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**Berkeley Town Council  
Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in  
The Town Hall, Berkeley at  
7.30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Present	Councillor	K Palmer	Chairman
		G Fryer	Chairman (when Cllr Palmer left the room)
		V Watts	
		R Pinnell	
		L Ashton	
		T Tucker	
		M Studden	
		J Stanton	

Clerk D Spiers

**Public Discussion**

Peter Hall laid out the details of a project to increase mobile phone access in the area. The project is called "Rural Open Sure Signal".

Pam Hillier expressed concerns about the increase in volume of traffic to the B4066 when the skills centre opens on the Magnox Site

Barbara Gibbons gave reasons why, in her opinion, the revised planning application for 196 houses to the east of Berkeley should be refused

Joan Hosier gave reasons why, in her opinion, the revised planning application for 196 houses to the east of Berkeley should be refused

Jean Stanton gave reasons why, in her opinion, the revised planning application for 196 houses to the east of Berkeley should be refused

Stroud District Councillor Liz Ashton reported on the following topics bus services, an application for grants to provide a monthly shopping bus for local residents that Liz is making, she is trying to establish a U3A group for Berkeley, disappointment that so many trees are to be felled at the Castle and that the Youth Leader is doing a very good job for the young people of Berkeley especially providing them with good advice as they head off for college and university.

Stroud District Councillor Gordon Craig stated that he made his personal views known privately to the consultation for the proposed affordable homes that may be next to his boundary but will take no further part in the public discussion due to his declaration of interest in the project

Councillor Craig also reported on the following topics, he is meeting with John Kay and everyone from the council is invited, they will discuss various highways issues and the police are happy to have their parking space moved to the other side of the kerb out in Salter Street

1.	<p>Apologies and absence</p> <p>Councillor Brown gave his apologies which were accepted by the council</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors Stanton, Ashton and Pinnell each declared a personal interest in item 4, Planning Application S.14/0619/FUL</p> <p>Councillor Palmer declared an interest in item 5, Pavilion Lease with the Football Club</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman</p> <p>Subject to the following alteration “public discussion Stroud District Councillor Liz Ashton report - to delete the words staff shortages and replace with priorities“ the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman</p>
4.	<p>Planning Application</p> <p>Councillors Stanton, Ashton and Pinnell left the room while this item was dealt with</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following responses to the revised plans for S.14/0619/FUL - Land at Rear of Canonbury Street, Berkeley - Erection of 196 dwellings, provision of new access from B4066 landscaping and associated infrastructure (Revised plans and further information received)</p> <p>Berkeley Town Council expressed misgivings about road safety which have still not been addressed and we are further concerned about the increase in the volume of traffic that could come with the proposed developments at Sharpness</p> <p>The council calls for consideration of the application in terms of the most recent proposals in the wider area around Berkeley and in particular those in Sharpness.</p> <p>For the safety of drivers the access needs a substantial roundabout on the bypass</p> <p>Berkeley Town Council also calls for more robust landscaping with plenty of trees</p>
5.	<p>Pavilion Lease with the Football Club</p> <p>Draft 2A of the lease was duly approved subject to wording at 3.13 to include “ to permit the landlord access to the main building for the purposes of carrying out the tasks specified in item 4.3”</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to submit the lease to the Football Clubs solicitor once the wording at 3.13. has been changed, the council agreed that there was no need for the lease to come back to council at this point</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to add to the covering letter a sentence inviting the Football Club to apply for grant funding from the second year onwards if they feel they need to.</p>
6.	<p>Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were duly noted</p>

7.	<p>Schedule of Payments</p> <p>Item 7 was dealt with at the end of the meeting when Councillor Palmer had already left</p> <p>With the exception of the cheque for the Berkeley Burial Committee, which was withdrawn from the list, the schedule of payments presented to the meeting was duly approved</p>
8.	<p>Chairman and Councillors Reports</p> <p>Councillor Stanton reported that as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 Cavendish Fleur Partnership has taken over from Energy Solutions for the Magnox Contract and Alan Neale is the new site manager. There will be another wide load going to the site on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. John also reported that he had attended training in creating a forward plan and visited several sites where affordable houses have been built</p> <p>Councillor Watts reported that she will be attending a meeting of the police panel tomorrow</p> <p>Councillor Studden reported that he has attended the training in creating a forward plan</p> <p>Councillor Ashton reported that there are now more planters spreading out over the pavement in Canonbury Street. Liz has also attended a meeting of the Berkeley Parochial Committee where they have received no new applications for funding from people in need.</p> <p>Councillor Tucker reported that he will be attending the AGM of SOSYP and is still trying to arrange a meeting with the Youth Club to consult with the young people about the parks in the town. Tony also reported that there has been a spate of vandalism as a result of the night time economy. He is meeting with Gloucestershire Playing Fields on Friday after which he will call the first meeting of the Leisure and Recreation working party.</p> <p>Councillor Fryer reported that he has attended a training course on Chairmanship which he found very useful</p>
9.	<p>Discharge of Functions to the Proper Officer (Town Clerk) - Monthly Report</p> <p>The functions carried out by the Town Clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 were duly noted</p>
10.	<p>Stroud and District CAB Ltd - contribution</p> <p>It was agreed to make a contribution of £ 1250.00 to the Stroud and District CAB Ltd.</p>
11.	<p>Berkeley Burial Committee - contribution</p> <p>The council deferred making a decision about making a contribution of £ 3182.00 to the Berkeley Burial Committee until we have received a breakdown of the individual parish contributions</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to ask the Berkeley Burial Committee to provide the council with a breakdown of the individual parish contributions</p>
12.	<p>Berkeley Burial Committee - Legal Advice</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to seek legal advice from NALC with regards to Ownership of the Cemetery, Terms of Reference for the Berkeley Burial Committee, Legal Status of the Joint Committee and the issuing of contracts for employment and works.</p> <p>It was agreed that when the advice is available the council will discuss how to proceed</p>

13.	<p>Victoria Cross Holders 2014-2018 - Commemorations</p> <p>Councillor Watts gave a report on all the work that has been carried out so far, the invitations, WI involvement with the reception, the churches, the scouts, the programme for the day, the VC medal, the bugler and the unveiling. Val also reported that Mr Berkeley has kindly offered us the use of the Great Hall in the Castle for the reception. The council was very pleased with this and instructed Val to accept his offer.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that we now have permission from Highways to install the paving slab in the pavement and that we can use a contractor of our own choice to carry out the work.</p> <p>Councillor Studden asked for and was granted permission to investigate the possibility of purchasing a replica VC medal to be on show in Berkeley and a plaque for the Town Hall which could display information about Captain Butler</p>
14.	<p>Mobile Phone Access</p> <p>This item was brought forward by council to be dealt with after item 4 in order to enable Mr Hall to leave the meeting early</p> <p>The council agreed, by a majority vote, in principle, to the project subject to further negotiation with the electric costs and that the area should also be available to other suppliers. Councillor Ashton will act as village champion for the project application</p> <p>A request was made by Cllr Watts to have the way members voted recorded - Cllrs Palmer, Fryer, Tucker, Ashton, Pinnell, Studden and Stanton were in favour and Cllr Watts was against</p>
15.	<p>Electoral Review of Stroud District Council</p> <p>This item was deferred to the next meeting</p>
16.	<p>LCR Magazine (The Voice of Local Councils)</p> <p>It was agreed to subscribe to the LCR magazine at a cost of £ 17.00 per year</p>
17.	<p>Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Berkeley</p>