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THE TOWN CLERK

**Berkeley Town Council
 Meeting held Monday 20th March 2017 in the
 Town Hall, Berkeley at
 7.30 p.m.**

Minutes

Present	Councillor	L Ashton G Harcourt T Tucker P Hall R Pinnell S Mansell F Brown P Stevenson	Chairman
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Clerk D Spiers

Public Discussion

Berkeley Square to Berkeley Square bike ride and Rounder's Tournament Community Group informed the council of its preparations and gave the council some costings for providing planters that will be attached to the bikes popping up all over town. There will be 63 planters at a cost of £ 12.00 each.

Young Gloucestershire's Huw Edwards and three young people explained why they would like to include trips in their youth club sessions

Gloucestershire County Councillor Brian Tipper reported and discussed the condition of the roads in Berkeley, the Boundary Commission proposal and the Activity Grants.

Stroud District Councillor Gordon Craig reported and discussed Berkeley Festival and his letter to the gazette re housing in Berkeley.

1.	<p>Apologies and absence</p> <p>Councillor Palmer's apologies were accepted.</p> <p>There were no absences</p> <p align="right"><i>Local Government Act 1972 s.85</i></p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillor Mansell declared a personal interest in item 5. He took part in the debate as did members of the public.</p> <p>Councillor Mansell did not take part in the vote for item 5 on the agenda.</p> <p 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 20th February 2017 were duly confirmed.</p> <p>It was agreed that they could be signed by the Chairman</p> <p align="right"><i>Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 41(1)</i></p>
4.	<p>Schedule of Payments</p> <p>There was no schedule of payments provided at the meeting</p> <p align="right"><i>Financial Regulations 5.2</i></p>

5.	<p>Berkeley Square to Square bike ride and Rounder's Tournament</p> <p>It was agreed, by a majority vote, to sponsor the planters, that will be attached to the bikes all over town, in the amount of £ 800.00</p> <p>It was agreed that the £ 800.00 will come from the Town Enhancement Budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972, s. 145</i></p>
6.	<p>Youth Club</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to ask the finance committee to look at the budget with a view to finding extra funding for trips for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to bring the matter back to full council with the findings of the finance committee</p> <p>Young Gloucestershire would like to provide activities outside during darker evenings and as such would require better outside lighting.</p> <p>It was agreed that to encourage older children to keep attending Youth Club it would be beneficial to use the floodlights that belong to the football club. The young people like to be able to play football all year round.</p> <p>It was agreed to set up a meeting with the council, youth club and football club to address the logistics and any health & safety issues of using the floodlights on Youth Club nights.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972 s. 137</i></p>
7.	<p>Pavilion Solar Panels</p> <p>It was agreed that more research needs to take place before the council can make a decision.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to bring this matter back to council once the new information is available.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s. 19</i></p>
8.	<p>Play Parks Project</p> <p>The final specification for the play equipment to be installed at Park View Play Area was agreed - see attached.</p> <p>It was agreed to replace the damaged chain link fence and posts with the same as is existing. It was agreed to move the pedestrian entrance gate to the other side of the field gate. It was agreed to add a style to the corner of the fence.</p> <p>It was agreed to purchase three all abilities picnic benches for Park View Play Area.</p> <p>It was agreed to organise the concrete bases for the benches by using local volunteers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s. 19</i></p>
9.	<p>Tree Planting in Berkeley</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Tucker will liaise with SDC Mark Graham to check if all proposed tree planting sites are feasible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Highways Act 1980, s.96</i></p>
10.	<p>Town Hall - hanging baskets and watering system</p> <p>It was agreed to provide 10 hanging baskets and watering system on the Town Hall up to £1,180.00 from the Town Enhancement Project budget</p> <p>It was agreed to fit a tap in the disabled toilet of the town hall at a cost of £ 80.00 from the Town Hall Maintenance Budget</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Local Government Act 1972, s. 133</i></p>

11.	<p>Memorial Bench</p> <p>Miss Jones has asked if her family can have a memorial bench in the town for her parents. We have explained that as long as they pay for the supply and installation, Berkeley Town Council will then monitor the bench for wear and tear and maintain it at a safe level for the public to use.</p> <p>It was agreed to allow Miss Jones to replace the Town Hall bench with a wooden memorial bench to her parents.</p> <p>It was agreed to move the existing bench to Park View Play Area.</p> <p>Miss Jones and her family are planning an unveiling party on 22nd July 2017 <i>Parish Councils 1957, s.1</i></p>
12.	<p>Matters Pending List</p> <p>It was duly noted that these matters are pending from the current financial year and will be carried over to next year - see attached</p>
13.	<p>Clerks delegated authority to spend report</p> <p>The expenditure carried out by the Clerk under her delegated authority in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.1 was duly noted - see attached <i>Financial Regulation 4.1 Local Government Act 1972, s 101</i></p>
14.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Meeting</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to set up a date for a meeting with Berkeley Town Council and Barbara Pond from GRCC</p>
15.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Berkeley.</p>