

Notes of Committee Meeting 2nd October 2019 at the Bear Inn

Present			Apologies
John Thomas (in Chair) Andrew Burrow (minutes) Wendy Gault	Jane Edwards (JED) Ken Shaw (Treasurer) Graham Lock Alan Hanbury	Bill Bailey Jim Ellis (JE) Kay Howles	
Item No	Action		By whom
14/2019	The minutes of the meeting of 27 th February 2019 were approved		
15/2019	The minutes of the AGM were approved for placing on the web site		ASB/JE
16/2019	Matters Arising		
	Berkswell village telephone box The box had been washed by JE/ASB. Lots of paint had come off from the ceiling and the exterior paint was in poor condition. The PC had indicated a willingness to paint the box if a community use for the box could be found. All to ask around to see if anyone wanted to look after a library in it (ASB offered to make shelves) or any other use. GL had a person in mind ASB offered to ask the PC to cut back the overhanging branches etc It was noted that the Barton box had not been repainted but had been replaced by a refurbished box at significant cost.		All/GL ASB
	Donation It was noted that the £50 received from our bankers as a compensation payment made to ASB for the inconvenience caused to him with respect to the Society's bank account has been donated to the Society and is recorded in the accounts		
	Litter Picking WG agreed to offer the "lady" who had indicated a willingness to regularly pick litter in the village the litter picking tool issued by the PC to JT (he preferred to use gloved hands) There is a Balsall Common litter pick on the 2 nd Saturday in each month although in October it is on 5 th October		WG
17/2019	Treasurer's report – 2018 Accounts		
	Accounts to June are attached		
	Current balances are		
	Current account £2447 Savings Account £5.11 Investment value £9490		
	The Treasurer confirmed that the grant from the PC of £500 had been received and was included in the current balance		
18/2019	Bulbs ASB reported that Bruce Brant had needed to place his collective order for bulbs. ASB had asked for a nominal 3 bags of crocuses for Berkswell outside Balsall Common. At Bill Bailey's suggestion it was agreed to place these in the shop for residents to plant in public land. Jane asked for some		AB

19/2019	AGM No action required	
20/2019	Membership Drive It was agreed that ASB would circulate a “sign up form with the minutes The following people agreed to canvas the following roads to sign up new members Wendy – Spencer’s roundabout down Duggins Lane Jim – Sunnyside, Station Rd, Meeting House Lane that enclose the Sunnyside area Alan – Huddesford Close Andrew - Old Waste Lane and the rest of the Berkswell Gate estate John – Berkswell village and Back Lane Ken – Hodgetts Lane and Carol Green area Jane – Benton Green Lane and the bit of Broad Lane at the end of Benton Green Lane	All shown
21/2019	Traffic Calming in Berkswell village The traffic plan for Berkswell village is in the adopted Berkswell Parish NDP. Funding from HS2 had to come from the £2.4 million road safety fund allocated by HS2 to SMBC. The study work for that was due to be completed about “now”. It was felt appropriate to seek our Borough Councillors to lobby the Head of Highways/Cabinet member so the Berkswell project got a share. It was agreed ASB to put item on PC agenda Available committee members to turn up to October PC meeting (17 th October 7.15 in Jordan Room) to shown an interest and support call for Borough Councillors to help	all
22/2019	Next year’s events 1. Open Gardens 28 th June 2020 2. Velo 21 st June which shuts down key roads in parish. ASB asked to raise it with PC with a view to writing a complaint regarding the two changes of date which caused the Open Gardens to move twice thereby losing 2 gardens for this charity event 3. Arrangements for the VE day and fete were discussed. Ken agreed to write to the fete organiser expressing “concern” if the fete and VE day celebration were held on the same day.	ASB KS
23/2019	Station Library A compliment had been received on the usefulness of this BS initiative. ASB reported that we had received a large donation of books from St Mary’s church at Tempe Balsall.	
24/2019	Retirement from Committee Bill Bailey advised of his retirement from the committee. He was thanked for decades of service to the Society and the Community. This has included many activities such as initiating the planters in Berkswell village, the bulb planting in Berkswell village and sourcing bulbs for the wider parish, help	

	with the Jubilee Centre “garden” clearing, organising the repair of the eastern post of the stocks and the installation of the “gateway” to the village on Lavender Hall Lane.	
	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>Christmas “social” to be held on Monday 9th December at 7 pm in the bar at the Bear</p> <p>Next formal meeting Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7.30 in the Bear.</p>	

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Treasurer's Report

1 Barclays Account Balances at 19 June 2019 (half year)

Current Account - £2,364.62

Savings Account - £5.11

2 Annual Grants

Berkswell Parish Council - £500

Berkswell Charities - £500

3 BSMOG Investment Account

Balance at 5 April 2019 - £9,125

Balance at 4 January 2019 - £8,942

Changes for spending monies from the BSMOG account agreed at the AGM have now been built into the Policy document (see attached)

Berkswell Society

Reserves Policy

As Agreed at the Berkswell Society AGM on 30 May 2019

Principal Reserve

The Society's principal reserve comprises 7,300 General Accident Preference Shares being the residue of monies raised by the Berkswell Society Mine Opposition Group in 2011.

As agreed at the meeting of the Berkswell Society Committee held on 27 February 2019 (minute ??/2019 refers), this reserve will remain ring-fenced only to be used to finance opposition to any future perceived serious threat to the preservation of the Berkswell Parish.

The use of any monies from the Principal Reserve will require both a majority agreement by the Society's Committee and the majority agreement of Berkswell Parish members at a Special General Meeting.

Other Reserves

Reserves are also held in two accounts with Barclays Bank to facilitate ongoing income and expenditure required to ensure the smooth running of the Society. The accounts are maintained within a target range of no less than six months and no more than two years' normal expenditure.

The Barclays accounts are operated by the Society's Treasurer with any spend having the prior approval of either the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee.