

Notes of Committee Meeting 8th February 2022 at the Bear

Present			Apologies
Jane Edwards (Chair) (JEd) Andrew Burrow (minutes)	Ken Shaw (Treasurer) Graham Lock Flick Wheeler	Jim Ellis (JE) Kay Howles Beverley Spicer	Barrie Howarth
Item No	Action		By whom
1/22	Minutes of the meeting of 23 rd August 2021 were approved		
2/22	Matters arising It was noted that the preference shares held by the society were now directly held with the Aviva registrar rather than through an intermediary. The treasurer monitors the share price and will report it quarterly to the Chairman and Secretary. The value on 1 st February was £9,344 vs the original purchase cost of £7,569.50		
3/22	2021 Accounts The accounts for 2021 were approved and the committee expressed thanks to the Treasurer and to Richard Drake who had checked them and provided a scrutineer's report (see attachment to minutes)		
4/22	2020 AGM 1. The minutes of the meeting were approved subject to ratification at the next AGM 2. It was agreed that there was no practical role for the Society in seeking landowners/farmers to plant new trees as suggested by a resident at the AGM/parish assembly. This was in the context of the new wood being planted by the PC behind Sainsbury which involves society volunteers and the potential new forest on Frog Lane, together with the direct government funding available to farmers/landowners.		
5/22	War memorial restoration It was agreed in principle to participate in a project with the parish council, Berkswell Charities and St John Baptist church to raise money to undertake restoration work on the war memorial roof to make the memorial fully weather proof again. It was noted that the war memorial is owned by no one although it sits on church land and its was built by subscription. The Society's involvement will be to use its good offices for a one-off fund-raising campaign from the public with no on-going liability. Others would seek grants. The Society agreed to participate in a meeting of the 4 parties with Ken Shaw as the Society representative at the meeting and Jim Ellis offered to help with communications etc. when fund raising started. It was suggested and accepted that when fund raising started, the Legion and Scouts be contacted to see if they wished to be involved.		
6/22	Balsall Common heritage trail The Society agreed to host the trail and its supporting information on its website		
7/22	New wood behind Sainsbury		

	The PCs plan for a new wood behind Sainsbury was noted and supported	
8/22	Traffic Calming project It was noted that outstanding works included car park marking out, surplus sign removal, adjustments to the bellisa beacons to reduce light spill. A formal opening by the mayor is expected. Cleaning of the new footpath by the Meriden Road car park was suggested	ASB
9/22	Balsall Common centre master plan project The final Arup proposals would be communicated soon which include artists impressions. These seek to provide a balance between apparently conflicting desires of different groups for more social space, a centre less dominated by cars and more car parking.	
10/22	Well fencing It was reported that the existing well fencing had rotted at the base of several posts causing imminent collapse. The well area was a village green but owned by no one. To replace it would be over £9000 and beyond the normal PC expenditure for items they did now own. The PC had used its powers to make temporary repairs and was looking at options.	
11/22	Rural litter pick Balsall Common now has 44 litter pickers with designated routes. It was planned to hold the annual Berkswell parish (rural lanes) litter pick (based on Berkswell village) on 26 th March 2022 organised by Sophie Lock. This covers a wide area to the east of Balsall Common and all are welcome. Details will be announced by Society newsletter and posters.	
12/22	Open Gardens <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The date has been set for 26th June 2. Eight gardens will show 	
13/22	Women's group On the 1 st Tuesday of every month there is a women's group meeting at the Bear Inn. Its purpose is to build friendships. Whilst not connected to the Berkswell Society its exitance can be published via the newsletter	BS
14/22	AGM This will link to the Parish Assembly and be held on 26th May 2022	ASB
	Date of next meeting TBC after AGM	

Berkswell Society
Income and Expenditure Account
For Year Ended 31 December 2021

Income	2020	2021
Berkswell Charities Annual Grant	450.00	750.00
Berkswell Parish Council Annual Grant	500.00	550.00
Investment Dividend	574.88	554.88
Bank Interest	<u>0.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	1,524.89	1,854.88
Expenditure		
Parish Plants (£496.33) and Planters (£930.92)	1,750.88	1,427.25
Telephone box	140.70	0.00
Walker Crips Administration Fee	40.00	0.00
CPRE Membership	36.00	36.00
Printing for NGS	0.00	25.00
Walker Crips Termination Charge	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
	1,967.58	1,508.25
Excess of Expenditure/Income	-442.69	346.63

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Berkswell Society

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	31 December 2020	31 December 2021
Excess of Expenditure/Income	-442.69	346.63
Bank Accounts		
Opening balance at 1 January	2,577.89	2,135.20
Carried forward at 31 December	2,135.20	2,481.83
Represented by:		
Community Account	2,135.20	2,481.83
Closing Bank balance	2,135.20	2,481.83
Closing Cash Book Balance	2,135.20	2,481.83
Investment Account		
Opening balance	10,147.00	10,074.00
Dividends Paid	-574.88	-554.88
Walker Crips Administration Fee	-40.00	0.00
Gain/Loss	541.88	-102.12
Closing balance	10,074.00	9,417.00

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ACCOUNTS SCRUTINY REPORT

To the Committee of the Berkswell Society

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Introduction

I have been instructed by the Committee to review the financial information for the Berkswell Society for the year ended 31st December 2021 which comprises a summary of the Income and Expenditure for the year and a summary of the Bank Accounts as at 31st December 2021.

Committee responsibilities

The Summary of the Income and Expenditure and the Summary of the Bank Accounts is the responsibility of, and have been approved by, the Committee. The Committee are responsible for maintaining books and records to support the preparation of the Summary of Income and Expenditure and the Summary of the Bank Accounts.

Review scrutiny performed

Closing balances on 31st December 2021 are confirmed as:

Cash Book £ 2,481.83

Barclays Bank: £ 2,481.83

Investment Account: £ 9,417.00

I have conducted my review by making enquiries of the Committee and examining the financial information in the books and records (including bank statements) maintained by the Treasurer on behalf of the Committee. My review has been substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards and, therefore, provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly I do not express an audit opinion on the financial information.

Review scrutiny conclusion

On the basis of my review I am not aware of any material modification that should be made to the financial information as presented for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Richard Drake

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5th February 2022