

Berkswell Parish Council – Extraordinary Meeting 8 December 2020

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell held virtually via Zoom on 8 December 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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<p>1. Attendance: Cllrs Drake, Edwards, Howles and Lloyd, the Clerk and 5 members of the public.</p> <p>2. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Allsopp, Dicicco and Howell</p> <p>3. Acceptance of apologies for absence</p> <p>4. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>a. The following declaration of interest on items on the agenda was received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Lloyd - Reminded Council that he is the local representative of OSS but will be acting as a parish councillor during the meeting. <p>b. There were no written requests to disclosing pecuniary interests</p> <p>c. There were no requests for dispensations</p> <p>d. Councillors were reminded to update their Notice of Registrable Interests'. It is a requirement that councillors update the Register within 28 days of a change to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. Councillors to note that the current register is available via the following link http://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/mgInternet/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?ID=235&LS=3</p> <p>5. To approve Minutes of the following meeting: The following minutes were approved: Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 November 2020</p> <p>6. Parish Council Response to the Solihull Local Plan</p> <p>a. The chairman asked if there were any comments on the draft submission. Cllr Lloyd raised concerns about reference in the submission to the need for mitigation of noise, as referenced by the HS2 Noise Map, as this was in conflict with the Climate Change agenda. This view was not supported and, as there were no other comments, the chairman asked Council to vote on the approval of the proposed submission to the examination of the Solihull Plan as previously circulated. The vote was 3 for and 1 abstention. The submission was, therefore, agreed subject to Item 6 b below. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr Burrow for all his hard work pulling together the document.</p> <p>b. Council then agreed the following motion: <i>“The Clerk is authorised to make minor adjustments to the text as required to make the Council’s case and to make such adjustments as necessary to fully use the ecologist’s final report and Pegasus letter”</i>.</p> <p>c. Council agreed that it will seek a verbal presentation of its submission and appointed Councillors Burrow and Drake to make that presentation.</p> <p>7. Balsall Common Village Centre Master Plan</p> <p>a. The Clerk outlined the recommendation of the Balsall Common Village Centre Working Group, that ARUP should be appointed to carry out the production of a Village Centre Master Plan for a fixed fee of £30,000. The Clerk reported that references had been taken up and were in order. Council accepted this recommendation and noted that the Balsall Parish Clerk will be issuing a contract</p>	

to Arup on behalf of both Parish Councils under the Joint Agreement approved on 19 November 2020.

- b. Council noted the resolution from the Ordinary Meeting of 19 November 2020 that: *“Council agreed to delegate to the Clerk the authority to authorise the placement of an order with a consultant to prepare a Village Centre Master Plan, through Balsall Parish Council, that will not exceed the approved project budget”*. The agreed budget is £8,400.

8. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be held on 14 January 2021 commencing at 7:00pm.