see the cheque payments were up to date with cheques paid to the Scouts, Craddocks and Little Ray of Sunshine as per invoices/society instructions</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that ASB had reimbursed Caroline Joyner for plants for the station road planters and the Masala club bed to the tune of £20 which will need to be reimbursed once the Treasurer situation had been resolved.</li> </ul>		
5/2018	<b>AGM is set for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May.</b> The PC Clerk will book the room etc as per normal with the Parish Assembly following the AGM. JT/ASB/Treasurer to handle the meeting agenda etc		
6/2018	<b>Traffic calming proposals for Berkswell village</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These are formally incorporated within the NDP project</li> <li>Representatives were meeting to finalise the proposals with SMBC Highways on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Once a definitive list of what was possible had been established, consultation would take place on these specifics with villagers and visitors to the village from elsewhere in the parish. It was suggested that this could be combined with the consultation on the upcoming draft NDP to make that more relevant to the villagers. After the consultation an acceptable scheme would be finalised for inclusion in the NDP</li> </ul>	GL/ASB/ JED	
7/2018	<b>Christmas Lights Berkswell village</b> –MH reported that it was expected that the parish fete proceeds would fund the 2018 tree which needed to be 14 ft tall. No additional lights needed. It was agreed to focus the lights on the tree on the village green and not add lights to	MH	

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	surrounding houses	
8/2018	<b>NDP</b> – A draft NDP is expected to be completed for community consultation in March. Communications would be complex for a long and somewhat technical document and the NDP Committee would be focusing on how to make that communication successful because a high response rate was important to show the external examiner.	
9/2018	<b>Parish Boundary Review</b> - Currently SMBC is consulting on the terms of reference following the BCVRA petition seeking a Parish merger. It would be important that all residents were made aware of the full consultation when that took place later this year and were encouraged to express their view. JED expressed a view that residents should also put their views for ward via the SMBC link on the terms of reference. Jane to circulate those to the committee	JED
10/2018	<b>Pollution at the Well</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severn Trent has found a pipe that is carry sewage that is discharging into ground near the Well. The nature of the pipe and source of the foul effluent is not known. Severn Trent to carry out more investigations.</li> <li>ASB confirmed that the Well and surrounding land is not technically owned by anyone and is unregistered land.</li> </ul>	
11/2018	<b>Litter Pick</b> – Scheduled for both Balsall Common and Berkswell village on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March in the morning. Precise details to be communicated via newsletter nearer the time. Thanks to Sphie Lock and Keith Tindall for organising it.	GL
12/2018	<b>Parish Fete and BBQ</b> – Set for 16 <sup>th</sup> June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASB and JE offered to help as did MH and KS.</li> </ul>	
13/2018	<b>Open Gardens – 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that the society would fund the printing of the brochure</li> <li>ASB and MH offered to put up signs about a week before. KS to organise</li> <li>ASB and JE agreed to take signs down afterwards . they to organise</li> </ul>	KS/ASB/ JE/MH
14/2018	No further news on potential development of village farm	
15/2018	<b>Parking on Hallmeadow Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMBC had been lobbied re unsafe parking on Hallmeadow Road. Neighbourhood Services have requested Highways to install high level kerbs and yellow lines near the roundabout to stop abuse</li> <li>PC to consider this at 8<sup>th</sup> February meeting</li> <li>NDP Committee volunteers have conducted a survey of parking and will try to cover additional parking provision in NDP/Solihull Local Plan concept plans</li> </ul>	
	<b>Date of next meeting would be in April. John Thomas organise date and venue</b>	JT