

Berkswell Parish Council – Extraordinary Meeting 10th January 2019

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell held in the Jordan Room, St John Baptist Church, Berkswell on 10th January 2019 at 7:15 pm.

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<p>1. Evacuation Procedure – the Chairman instructed those in attendance of the evacuation procedure</p> <p>2. Recording of Parish Council Meetings – the chairman instructed those in attendance that, in the interests of openness and transparency, councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its committees when they are open to the public.</p> <p>3. Attendance. Cllrs Drake, Burrow, Cambage, Edwards, Lloyd & Howles, the Clerk and one member of the public</p> <p>4. Apologies for Absence Cllr Hitchcock</p> <p>5. Declarations of Interest None declared</p> <p>6. Open Forum Parishioners of Berkswell, and others at the discretion of the Chairman, were invited to address the Council on any relevant matter for a maximum of three minutes. There were no requests made.</p> <p>7. Planning Applications a) The following planning applications, received since the last meeting, were considered:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Ref</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Location</th> <th style="width: 45%;">Proposal</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Response Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2018/03472</td> <td>91 Kelsey Lane Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7GS</td> <td>Single storey side/rear extension, first floor side and rear extensions. Front porch extension, internal alterations and raised patio area.</td> <td>10.01.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018/03517</td> <td>Oakfield Farm Bradnocks Marsh Lane Bradnocks Marsh Solihull</td> <td>Conversion of redundant swimming pool building to form a proposed live/work unit at Oakfield farm, Bradnocks Marsh lane, Solihull, B92 0LH.</td> <td>11.01.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018/03369</td> <td>Reaves Green Barn Tanners Lane Berkswell Solihull</td> <td>Erection of a new garage to replace an existing garage in front of Reaves Green Barn.</td> <td>11.01.18</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2018/03472 – It was agreed that, whilst not objecting to the principle of the extension, the Council would like to draw attention to the proposed enlargement of the walling very close to the site boundary, which would appear to conflict with the 1 metre clear distance set out in the SMBC Planning Guidelines for Housing Development, p12.</p> <p>2018/03517 – It was agreed to comment as follows: The Council has considered the planning history of the site and would ask the Planning Authority to continue opposing conversion of this building because of its inaccessible location, as upheld in the previous Appeal APP/Q4625/W/17/3184805. The Council does not consider the earlier</p>	Ref	Location	Proposal	Response Date	2018/03472	91 Kelsey Lane Balsall Common Solihull CV7 7GS	Single storey side/rear extension, first floor side and rear extensions. Front porch extension, internal alterations and raised patio area.	10.01.19	2018/03517	Oakfield Farm Bradnocks Marsh Lane Bradnocks Marsh Solihull	Conversion of redundant swimming pool building to form a proposed live/work unit at Oakfield farm, Bradnocks Marsh lane, Solihull, B92 0LH.	11.01.19	2018/03369	Reaves Green Barn Tanners Lane Berkswell Solihull	Erection of a new garage to replace an existing garage in front of Reaves Green Barn.	11.01.18	
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Appeal APP/Q4625/A/09/2109679 to be relevant because that property is closer to Balsall Common.

2018/03369 - It was agreed to comment as follows: The Council feels the published information is inadequate to give a full understanding of the proposed development, but would object to the significant enlargement of the existing garage in front of the dwelling because its impact on the Green Belt and street scene.

8. Christmas Tree Initiative – Council considered the following motions;

- a) "The Council notes the positive feedback on its Christmas tree initiatives in Balsall Common and the success of this low-cost approach delivered with residents' assistance. The Council will establish a working group to review and enhance its approach to Christmas decorations covering additional residents' suggestions such as for Balsall Common centre, Berkswell village and other residential areas of the Parish with a view to developing cost effective proposals for full Council consideration". This motion was agreed.
- b) "It is agreed that the Council responds to the Balsall Parish Council request for £1,500 towards the cost of their lights as follows: *"Berkswell Parish Council notes the request from Balsall PC to contribute to Balsall PC's Christmas lights/decoration costs. Berkswell Parish Council has created a working group to consider options for Christmas decorations across the whole of Berkswell Parish with a view to developing cost effective proposals for enhancing its current approach for full Council consideration. It is, therefore, not possible to fully consider such a contribution at this time. Our working group will consult with Balsall PC on its emerging views before proposals are finalised."* . This motion was agreed.

9. 2019/20 Budget and Precept – Council discussed the Clerk's 'Budget Assumptions' paper (available on the Council's website) in some detail and invited the member of the public in attendance to join in. After going through the assumptions line by line, Council approved the 2019/20 budget. Council then had a discussion about how much to contribute to the budget from reserves and it was agreed to contribute £14,500. This led to the determination of the 2019/20 precept at £25,995 which equates to £16.90 for the Band D charge. This represents no increase on the Band D charge for 2018/19. The budget and precept calculation is attached below.

10. Next Meeting

Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 17 January 2019 at 7.15pm in the Balsall & Berkswell Hornets Clubhouse, Lavender Hall Lane, Berkswell.

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Berkswell Parish Council Budget - 2019/20	
	2019/20 Agreed Budget
EXPENDITURE	
Employee Pay & Allowances	10,748
Councillor Allowances & expenses	4,839
Administration	4,271
Communications	500
Specialist Advice	1,000
Local Plans	-
Public Safety (net of VAT)	4,000
Grants & Donations	7,000
S.137	4,750
Heritage & Maintenance	3,144
Total Expenditure (excl VAT)	40,252
Contingency	2,013
Total Expenditure (including Contingency, ex VAT)	42,264
VAT (assume VAT is neutral in each year)	863
Total Expenditure (inc VAT)	43,127
INCOME	
Precept (excluding Support Grant)	25,995
Support Grant	92
Bank Interest	40
Other Income	
VAT Refund	2,500
Total Income	28,627
Balance of Income over Expenditure (Ex VAT)	- 14,500
Opening Reserves	56,000
Closing Reserves	41,500
	2019/20 Agreed Budget
Calculation of Precept - 2019/20	
Budget (net of budgetted income)	40,587
Deduct Indicative Support Grant	92
Deduct contribution from reserves	14,500
Precept	25,995
Band D precept charge	16.90
Indicative number of Band D equivalent dwellings 2017/18	1,538