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**THE TOWN CLERK**

**Berkeley Town Council  
 Meeting held  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the  
 Town Hall, Berkeley at  
 7.30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Present	Councillor	L Ashton	Chairman
		F Brown	
		G Harcourt	
		R Pinnell	
		K Palmer	

Clerk D Spiers

**Public Discussion**

The new Neighbourhood Warden for Berkeley, Lisa Ellis, introduced herself to the council

The Community Heartbeat Trust representative, Martin Fagan, informed the council that responsibility for the long term maintenance of the defibrillator, which is to be installed outside the Co-op in Salter Street, lies with the Community Heartbeat Trust. The Community Heartbeat Trust has an arrangement with the Co-op that they will raise funds for the annual cost of maintenance (approximately £126.00).

A party of ten residents from High Street, Berkeley attended the meeting to make the council aware of the problems they are having with agricultural vehicles when they have to pass each other in the road. The tractors and trailers mount the pavement in order to pass which causes them to be very close to front doors. Some houses have sustained damage from being hit by the tractors. Residents are extremely concerned that someone is going to get hurt or killed by the tractors as they try to exit their houses.

Everyone present felt that a solution needs to be found that is of benefit to everyone concerned and it was suggested that a meeting will be arranged inviting local farmers, residents of High Street, Berkeley Estate, Mr John Berkeley, the Police, Gloucestershire Highways and Stroud District Council Environmental Health.

Stroud District Councillor Gordon Craig report included information about new houses on the rural exception site in Lynch Road, new bus timetable, the tip in Thornbury and his thoughts on the Planning Inquiry into 188 houses to the east of Berkeley

1.	<p>Apologies and absence</p> <p>Councillors Tucker and Stevenson had given their apologies due to annual leave</p> <p>The council accepted the apologies given by Councillors Tucker and Stevenson</p> <p>No-one was absent</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972 s.85</i></p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests from Councillors relating to any items on the agenda</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Localism Act 2011 s.27</i></p>

3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were confirmed as a true record and it was agreed that they should be signed by the Chairman - majority vote</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972</i></p>
4.	<p>Co-option of new member</p> <p>It was agreed to co-opt Mr Peter Hall as a member of Berkeley Town Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Elections Rules 2006</i></p>
5.	<p>Code of Conduct - Breach</p> <p>The Standards Panel of Stroud District Council concluded that Councillor Pinnell at the meeting of the Town Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 did commit a breach of the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>It was agreed to formally censure Councillor Pinnell for his breach of the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The Chairman censured Councillor Pinnell for his breach of the Code of Conduct</p> <p>It was agreed to ask Councillor Pinnell to make an apology in public - majority vote</p> <p>Councillor Pinnell refused to make an apology in public</p> <p>It was agreed to remove Councillor Pinnell as a member of the Planning and Finance Committee and Sarah's Field Committee - majority vote</p> <p>It was agreed to remove Councillor Pinnell from The Berkeley Burial Committee where he currently stands as Chairman - majority vote</p> <p>It was agreed that the sanctions will last until November 2016 - majority vote</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Localism Act 2011, s.28(11)</i></p>
6.	<p>Play Parks Consultation 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 - analysis</p> <p>It was agreed to defer this matter until after a meeting with residents</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972</i></p>
7.	<p>Berkeley Playgroup - Skate Park Funding</p> <p>It was agreed to provide a cheque in the amount of £ 2,000.00 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Berkeley Scout Group</p> <p>It was duly noted that the funds will be taken from the Play Parks Project ear-marked reserves budget</p>
8.	<p>The Leys Village Green Application</p> <p>An application for Village Green Status was made for The Leys (land to the east of Berkeley)</p> <p>It was duly noted that as of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 the application was rejected</p>
9.	<p>Bus Shelter and Bench</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to obtain three quotes from local painters to decorate the bus shelter in Salter Street and the Town Hall bench</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to arrange for both items to be painted in a lighter green than they are at the present</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1</i></p>

10.	<p>Charging Policy - Sports Teams</p> <p>It was agreed to add sports teams to the policy to receive discounts on their lettings - see attached Charging Policy</p>
11.	<p>Solar Panels - Town Hall</p> <p>This matter was deferred until March 2017</p> <p>The Planning and Finance Committee were instructed to make allowance for this project in the budget for the financial year 2017/18</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972, s.133</i></p>
12.	<p>Solar Panels - Pavilion</p> <p>This matter was deferred until March 2017</p> <p>The Planning and Finance Committee were instructed to make allowance for this project in the budget for the financial year 2017/18</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972, s.133</i></p>
13.	<p>Park View Play Area Lease</p> <p>It was duly noted that Land Registry has confirmed that our application to tidy up the register has been completed. The old 2002 lease is no longer noted on the title.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972, s.124</i></p>
14.	<p>Berkeley Flyer - Charges for publication of council report</p> <p>It was agreed to submit a report to the Berkeley Flyer at a cost of £ 200.00 per annum</p> <p>It was agreed that a report will be submitted as and when it is necessary</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman Liz Ashton will be responsible for writing the report</p>
15.	<p>Town Hall - damage to Georgian window</p> <p>It was duly noted that Graham Allen &amp; Sons Ltd were instructed to carry out necessary repairs to the Georgian window at the Town Hall for £ 665.76 + vat</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972, s.133</i></p>
16.	<p>Schedule of Payments</p> <p>The Schedule of Payments was duly approved and it was agreed that the payments could be signed - see attached</p>
17.	<p>Sharing Information</p> <p>At this point in the members shared information relevant to the town of Berkeley</p>
18.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Berkeley</p>