

Berkswell Parish Council – Extraordinary Meeting 7th March 2019

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Berkswell held in the Balsall & Berkswell Hornets Clubhouse, Lavender Hall Lane, Berkswell on 7th March 2019 at 7:15 pm.

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<p>1. Evacuation Procedure – the Chairman instructed those in attendance on 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, Hitchcock, Edwards, Lloyd & Cambage (arrived 7:35pm), the Parish Clerk, Cllr Bell (SMBC), Cllr Allsopp (SMBC) and 14 members of the public.</p> <p>4. Apologies for Absence Cllr Howles who was on holiday.</p> <p>5. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>a) There were no declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda</p> <p>b) There were no written requests for disclosing pecuniary interest.</p> <p>c) The following request for a dispensation was received from Cllr Burrow, “I request a dispensation for the NDP item (Item 7). Whilst no policy has changed and I was never involved in the creation of key policies P1 and P3 plus parking, I have written the defence in the response to the examiner’s issues/questions”. Cllr Burrow also reminded Council that he already has a dispensation regarding the Solihull Plan. Council approved this dispensation and Cllr Burrow stated that he would not vote on the item.</p> <p>6. Open Forum</p> <p>Parishioners of Berkswell, and others were invited to address the Council on any relevant matter for a maximum of three minutes. Jane Edwards thanked everyone for the opportunity to sit on the NDP Committee and praised the amount of work carried out by Geoff Wheeler & Andrew Burrow in particular. The Chairman thanked JE for her contribution. JE apologised on behalf of Berkswell Charities that the scaffolding is still in place on Berkswell School but will soon be removed. Finally, JE reported that on 30 March Berkswell Charities hope to have an open event in the former museum.</p> <p>7. Draft NDP – Cllr Burrow reported that the NDP is in the examination phase at the moment and that there have been a number of minor questions from the examiner as part of the preparation of the final report. Answers to those questions were required to be submitted by 8 March 2019. Cllr Burrow advised that there was only one change to the circulated response document. The Examiner had commented that “number of different ways that heritage assets might be harmed whilst implying that all will be a consideration in every instance”. Council were asked to consider and agree the following wording for inclusion in the response, “The QB also understands and accepts the Examiners comments about “number of different ways that heritage assets might be harmed whilst implying that all will be a consideration in every instance”. The QB considers that these identified parameters add valuable planning weight but accepts that they will not all apply in every case. The QB suggests that paragraph 2 could be modified so that the words “where appropriate” are inserted before the parameters”. After some discussion, Council considered the following</p>	

motion: “This Council agrees the circulated response to initial questions from the Independent Examiner of the Berkswell Draft NDP”. As this could not be agreed unanimously, the Chairman put the motion to the vote. The motion was passed 3 (RD, DE, AC) to 2 (RL, DH), AB did not vote.

8. Solihull Plan

- a. Council considered a report on the consultation held with residents on 2nd March concerning the Solihull Draft Local Plan. Cllr Burrow introduced the item and summarised the results of the consultation (the full document is available on the Council’s web site).
- b. Draft Solihull Local Plan - Cllr Lloyd thanked Cllr Burrow for all his work on drafting the Parish Council’s response to the latest draft Local Plan. Cllr Lloyd commented that there needed to be a ‘punchy’ executive summary. It was agreed that this would need to be carefully worded. Council approved the response subject to finalising a number of suggested amendments to be circulated to councillors for approval.

9. Next Meeting

Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 14 March 2019 at 7.15pm in the Jordan Room, St John Baptist Church, Berkswell