

5.	<p>Requests for Donations</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, to make the following donations</p> <p>Berkeley Brownies and Rainbows - £ 200.00 The Gloucestershire Chest Fund - £ 100.00 Stroud Valleys Project - £ 100.00 Victim Support - £ 50.00</p>
6.	<p>Berkeley Burial Committee Budget and Parish Contribution 2016/17</p> <p>The Clerk advised the council that there were two members who were members of the Berkeley Burial Committee that should have declared a personal interest in accordance with Appendix B (i) of the Code of Conduct dated 14th December 2015</p> <p>The Clerk advised that, in accordance with the Code of Conduct dated 14th December 2016 item 12, said members of the Berkeley Burial Committee are allowed to speak on the matter but are not allowed to vote therefore the Clerk informed the council that the members of the Berkeley Burial Committee if they chose to do so would not have their votes counted.</p> <p>There were nine members present of which seven were eligible to vote on this item.</p> <p>The budget for the Berkeley Burial Committee for the financial year to 31st March 2017 was duly approved by a majority of the seven members eligible to vote</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority of the members eligible to vote, to make a contribution of £3182.00 to the Berkeley Burial Committee for the financial year to 31st March 2017</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to bring the Berkeley Burial Committee Terms of Reference before council to have the section on the budget reviewed</p> <p>Councillor Pinnell was asked to instruct the Clerk to the Berkeley Burial Committee to supply the council with a breakdown of the allocation of the reserves held by the committee, the population figures and budget contribution amounts for all four parishes</p>
7.	<p>Canon Park Recreation Facility - land drainage project</p> <p>At the last meeting it was agreed that the contract to install land drainage to part of the field at Canon Park Recreation Facility will be awarded to D.E Spencer & Sons subject to satisfactory references and contract.</p> <p>Since then the Clerk has obtained four references from the following organisations as well as advice on what type of contract to use</p> <p>Tom Cullimore - Rockhampton Cricket Club; Adrian Clements - Tewksbury Borough Council; Roger Crang - Deer Park Archers Ltd and Ruth Warne - Churchdown Parish Council</p> <p>It was duly noted that all of the references were overwhelmingly positive and the contracts will consist of the specification, quote and covering letter</p>
8.	<p>Canon Park Recreation Facility - Pavilion Internal Alterations - see attached plan</p> <p>It was agreed to carry out internal alterations to the Pavilion with the contractor J.C. Aldridge & Son Ltd at a cost of £ 22,770.00 plus vat</p> <p>It was agreed that the council will add a further £ 10,000.00 to the Pavilion Maintenance budget in 2016.</p>

9.	<p>Berkeley Town Centre Improvement Project</p> <p>The Berkeley Town Centre Improvement Project was put on hold a few years ago because of a lack of funding - see attached report</p> <p>The report confirms that Berkeley Town Council did not formally adopt the scheme nor did it agree to carry it forward at the time. Interest has been regenerated in the project as a possible solution to traffic problems in the area now and in the future.</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, that Berkeley Town Council will raise the profile of the Town Centre Improvement Project as a scheme that could help improve the traffic problems in Berkeley now and in the future.</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, that the council will carry out a consultation, with the residents and traders in Berkeley on the Town Centre Improvement Scheme, towards the end of March.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to report on the outcome of the consultation at the April 2016 meeting</p>
10.	<p>Berkeley Triangle Action Group</p> <p>Chairman Studden has submitted a report on the meeting he attended recently with the Berkeley Triangle Action Group - see attached report</p> <p>Chairman Studden proposed that the council considers working with the Berkeley Triangle Action Group to seek an effective and efficient solution to the growing traffic problems around Berkeley - not carried</p> <p>It was agreed that Berkeley Town Council will call a meeting, inviting the Berkeley Triangle Action Group, all Parishes surrounding Berkeley, District and County Councillors, Green College, Canals & River Trust and businesses located at Sharpness Docks, to seek changes to the local road infrastructure that will be capable of sustaining anticipated increases in traffic throughout the area.</p>
11.	<p>Gloucestershire's draft Local Transport Plan (2015-2031) Consultation</p> <p>The comments to Gloucestershire's draft Local Transport Plan (2015-2031) Consultation as proposed by Chairman Studden were not carried</p> <p>It was agreed to submit the following comments to Gloucestershire's draft Local Transport Plan (2015-2031) Consultation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Berkeley Town Council welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the consultation on the Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan and acknowledges the significant issues which face the County Council in terms of balancing the needs of the whole County and delivering solutions within a much stretched budget. 2. Whilst the Town Council supports the concept of the Connecting Places Strategies, it is mindful that there is a clear need for greater focus and localisation of planning to even smaller area bases to ensure that local considerations and residents' needs and aspirations can be incorporated into meaningful and sustainable neighbourhood strategies. 3. This would help to alleviate situations where for example, planning for Highways schemes, such as proposed B4066 corridor, need to be joined up to address potential for simply moving bottlenecks further down the road network in particular to Berkeley Town Centre.

	<p>4. The Town Council supports a bypass from the A38 to Berkeley roundabout, as a solution rather than the upgrading of the B4066, in conjunction with a development scheme to alleviate current parking and congestion in Berkeley Town Centre.</p> <p>5. The Connecting Places Strategies should address the need for a more integrated approach to multi modal travel, particularly in CPS 5 - Stroud, and consider visitors and tourists together with local residents needs in particular the reduction of visitor car journeys between major tourist attractions by substituting circular linked bus services, connected to transport hubs and rail interchanges.</p>
12.	<p>Chairman and Councillors Reports</p> <p>Chairman Studden reported on the SDC LCTS Scheme, BTAG and SDC Town and Parish Forum</p> <p>Councillor Watts reported on the Vale of Berkeley Railway</p> <p>Councillor Brown reported on CCTV and KLB school bus meeting</p> <p>Councillor Tucker reported on a stolen car</p> <p>Councillor Stanton reported on a meeting for SSG and the Green College open day</p> <p>Councillor Ashton reported that the mobile bank will be increasing their open time to three hours</p>
13.	<p>Next Meeting.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Monday 15th February 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Berkeley.</p>
14.	<p>Maces - Insurance - see attached report</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to ascertain if the maces could be stored in the Nat West Bank in Thornbury</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to insure the maces for £ 750,000.00 at a maximum cost of £2,365.00 inclusive of tax 9.5% per annum</p>