

## Notes of Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Bear Inn

Present			Apologies
John Thomas (in Chair) Andrew Burrow (minutes) Wendy Gault	Barrie Howarth Jane Edwards (JED) Ken Shaw (Treasurer)	Kay Howles Jim Ellis (JE)	Bill Bailey Graham Lock Alan Hanbury
Item No	Action		By whom
35/2018	Barrie Howarth from Waste lane was welcomed to the committee		
36/2018	Minutes of the meeting of 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 approved		
37/2018	Matters Arising		
	<b>Bank Deposit account</b> It was agreed to reverse the previous decision and keep the deposit account open because with internet banking moving money was easy, small interest was better than no interest and interest rates were likely to rise		
	<b>NDP regulation 14 consultation</b> The response made by the Society supporting the NDP was noted		
	<b>Village Planters</b> No progress to report		BB
38/2018	<b>Treasurer's report</b>		
	Grants had been received from the PC and Berkswell Charities for which the Society is grateful. These grants fund the planters & bulbs (together with the Society's own money). The grants do not fund the other activities of the society		
	The Treasurer Report (attached) was noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds in the 3 bank accounts on 9<sup>th</sup> October were £143.83 (current), £1400.21 (deposit) and £470.88 (BSMOG). Total £2014.92</li> </ul>		
	<b>Investment via Walker Cripps</b> It was noted that the value of this investment had progressively dropped from £11,169 in December 2017 to £9,307 on 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018. This was due to the aborted attempt earlier this year by AVIVA to buy back the bonds at par value. This appeared to have shaken the market despite AVIVA dropping the plan. The original investment by the society was £7,569 in June 2011. The Society has received around £4,600 in income since then, much more than in an investment account.		
39/2018	<b>Parish Boundary Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that SMBC had decided not to change the parish boundaries</li> <li>It was noted that the leaflets issued by the Society had been financed by sponsors and not at a cost to the Society funds.</li> <li>It was agreed to issue and pay for a leaflet for the Berkswell Gate estate to cover issues raised there during the consultation. The draft was approved</li> <li>It was agreed to try for a membership drive by               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School parent mail</li> <li>Forms in the pub</li> <li>Bugle article</li> <li>Forms in the shop</li> <li>Door to door knocking on supporters from consultation by the "willing"</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		AB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facebook</li> <li>• It was agreed to produce an A6 card to leave with residents who were not in or who wanted a “hand out”. Society to meet the cost, AB to obtain costs</li> <li>• Warding of the Society to allow local groups under the Society banner was not considered appropriate at this time. However, informal local groups already worked on the Society’s activities and this could continue be developed where appropriate.</li> </ul>	
40/2018	<b>Libraries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to support a library at the station as part of its adoption if permission can be obtained (Andrew)</li> <li>• It was agreed to support a library in Berkswell village telephone box if a volunteer can be found (Wendy to check)</li> </ul>	ASB  WG
41/2018	<b>New Planters and seat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The decision by the PC to fund the acquisition of new planters for Berkswell Gate and Waste Lane green was noted. The Society agreed to fund the planting if volunteers can be found. (Barrie Howarth will be looking after the one on Waste Lane)</li> <li>• It was agreed to fund wood for a bench for the Waste Lane green</li> </ul>	
42/2018	<b>Wild flowers in verges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to investigate planting wild flowers in verges</li> <li>• AB agreed to obtain the verge cutting schedule from SMBC</li> <li>• WG and JED agreed to investigate which flowers would thrive in grass</li> </ul>	ASB WG/JED
43/2018	<b>Parking and Traffic calming in Berkswell Village</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the following scope of works had been agreed with SMBC following the NDP consultation on this specific subject and this scope will be included within the NDP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath behind car park on Meriden road and a reduction in road width to the legal minimum</li> <li>• Zebra crossing by spinney entrance on Meriden Road</li> <li>• Table top in village centre</li> <li>• Build outs at the 4 entrances to the village to slow down vehicles entering the village by restricting road width and giving priority to vehicles leaving the village</li> <li>• Footpath from the sewage station to village green on Lavender Hall Lane</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Approximate cost about £250k with first grant application to be made to the HS2 community fund. It will not be a quick process.</li> </ul>	
44/2018	<b>Web site</b> It was noted that the old “Spirit if Berkswell” web site will be closed shortly subject to agreement by the Church and appropriate redirects being in place.	
	<b>Date of next meeting would be 4<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 PM at the Bear Inn for an informal bite to eat and drink before Christmas</b>	JT

## **Berkswell Society Meeting 9 October 2018 - Treasurer's Report**

### **Balances on Barclays Accounts at 9 October 2018**

Current Account	= £ 143.83
Deposit Account	= £1,400.21
BSMOG Dividend Account	= £ 470.88
Total	= £2,014.92

### **BSMOG monies invested through Walker Cripps**

Balance at 5 October 2018 = £9,307

Balance at 5 July 2018 = £9,745

Balance at 5 April 2018 = £10,487

Balance at 31 December 2017 = £11,169

June 2011 Original Investment = £7,569

Dividends Received (approx)

June 2011 to October 2018 = £4,600

### **Annual Grants Received**

Berkswell Charities = £450

Berkswell Parish Council = £500