

Notes of Committee Meeting 22 October 2025

Present			Apologies
Jane Edwards (Chair) (JEd) Andrew Burrow (minutes) Flick Wheeler	Jim Ellis Lisa Langton Alison Beese	Dinah Edwards - Part time representing the PC re fly tipping	Beverly Spicer
Item No	Action		By whom
28/25	Minutes of the meeting of Committee of 22 nd September 2025 approved		
29/25	The committee noted the resignation of Ken Shaw. The committee thanked both Ken and Angela for all the work they had done for the Society and community and wished them well with their house move.		
30/25	Finance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted that £10k was invested for 5 years with Hampshire Trust and a deposit account would be established with Barclays shortly. Both the Treasurer and Secretary had access to the account although withdrawal was not possible during the 5 year term. 2. Noted the Society bank account stands at £3658.84 with £430 held for British Legion poppies. 3. It was agreed that for future reports payments to volunteers/residents would indicate the reason for payment (which was normally reimbursement for planter maintenance materials etc) 		Lisa
31/25	Fairy Door project <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permission had been sought from the PC to place the first 3 doors in the spinney. Decision awaited 2. Each door would come with a QR code to link it to a specific “story” about the “inhabitant” on the website with a more general QR link in the shop to the overall fairy story 3. Jim has set up the initial web site for this project 4. Jim, Lisa and Andrew to progress 5. Timescale December/January 		ASB Lisa Jim
32/25	Fly tipping project <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look to put camera/no tipping signs on key roads in rural Berkswell as a deterrent. Jane to talk to local sign maker to get examples and costs 2. Look to put 3 cameras on Baulk Lane. One towards each end and one in the middle near fly tipping hot spot. Get quote and test comms links 3. Expect to pay up to £1000 4. Dinah Edwards to seek PC financial support for the signs 		Jane Lisa Dinah
33/25	HS2/BBV Art project along Kenilworth Greenway Project team established by BBV. A ward Councillor (Andrew) , Society (Jane) and a local artist represent Berkswell. Rhe PC are to see if they can find a councillor to strengthen that team. The initial “feel” was that the project was initially too Kenilworth centric but we made a strong case for a more Berkswell/Balsall Common emphasis at the northern end of the Greenway. That had been taken on board by BBV and they now had access to the Berkswell Society and Lady Katherine Leveson web sites		
34/25	Parish Boundaries The results of the consultation have yet to be published. Andrew agreed to write a bullet point process for what will happen next for publication.		ASB

35/25	<p>War Memorial</p> <p>Check that Mark Bratton (Rector) will mention war memorial restoration on remembrance Sunday</p>	ASB
36/25	<p>HS2 Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Area under viaduct as public access park with tree planting either side to screen viaduct, a gravel public path and marshy areas around piers. 2. Waste Lane bridge to be operational 1Q26 3. WCML bridge scheduled to be completed circa end April 2026 creating a continuous haul route but could be again delayed 4. Tree Planting planned this autumn by the new A452 bridge over the new rail line north of Balsall Common. This will be the first biodiversity planting which should eventually result in a net gain from prior to the project. 	
37/25	<p>Membership</p> <p>Jim reported that he had culled the newsletter distribution list of those who did not open the newsletters sent to them (the system shows this). This had resulted in an active readership/membership of 480. The free distribution software allowed up to 500 to be sent out per mailing.</p>	
38/25	<p>Solihull Plan and Spatial plan</p> <p>It was noted that Solihull would publish a consultation, before year end, on where housing is suggested for building across the Borough over the next 15 years to meet new Government targets.</p>	
20/25	<p>Next meeting 7.30 pm Wednesday 3rd December 2025 possibly at the Bear inn alternatively as Andrew's house</p> <p>It was agreed to have an "annual festive meal" in January at the Sumatrah in Balsall Common.</p>	