

# Berkswell Society

## Notes of Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Bear Inn

Present			Apologies
John Thomas (in Chair)	Andrew Burrow (minutes)	Jim Ellis	Ken Shaw
Bill Bailey	Malcolm Hickin (in chair)	Graham Lock	
Graham Davison (Treasurer)	Alan Hanbury	(Two society members)	
Item No	Action		By whom
01/2017	Minutes of the meeting of 6 <sup>18h</sup> October 2016 were approved		
02/2017	<b>Matters arising</b> <b>1. Traffic Calming in the village</b> 1.1. Ove Arup had been appointed as consultants on the project to devise a scheme in consultation with SMBC and the community. The PC was also commissioning an up to date traffic survey <b>2. Berkswell Volunteers</b> 2.1. The list was reviewed with suggestions for volunteers/changes to Ken Shaw 2.2. Bill proposed a "helpers identify card". Bill to work it up as an idea <b>3.</b> £50 was authorised for the Solihull in Bloom ward plaque <b>4.</b> A trail would soon be underway on light covers for the church lights <b>5.</b> The visitors sign is in place. Thanks are due to Kinorigo for sponsorship and Lizzy Quinney from SMBC who drew the pictures in her own time. ASB to write		All BB BB BB ASB
03/2017	<b>Treasurers Report</b> 1. The Treasurer presented the accounts (see appendix). They show bank balances of £2275.61 2. There are a number of outstanding bills to come from this total 2.1. £365.21 to SMBC being the Kinorigo sponsorship 2.2. £172.61 for summer/winter planting 2016 in Balsall Common 2.3. £150 approx to Craddocks for Bulbs 2.4. £50 for plaque 2.5. £500 donation to new scout house 3. We can expect a dividend on investments of £574 4. GS to apply to Charities for a grant 5. GS with help from ASB to apply for a grant from PC		GD GD/ASB
04/2017	<b>Plans for improvement in 2017</b> 1. JE reported new planter installed in Sunnyside made from recycled materials from temporary planter outside Masala Club 2. 3 apple and 3 plum trees planted in Riddings Hill by volunteers paid for by PC 3. Bulbs planted in Riddings Hill, Dockers Close, Old Waste lane & Berkswell village We need to photograph them in spring to check coverage 4. The Society has adopted Berkswell Station and installed 2 of 5 planters. The remaining 3 await position approval from Network Rail. London Midland paid for the planters and the PC for the compost and plants 5. Two large trees are to be felled by the Pound whose roots are damaging the Pound wall after which the wall will be repaired. The PC has applied for planning permission to undertake tree felling and pruning work in the spinney recommended by experts 6. We have free/spare planter from London Midland. Any ideas for use advise the Secretary. ASB to send GL a photo for an electronic alert 7. The PC is to replace the current rotten fence with protective posts on Church Lane 8. The Society has planted bulbs and primroses at the base of the tree outside of the Masala Club (which is in Berkswell Parish). A more comprehensive summer planting will take place in due course		BB/ASB       All ASB

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05/2017	<b>Britain in Bloom &amp; Solihull in Bloom</b> 1. It was agreed that we would not enter Heart of England in Bloom in 2017 because it no longer provided the inspiration for the Parish/Society to do better which was the original purpose of our entry. 2. It was agreed that the Society would enter Solihull in Bloom	ASB
06/2017	<b>Difribulator</b> Fast Aid had recommended that the difribulator should be installed in the entrance to the Bear Inn with its high footfall and power supply. The Local Bear manager was supportive and seeking HQ permission. A local resident offered to meet the £600 installation costs	JT
07/2017	<b>Litter Pick</b> Litter picks were organised for 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Berkswell village and its surrounds</li> <li>• Balsall Common (both Parishes) in conjunction with BCVRA</li> </ul> Publicity by electronic listing All attend one or the other	ASB/GL All
08/2017	<b>Solihull Plan</b> The end date for consultations had been extended to 17 <sup>th</sup> February. The PC would agree its response at its meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> February. A consultation process with residents would be organised.	
09/2017	<b>NDP</b> 1. Balsall PC had given notice to terminate the agreement with Berkswell PC to produce a joint NDP 2. The Society was disappointed by this and agreed to support a Berkswell Parish only NDP as the only alternative 3. The Society supported the inclusion of the BCVRA in any NDP process for Berkswell Parish 4. The Society was concerned about the resulting delay to an NDP and wanted the Berkswell PC to proceed without delay but to utilise the skills and work of the volunteers on the current NDP Steering Committee.	
09/2017	<b>Village farm</b> The Estate had issued revised schematics for village farm providing a better balance of smaller family homes.	
10/2017	<b>BBQ and Village Fete</b> Date set for 17 <sup>th</sup> June JT on Committee	
11/2017	<b>Home Farm</b>  A resident expressed concern about traffic movements and HGV parking at Home Farm. It was not clear whether planning permission was granted for trailer storage or apparent storage parking of cars at Keepers cottage. Resident to supply ASB with photos.	
	<b>Date of next meeting would be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Please will John Thomas organise the venue in Bear</b> <b>AGM to be on same day as Parish Assembly date to be advised</b>	JT

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## BERKSWELL SOCIETY

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1ST JANUARY 2016 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2016

#### Balances as at January 1st 2016

Current account	3022.52
Deposit Account	772.48
	<u>3795.00</u>

#### INCOME

Berkswell Charities Annual Grant	450.00	
Interest	0.40	
Balance of BSMOG account	1.96	
SMBC	38.00	
Sponsorship for Tourist Sign Board	365.21	
Dividends 2016	287.44	
Dividends 2015	<u>574.88</u>	<u>1717.89</u>
		<u>5512.89</u>

#### EXPENDITURE

Joyner - Plants for Station Road	114.15	
Heart of England in Bloom entry fee	55.00	
Shares Management Fee 2015	20.00	
Traffic Calming Meeting	31.24	
Plaque for Well - Signcast	484.95	
Contribution towards Traffic Calming	1000.00	
CPRE	36.00	
Ken Shaw - Gardens	112.11	
Andrew Burrow - Plants/Planters	221.98	
Craddocks - Plants for Parish	<u>1161.85</u>	<u>3237.28</u>
		<u>2275.61</u>

#### Balances as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

Current account	1502.73
Deposit account	772.88
	<u>2275.61</u>
Investment GAFLAC 7.7/8% Pref Shares	9599.50
	<u>11875.11</u>

Graham G Davison ACIB  
Treasurer  
14.01.2017

Commitments:-                      Scouts                      £500