

Berkswell Society AGM - Minutes

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – Hornets Club House, Meeting House Lane

1. 29 People attended
2. Apologies from Graham Lock and Beverley Spicer.
3. Minutes of the AGM of 25th May 2023 approved
4. Accounts for 2023 approved. See web site for full accounts or a summary in appendix to these minutes
5. An overview of the Society's activities was presented. See appendix
6. The meeting approved of the proposed Society project to plant an orchard in Lavender Hall Park at a cost of £4000. Money to be raised by public subscription and grant applications including to the HS2 Community fund
7. The following were elected as officers of the Society and committee members
 - 7.1. Chairman – Jane Edwards
 - 7.2. Treasurer – Ken Shaw
 - 7.3. Secretary – Andrew Burrow
 - 7.4. Communications and web site – Jim Ellis
 - 7.5. Committee members
 - 7.5.1. Beverley Spicer
 - 7.5.2. Flick Wheeler
 - 7.5.3. Kay Howles
8. It was noted that Graham Lock was retiring from the committee pending a move from the parish. A vote of thanks was given to thank Graham for all his work on behalf of the community and Society

Andrew Burrow

Secretary

31 May 2024

Appendix - Presentation to the AGM

Berkswell Society AGM

May 2024

Agenda

- Approve 2023 AGM minutes from web site
- Finance and report on activities
- Formal acceptance of 2023 accounts
- Election of officers and committee
- Coffee and cake
- Followed by parish assembly and discussion of parish affairs

Income £

	2023	2022
Berkswell Charities	332	98
Berkswell PC	550	550
Investment dividend	574.88	574.87
War memorial donations	0	4071.75
Christmas tree insurance grant		256.6
Total	£1,456.88	£5,551.22

Thanks to the Berkswell Charities and parish council for their grants

Expenditure £

	2023	2022
Plants and planters	794.09	631.06
Christmas tree insurance	0	256.60
Investment admin fee/LEI	195	45
Sculpture installation	0	98
Printing for Open gardens charity event	0	20
CPRE membership	60	36
War memorial transfer to charities	0	3886.75
War memorial leaflets and inscription	0	185
Total expenditure	1049.09	5158.41
Excess of income over expenditure	£407.79	£391.81

Balance sheet and reserves

Current account	
Year end 2022	£2,874.64 held in bank account
Excess of income over expenditure	£407.79
Year end 2023	3,282.43
Investment account (Aviva preference shares)	
Opening value end 2022	£8,322
Closing value end 2023	£8,578

We maintained 35 “planters” across the parish (and a bit of Balsall)

- 10 in Berkswell village
- 5 in rural Berkswell
- 5 at Berkswell Station
- 9 in Balsall Common
- Station Roundabout
- Masala Club bed
- 4 on Central Balsall Common roundabout (with BCVRA)

Berkswell village new planters



Web site traffic – Example of April

	Page views	Unique visits	First Time visits	Returning visits
Full site	612	298	261	37
Heritage trail (one week only)	87	39	29	10



Refurbishment
Thanks to Alastair Dymond

Balsall Common library hedge cutting



Rural litter pick

– Thanks to Sophie Lock & John Foudy



Open Gardens – Sunday 23rd June Charitable fund raiser



Plan for Orchard in Lavender Hall Park

- 12 trees
- Plum, apple and pear
- Large standards 12-14 cm girth
- Next to a public path with a mown green path through the centre
- Project cost £4,000
- Seek grant of £2000 from HS2 Community fund
- Fund raise the rest
- Single tree sponsorship normally £594 for SMBC



Remaining agenda items before cake

- Approval of accounts which are also on website
- Election of Committee
 - Chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Communications
 - Committee members