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*Berkeley Town Council
Meeting held on
Monday 20th January 2020 in the
Town Hall, Berkeley at
7.00 p.m.*

Minutes

Present:

Councillor P Stevenson (Chairman)
Councillor K Palmer
Councillor R Pinnell
Councillor Q Somerset
Councillor T Tucker

J Hopkins (Clerk)

1.	<p>Public Discussion - 30 minutes</p> <p>Stroud District Councillors Gordon Craig and Lindsey Green, and Gloucestershire County Councillor Brian Tipper, shared information with Berkeley Town Council.</p> <p>Stroud District Councillor Haydn Jones gave his apologies.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies and absence</p> <p>Councillors Hall, Heaven and Sealey gave their apologies. Councillor Harcourt was absent.</p>
3.	<p>To receive declarations of interests and consider requests for dispensations</p> <p>Councillor Somerset declared an interest in Item 8, regarding the Grant for the New Berkeley Harriers running club, he will stay in the room but not vote on this application. Councillor Palmer is president of Berkeley Town football club who also have a grant application to consider.</p>
4.	<p>To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019</p> <p>It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 and it was agreed that they could be signed by the Chairman.</p>
5.	<p>To consider Planning Applications</p> <p>There were no new applications.</p>

6.	<p>To agree to appoint GAPTC Internal Audit Service for 2019/20 at a cost of £265.00</p> <p>It was resolved to appoint GAPTC Internal Audit Service.</p>
7.	<p>To adopt and authorise the attached budget and precept figure for 2020/21</p> <p>The council resolved to adopt the proposed budget for the year ended 31st March 2021-see attached.</p> <p>The council resolved a precept demand of £126417 (one hundred and twenty six thousand, four hundred and seventeen pounds) for the year ended 31st March 2021 which equates to a Band D charge of £164.67 per annum - see attached.</p>
8.	<p>To consider requests for grant applications and donations - see attached</p> <p>It was resolved to award the following grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berkeley Books - Your Community Library £500 • Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust £500 • Berkeley Town Football Club £100 • New Berkeley Harriers Running Club £375 • Skylarks Community Choir £400 <p>It was resolved to award the following donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Western Air Ambulance £150 • The Brightwell Group MS Therapy Centre £150 <p>It was resolved to transfer £260 from the Grant Awards Budget to the Donations Budget.</p>
9.	<p>To authorise the schedule of payments</p> <p>There were no payments due.</p>
10.	<p>To note the response from GCC regarding the Bus fares for travel to KLB</p> <p>The response was duly noted and it was agreed to pass it on to County Councillor Brian Tipper to investigate more.</p>
11.	<p>To receive an update from the 'Stroud District Road Safety Group' on the mobile VAS and to discuss the principles of the surveillance camera code of practice - see attached</p> <p>The letter from the Surveillance Camera Commissioner was noted and the response from GAPTC - see attached. Councillor Tucker will attend the next meeting of SDRSG.</p>
12.	<p>To consider three quotes for damp proof repairs to the wall in the ladies/disabled toilets - see attached</p> <p>The three quotes were discussed and the following resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to appoint Cotswold Treatments (Quote 1) at a cost of £2300 • It was agreed that the clerk arranges for removal of the sink, toilet and flooring

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to do the ladies first so that the disabled toilet can still be used • It was agreed to get quotes for new flooring and decorating after the damp proofing (recommended to wait 4-6 weeks)
13.	<p>To consider three quotes for new blinds in the Main Hall - see attached</p> <p>It was resolved to appoint Hillarys (Quote 3) to provide the blinds in the Main Hall.</p>
14.	<p>To note and confirm an emergency spend on the Town Hall roof - see attached</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the emergency spend of £1180 and £80 (plus vat) on the fallen masonry repairs to the Town Hall. This had already been approved by email/in person by all councillors.</p>
15.	<p>To note the response regarding the valuation of the Maces</p> <p>Chorley's have confirmed that the valuation from 2016 still stands. It was discussed, and agreed, that the discussion regarding the maces will form part of the 'Town Improvement Project Committee'. If it was ever decided to part with them (after public consultation), a lot more research would need to be done in order to fine tune an estimate (including a spectographic test).</p>
16.	<p>To note the new email addresses for Councillors</p> <p>The new email addresses have been sent out and are proving problematic to set up. The Clerk will look into this.</p>
17.	<p>To consider nominating a candidate (to be chosen by GAPTC) to represent Gloucestershire at the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May</p> <p>It was resolved to put forward Councillor Stevenson.</p>
18.	<p>To note that the GCC Local Transport Plan is available for consultation from 16th January to 26th March 2020</p> <p>A Parish specific LTP Review consultation event will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at GL3 Hub, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 1HX, as part of the Parish Quarterly Meeting organised through Gloucestershire County Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that councillors will respond individually to the consultation.</p>
19.	<p>Sharing Information</p> <p>Councillors took this opportunity to share information.</p>
20.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next full council meeting of Berkeley Town Council, will be held on Monday 17th February 2020 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Berkeley.</p> <p>Note: The Planning & Finance meetings will now be held on the second Monday of every month (changed from Tuesdays).</p>