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Berkeley Town Council
Meeting held Monday 17th March 2014
In the Town Hall, Berkeley
At 7.30 pm

Minutes

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| Present | Councillor | K Palmer C Trenchard F Brown L Ashton R Pinnell J Dobson P Hall T Tucker | Chairman |
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Public Discussion

Mrs B Gibbons started a debate on the merits of the planning application for 197 houses to the East of Berkeley. The debate proved lively and interesting and included subjects such as how councillors vote; deadline dates; consultation; leaflet; style of houses; section 106 funding; promises; and much more besides

Stroud District Councillor Liz Ashton reported that there are changes due at the sheltered housing sites due to the loss of a grant from Gloucestershire County Council; a new heating system has been installed at Jenner Court; residents at Berkeley Vale Park have been told their hedges have to be reduced from 6ft to 4ft in height; Liz and Penny (village agent) have secured funding to start up a weekly club for more mature residents on a Wednesday afternoon at the Doctors Surgery; Glos Playing Fields Association has provided us with an assessment for Park View with regard to skate board facilities; Liz has been interviewed by YC for the ITV Fixers Project and Liz has been informed by the Transport section of GCC that the bus to Berkeley Vale Park will not be starting anytime soon due to other commitments they have.

Stroud District Councillor Gordon Craig reported that The bus service that was scheduled to go to Berkeley Vale Park has been delayed a bit; Gordon has spoken to Richard Gray at Highways about the parking in Canonbury Street and the junction at the A38; he has spoken to Carlos Novoth at SDC re the recycling centre and a green recycling service for Berkeley; he has complained to SDC that they have installed the new heating system at Jenner Court during the coldest time of the year causing discomfort to the residents and the Town Plan Steering group are struggling to get enough responses to the questionnaires.

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| 1. | Apologies and absence Councillor Harcourt gave his apologies |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest Councillor Palmer declared an interest in item 17 on the agenda |

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| 3. | <p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th February 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman</p> |
| 4. | <p>Committee Meetings Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of planning and finance committee meetings held during February 2014 were duly noted</p> |
| 5. | <p>Chairman and Councillors Reports</p> <p>Councillor Tucker had visited the allotments and chatted with other allotment holders about the security light to the entrance and found that there was a consensus of opinion that it would not alleviate the problem of the thefts. Tony also reported that they may not be too keen on having a secure storage unit at the site</p> <p>Councillor Ashton reported that there is a very unpleasant bin and contents at the hospital which no-one appears to want to take responsibility for therefore Liz will ask SDC to dispose of it</p> |
| 6. | <p>Schedule of Payments</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the schedule of payments that was presented to the meeting - see attached</p> |
| 7. | <p>Matters Pending</p> <p>The Matters Pending List was duly noted</p> |
| 8. | <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>S.14/0481/LBC - 19 High Street - Listed Building Consent for variation on previous approval S.12/1515/LBC to re-site proposed en-suite/bathrooms</p> <p>S.14/0561/TCA - Court House, Canonbury Street - Trees in a Conservation Area Plum (T1) reduce by 40% & remove ivy from the crown. Pyracantha (S1) remove branch over washing line & reduce the rest by 30-40%</p> <p>It was agreed to support both applications</p> |
| 9. | <p>Premises Licence</p> <p>A premises licence has been submitted by Mr J Jeyaroopan for 3 Market Place, Berkeley for alcohol off-sales from 6am to 10pm daily</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, to support the application</p> |
| 10. | <p>Victoria Cross Holders 2014-2018 - Commemorations</p> <p>Councillor Pinnell has not yet heard back from the War Graves Commission</p> <p>Councillors Tucker and Brown reported that the paving slab ceremony should take place after the Remembrance Sunday Service (9th November) followed by a reception in the Town Hall. The Paving Slab could be laid out side the Bank in Market Place. The event will include family members and the regiment as well as local people</p> |
| 11. | <p>Recycling Centre Marybrook St Car Park</p> <p>It was agreed that no further action will be taken at this time</p> |

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| 12. | <p>Cyclists in Berkeley</p> <p>The questionnaire aimed at cyclists was duly approved</p> <p>Councillor Dobson will email the questionnaires to local cycling clubs and the Clerk will distribute them to the Tea Rooms and the Coffee Shop</p> |
| 13. | <p>Town Festivities</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to local groups that organise festivities in the Town to ask them how we can help.</p> |
| 14. | <p>Berkeley Burial Committee</p> <p>Following our request to the Berkeley Burial Committee that they pay the rent from the Lodge to Berkeley Town Council we have been asked to produce proof of ownership of the Cemetery Lodge.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to respond to the request by quoting the relevant statute that gave ownership of the Cemetery to Berkeley Town Council</p> |
| 15. | <p>Play Gloucestershire</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to email the Primary School to ask what dates are covered by their summer activities</p> |
| 16. | <p>Geodesic Dome at Canon Park Recreational Facility</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to ask an engineering firm to look at the dome to see if it can be repaired</p> |
| 17. | <p>Football Club Lease</p> <p>By a majority vote, the terms and conditions, as set out in the final draft attached, were duly approved.</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, to instruct a solicitor to draw up the lease agreement between the football club and the council</p> |
| 18. | <p>Park View Development</p> <p>As the Park View Team are still waiting for some more information it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting</p> |
| 19. | <p>Stroud District Council - consultation on waste, recycling and street cleaning services</p> <p>It was agreed to make no comment on the consultation on waste, recycling and street cleaning services</p> |
| 20. | <p>Sarah's Field</p> <p>It was duly noted that a meeting has been arranged, for the 24th April, with a representative from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who can give us advice on the management of the site.</p> <p>It was agreed to make a donation of £ 50 to the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust</p> |
| 21. | <p>Historic Town Trail Leaflet Re-print</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to approach Sema4graphics to ask if he could review his prices</p> |

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| 22. | <p>Standing Orders</p> <p>It was agreed to revoke our existing Standing Orders</p> <p>It was agreed to approve and adopt the Standing Orders presented to the meeting - see attached</p> |
| 23. | <p>Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 31st March 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Berkeley</p> |