

Berkswell Parish Council – Extraordinary Meeting held on 24th June 2019

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell held in the Bercul Room, St John Baptist Church, Berkswell on 24th June 2019 at 7:30 pm.

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<p>1. Attendance Councillors Drake, Lloyd, Cooper, Howles, Hitchcock, Edwards, Burrow, Borough Councillor Allsopp and 8 members of the public</p> <p>2. Apologies for absence Richard Wilson (The Clerk), Keith Tindall (BCVRA) and Borough Councillor Diciccio</p> <p>3. Acceptance of apologies for absence accepted</p> <p>4. Minutes It was agreed that Councillor Burrow would take the minutes in the absence of the Clerk</p> <p>5. Declarations of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A non-pecuniary declaration from Councillor Lloyd as Chairman of HHAG with respect to planning application 2019/01571/HS2 b. A non-pecuniary declaration from Councillor Hitchcock as Chairman of the Tree Wardens with respect to the same planning application <p>6. Open Forum No “non-agenda” items were raised. Input from the public was taken on the issues on the agenda when those items were discussed.</p> <p>7. Planning application 2019/01571/HS2 – plans and specifications under Schedule 17 for works comprising a roundabout at Park Lane. Council resolved to send objections based upon the following reasons. A full statement to be written by the Clerk with technical input from Councillors as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council does not object to a temporary roundabout to facilitate HS2 construction and is unclear whether the application is for a temporary or permanent roundabout. However, if it is for a permanent roundabout then the objections are: b. Very special circumstances test not met c. Increased pollution caused by slowing and acceleration of traffic contrary to P9 of local plan d. Street Lighting contrary to P14 of local plan and dark skies protection e. Risk of increased traffic and its impact on Berkswell conservation area contrary to P16 of local plan f. Inability to mitigate for felled trees g. The Highways case is weak and does not meet very special circumstances test from NPPF h. Some of the land is outside of the Act limits i. HS2 have no reason for their project to build a permanent roundabout and it would cost less for a temporary one j. The justification provided by Highways to Councillor Allsopp was weak. A point by point rebuttal would be included. <p>Councillors Lloyd and Cooper agreed to provide the specific quotations from HS2 documents etc to back up the points above.</p>	Clerk
<p>8. Planning Application 2019/01458 – 80 Meeting House Lane</p> <p>It was resolved to object to this planning application on the following basis. The Clerk was delegated to send the objection with assistance from Councillors on technical matters as appropriate</p>	Cooper/Lloyd Clerk

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- a. Impact on amenity contrary to P14 of Local Plan
- b. Impact on streetscape contrary to P15 of Local Plan
- c. Unclear arrangements for sewage and rainwater removal
- d. Impact on bats shown in 2017 Bat survey (Cllr Cooper to provide references)
- e. Impact on trees 2017 tree survey (Cllr Cooper to provide references)
- f. Previous planning permission from decision notice in 2018 is acceptable subject to the same conditions given in that decision

Cllr Cooper

9. Planning Application 2019/01493 – Change of use of land to dog walking, care and training, Land off Spencer's Lane

Clerk

It was resolved to object to this planning application on the following basis. The Clerk was delegated to send the objection with assistance from Councillors on technical matters as appropriate

- a. The application is not justified under the very special circumstances requirements under the NPPF and P17 of Local plan of local plan
- b. The fencing which forms part of the application was erected in 2019 and has not been there for 4 years and has a severe and adverse impact on the openness of the greenbelt
- c. Residents advise that the site has not been used for 4 years for the applied for activity. Cllr Burrow to see if he can get a Google image of horses on the field with a date stamp
- d. Residents do report that the dogs bark and this causes an impact on nearby residents
- e. The proposal does not meet the requirements of the Berkswell NDP policy B10
- f. The facilities provided at the site to not meet the requirements of the Animal Welfare (Licencing of Activities involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018. Those regulation require specific facilities as specified in part B which do not form part of the application. Such facilities would have a further adverse impact on the greenbelt. The application is therefore incomplete and the full impact of the proposal on the greenbelt cannot be judged.

10. Invoices for payment

The following invoices for payment were approved. It was agreed that the cheques would be signed outside of the meeting.

Clerk/Cllr Burrow

Invoice	Approval	Cheque No	Gross amount £	VAT
J Hickin – Cutting of hedges in Berkswell Village	16/05/19 Item 37e	002201	260.00	0
Thomas Fattorini Limited – ‘Freedom of the Parish’ medal	18/04/19 Item 21di (Section 137)	002202	656.66	109.44
Total			916.66	109.44

11. Next Meeting

Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 18 July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Balsall & Berkswell Hornets Clubhouse, Lavender Hall Lane, Berkswell