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*Berkeley Town Council  
 On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 in the  
 Town Hall, Berkeley at  
 7.30 p.m.*

Present	Councillor	L Ashton G Harcourt K Palmer P Stevenson T Tucker P Hall	Chairman
		Clerk Locum Anita Sach	

**Minutes**

**Public Discussion**

G Craig advised that the appeal on the 188 houses off Canonbury Street has been allowed, although SDC may take it to judicial review because of impact on the Local Plan. He is also concerned the town won't receive enough benefit from the developer and he wants to work with the town closely on this. Benefits could be used to improve the town by giving grants to shopkeepers to improve frontages and developing tourism initiatives with the local attractions. He reported that the road resurfacing in Berkeley was last-minute, taking advantage of available funds; the new recycling system was largely working well; and that plans for a 2000-3000 house eco-town between Berkeley and Sharpness have emerged again.

1.	Apologies and absence  Apologies were received from F Brown; no apologies were received from R Pinnell <i>Local Government Act 1972 s.85</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest  There were no declarations of interests from Councillors relating to any items on the agenda <i>Localism Act 2011 s.27</i>
3.	Minutes of the last meeting  The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October were confirmed as a true record and it was agreed that they should be signed by the Chairman.  <i>Local Government Act 1972</i>
4.	Schedule of Payments  The Schedule of Payments was duly approved and it was agreed that the payments could be signed It was agreed to pay the Minute Clerk the same rate as she receives at Alkington PC for taking the minutes at the meeting and writing them up afterwards.  <i>Financial Regulations 5.2</i>
5.	Berkeley Burial Board budget proposal -  Concerns were raised about the proposed budget and councillors felt it was important that

	council representatives attended the next meeting on 23 November. It was agreed to postpone the decision until the December meeting.
6.	Matters Pending  The matters pending list was unavailable to be reviewed
7.	Finance & Planning- There was no meeting on the 7/11/16 as not quorate - The minutes from the meeting held on 11 October were duly noted.  The appeal below was duly noted  Mr & Mrs I Wasley-2 Lynch Rd- Single storey extension to rear and associated alterations  S.16/2326/LBC- 1 Canonbury street-Demolition of single storey rear extension and construction of a single storey rear garden room.  It was agreed to support the application
8.	Consultations  Fracking Consultation - it was agreed that councillors would respond as individuals Boundary Changes- it was agreed to support the alternative proposal put forward by the Labour group, as Berkeley is strongly affiliated with Stroud with Neil Carmichael having worked hard on the new college at the power station. Berkeley is a small town and has a stronger voice in a rural constituency. The proposals mean Berkeley would be in a constituency with large towns such as Thornbury and Yate and it is felt it would be under-represented. Schools admissions policy for Gloucestershire- it was agreed that councillors would respond as individuals  Removal of the BT kiosk - it was agreed to ask for the phone box to be retained as it is important for the public to be able to use it in an emergency in order to obtain the code for the defibrillator at the Berkeley Arms. The mobile phone reception is particularly poor in Berkeley.
9.	Christmas Tree/lights- It was noted that the locum Clerk has asked Cllr Brown to go ahead and order a tree from Kitts Green, and to also order the lights for the tree in Salter Street. (This was agreed at Sept Meeting)
10.	Christmas celebrations-  It was agreed that all Town Council members/Clerk/Brian will gather for drinks after the next BTC meeting and that sandwiches would be provided.
11.	Website- It was agreed that the new website should go live.
12.	Play equipment- Cllr Tucker reported that there had been a meeting with the parents to discuss what equipment is needed. Three quotes have been received for the play equipment and these would be circulated. The children in the school had been consulted via the school council and now awaiting feedback. Once all proposals in, parents will be consulted again and he envisaged plans could be discussed at the January meeting
13.	New Play Equipment

	<p>It was agreed that, as the council had maintained the play equipment in the past, it will continue to do so. Cllr Tucker will draw up a schedule of maintenance checks.</p>
14.	<p>Network Connectors- Alan Pascoe has recommended that the Council purchase a UPS unit. This is because the fluctuations in mains power are affecting the performance of the CCTV system.</p> <p>It was noted that the network connector has been ordered at a cost of £95.00 +Vat</p>
15.	<p>Berkeley Town Football Club-</p> <p>The football club has a joint event booked for May 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> 2017. Councillors supported the idea of a beer festival in principle but raised concerns about licensing, consulting with the neighbours, security and the closing time. It was agreed to ask the football club to attend the January meeting and the neighbours would be leafleted to notify them of the meeting.</p>
16.	<p>Installation of the new recycling bin</p> <p>It was agreed to appoint Colin Grimes to install the new bin</p>
17.	<p>Stroud District Ring and Ride Service</p> <p>It was agreed to discuss this at the January meeting, when donations are normally considered. The clerk was asked to find out how they promote the service in Berkeley, bearing in mind they are Stroud based, and to ascertain figures on historical usage of the service.</p>
18.	<p>Sharing Information</p> <p>At this point in the meeting members shared information relevant to the town</p>
19.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Berkeley.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next Finance &amp; Planning meeting would take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.</p>