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**Berkeley Town Council
Meeting held Monday 21st September 2015 in the
Town Hall, Berkeley at
7.30 pm**

Minutes

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| Present | Councillor | M Studden G Fryer J Stanton L Ashton R Pinnell K Palmer T Tucker V Watts F Brown | Chairman |
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Clerk D Spiers

Mr Thomas Jenner-Fust shared the research he has done so far about the maces

Public Discussion

Stroud District Councillor Liz Ashton reported on meetings she has had with Rebecca Jelf, Police Commissioner and Gary Handley. Liz also shared information about the mobile bank, consultation on public transport, fracking, cycle route maps, tourism meeting and listed building consent for the old hospital

Stroud District Councillor Gordon Craig shared information he had gathered in relation to fracking and highways

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| 1. | Apologies and absence There were no apologies or absences |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest from Councillors relating to any items on the agenda for 21 st September 2015 |
| 3. | Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 th July 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman |
| 4. | Town Maces It was agreed that the budget for the research in to the origin, value and age of the maces is to be a maximum of £ 1000.00 The Clerk was instructed to look at the minutes from 1970 to 1974 in order to ascertain on what grounds the maces came in to the ownership of Berkeley Town Council. The minutes are currently stored at the County Records Office |

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| 5. | <p>Minutes of Committee Meetings</p> <p>It was duly noted that members have received copies of the minutes of the following committee meetings held during the month of July 2015</p> <p>Buildings Maintenance Committee 13th July 2015 Streetscape and Street Furniture Committee 13th July 2015 Planning Committee 14th July 2015 Finance Committee 14th July 2015</p> |
| 6. | <p>Budget and Precept preparations for 2016/17</p> <p>To provide guidance to the finance committee as to the level of precept for 2016/17 in order to assist them with their preparation of the budget</p> <p>It was agreed that a hearing loop will be provided for the first floor room of the Town Hall in the financial year 2018/19.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Housing Needs Survey</p> <p>It was agreed by a majority vote to set up a meeting of the council to discuss housing in Berkeley</p> <p>It was agreed that the Housing Needs Survey will be revisited after the meeting about housing</p> |
| 8. | <p>Terms of Reference - changes</p> <p><u>Sarah's Field Committee</u></p> <p>It was agreed to add the following wording to the Terms of Reference for Sarah's Field Committee</p> <p>"To enhance the environment in Sarah's Field for the people of Berkeley to enjoy which includes seating and paths"</p> <p><u>Leisure and Recreation Committee</u></p> <p>It was agreed that no changes will be made to the Terms of Reference for the Leisure and Recreation Committee</p> <p><u>Streetscape and Street Furniture Committee</u></p> <p>It was agreed to add the following wording to the Terms of Reference for the Streetscape and Street Furniture Committee</p> <p>"To plant floral displays and trees in the town centre, to work with Stroud District Council to make all bins of a uniform design and to work with Gloucestershire County Council and Highways to improve the Town Signs"</p> |
| 9. | <p>Berkeley Town Council Annual Report 2014/15</p> <p>It was agreed to publish the Annual Report for 2014/15 - see attached</p> |
| 10. | <p>Style of signs and street furniture in Berkeley</p> <p>It was agreed that all signs and street furniture will be black with gold trim/writing also showing the town crest with all furniture to be in an historic style in keeping with the town</p> |

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| 11. | <p>Berkeley Town Centre Improvements and proposed 20 mph speed limit - infrastructure funding associated with the new college</p> <p>It was agreed by a majority vote to make it known to the relevant parties that building a roundabout on the junction of the B 4066 and the A 38 will not help with the increase in traffic that will be going through Berkeley when the new college is opened. It was agreed to ask for the roundabout scheme to be removed from the programme of works.</p> <p>It was agreed to play an active role in the development of the town centre seeking to attract some of the £ 5 million fund associated with the new college of Berkeley.</p> <p>It was agreed to set up a Town Centre Improvement Committee that will bring together all of the issues such as speeding, parking and congestion in to one project that can bid for some of the £5 million infrastructure funding associated with the new college</p> <p>It was agreed to push forward with the 20 m.p.h. speed limit and apply to the college infrastructure fund to cover the costs</p> |
| 12. | <p>Gloucestershire Archives - "For the Record"</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, to make a contribution of £ 250.00 to the Gloucestershire Archives "For the Record" project</p> |
| 13. | <p>Code of Conduct</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, to use the NALC template document as a basis for the Code of Conduct for Berkeley Town Council</p> |
| 14. | <p>Facebook and/or Twitter</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to canvas other councils and GAPTC for advice and feedback on how they have found Facebook and Twitter</p> |
| 15. | <p>Member for Trees, Footpaths and Bridleways</p> <p>Councillor George Fryer was duly appointed as the member for Trees, Footpaths and Bridleways within the parish of Berkeley</p> <p>Councillor Fryer was instructed report any problems to the Clerk who will in turn contact the relevant authorities</p> |
| 16. | <p>Government Right to Buy Legislation</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to our MP asking that rural exception sites are excluded from the Right to Buy legislation</p> |
| 17. | <p>2015/16 Stroud Youth Grant Funding Programme</p> <p>It was agreed that the council will not make an application to the 2015/16 Stroud Youth Grant Funding Programme</p> |
| 18. | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to respond to each letter in the following way</p> <p>Tony Edwards Berkeley Buffs - memorial to Brendan McNally "Mac" - invite Mr Edwards to come and talk to the Streetscape and Street Furniture committee to discuss where and what type of memorial would be suitable and let him know the council supports his request for a memorial</p> |

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| | <p>Andrew Pick - parking in Salter Street - respond by pointing out that the new CCTV should help with the problems</p> <p>Great Western Air Ambulance Charity - request for clothing bank in Berkeley - respond saying sorry but we already have a clothing bank and two charity shops in the town</p> |
| 19. | <p>Chairman and Councillors Reports</p> <p>Chairman Studden reported on the launch of Creative England/Stroud DC Film Location Partnership, meeting with GCC Local Highways Budget Group, Tourism and Local Economic Development discussion with Gail Boyle and Owen Gower at Dr Jenner's Museum, Dursley Town Council Community Tourism Forum and he attended Berkeley Castle for the visit of Sophie Countess of Wessex who opened the Hidden Treasures of Berkeley Castle Exhibition</p> <p>Councillor Stanton shared information from the SSG meeting</p> <p>Councillor Ashton talked about SOSYP, cycle map, cemetery lodge, brambles in the cemetery and public meeting with Neil Carmichael MP</p> <p>Councillor Pinnell reported on the Berkeley Burial Committee budget contribution, cemetery lodge and paving slabs</p> <p>Councillor Palmer mentioned the condition of the pavements in High Street</p> <p>Councillor Tucker mentioned overgrown brambles by James Orchard</p> <p>Councillor Watts shared information about the Christmas Fayre and the Vale of Berkeley Railway</p> <p>Councillor Brown asked for Christmas decorations to be on the agenda</p> |
| 20. | <p>Next Meeting.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Monday 19th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Berkeley.</p> |