



BERKELEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Berkeley Town Council Meeting held on
Monday 20th April 2020 at 7pm
Via Zoom

Local Authorities have been handed new powers
to hold meetings virtually by using video or telephone

MINUTES

Present by Video link:

Councillor P Stevenson (Chair)
Councillor P Hall
Councillor R Heaven
Councillor Q Somerset
Councillor T Tucker

J Hopkins (Clerk)

1.	<p>Public Discussion</p> <p>Stroud District Councillors (SDC) Lindsey Green, Gordon Craig & Haydn Jones were present, and one member of the public. The councillors shared the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass cutting will soon be starting again • Play parks are to remain closed • Cemeteries can remain open • Marybrook Medical Centre is now fully operational as Culverhay Berkeley • The Pharmacy is under increasing pressure • Magnox Socio-Economic scheme has a grant scheme to help local communities and SDC are applying for the full £25000 for the Berkeley area. If successful there will be a committee with one councillor from each town/parish. • Eleven thousand vulnerable people are being contacted by SDC • Businesses are starting to automatically receive the SDC Business Grants
2.	<p>Apologies and absence (all members, clerk and members of the public will be in attendance for the purposes of 'The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020' if they are in remote attendance)</p> <p>Councillors Palmer & Pinnell gave their apologies. Councillors Harcourt & Sealey were absent.</p>
3.	<p>To receive declarations of interests and consider requests for dispensations</p> <p>There were none.</p>
4.	<p>To approve the minutes</p> <p>It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Planning & Finance meeting held on Monday 9th March 2020 and it was resolved the adopt the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 16th March. It was agreed that they could both be signed by the Chairman at a later date.</p>

5.	<p>To consider Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.19/0599/FUL – The Store Building, Jumpers Lane, Berkeley – Full Planning Application – Demolish and rebuild with residential use - Berkeley Town Council oppose the demolition and rebuilding of the Store Building and would like the following concerns addressed: 1. It is within the conservation area and the Council would like to see every effort made to preserve the existing building 2. A full structural report has not been provided, as detailed in the Conservation Officers report 3. Berkeley Town Council would like to see the other comments made by the Conservation Officer addressed before further comments can be made • S.20/0629/FUL – 13 Canonbury Street, Berkeley – Full Planning Application – Conversion of workshop/garage into dwelling – Berkeley Town Council have no objections to this application. <p>To view the planning applications, go to: www.stroud.gov.uk</p>
6.	<p>To receive Planning Application Decisions</p> <p>The following decisions made by the Local Planning Authority were duly noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.19/2683/HHOLD-24 Canonbury Street-Loft conversion – Permitted • S.20/0262/FUL- The Yurt at Berkeley Castle - Permitted
7.	<p>To authorise the schedule of payments – the schedule was read out at the meeting</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments and it was agreed that the online payments could be made.</p>
8.	<p>To authorise £500 towards the Booster Box scheme to protect the most vulnerable/in need residents</p> <p>It was resolved to put £500 towards the Booster Boxes from contingencies.</p>
9.	<p>To discuss creating an emergency grant fund to assist community groups affected by the Coronavirus</p> <p>It was agreed to delay this item until we know the result of the Magnox funding application.</p>
10.	<p>To authorise the Town Council ‘Competitions Facebook Page’ (see attached) and to authorise Cllr Somerset becoming an admin on all the Council facebook pages</p> <p>It was resolved to run the competitions and for Councillor Somerset to be an Admin on the pages.</p>
11.	<p>To note the Council Coronavirus Timeline – see attached</p> <p>This was duly noted.</p>
12.	<p>To note that the requirement for the Annual Meeting has been removed although a council may choose to hold one (the current chairman will remain in place until an Annual Meeting is held, possibly next year, unless the council decide to elect a replacement earlier).</p> <p>There was a discussion and it was agreed that the Annual Meeting will not be held and that Councillor Stevenson will remain as Chairman and other Committee Members will remain the same to keep consistency during these uncertain times.</p>
13.	<p>Sharing Information</p> <p>Councillors took this opportunity to share information.</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next full council meeting will be held on Monday 18th May at 7pm via Zoom. Other committee meetings are postponed for now and all items will be discussed at Full Council.</p>