

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2013
MINUTES NO 5, 2013/2014

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Clarke

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett, J Eales, J King, P Harvey, and N Forknell; Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 8 members of the public.

- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.
No interests were declared

The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.

- 3. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**

There were no reports

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2013**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

- 5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES**

- 5.1 The payment of the month's bills was unanimously agreed
- 5.2 The Bank Reconciliation as at 31st August 2013 was unanimously approved
- 5.3 Councillor business/calling cards. Deferred until November. Cllr Forknell is progressing.
- 5.4 Following the meeting of all members last week, groups will formulate budget requirements and pass to Cllr P Harvey this month so a draft budget can be prepared for November
- 5.5 It was decided to offer a grant of £200 to support the young Blackwell resident on her guiding expedition

- 6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 6.1 The minutes of the Planning committee held in September were approved.
- 6.2 Neighbourhood Plan
Mary Green from Alvechurch PC will speak at the forthcoming meetings on Weds 9th and Saturday 12th Oct to share the experience of Alvechurch in

developing their plan. Burcot is to be included within the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan. The next task is to specify the area for acceptance by BDC.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 Cllr Eales reported that she has trays of wildflower plants and seeds, some of which can be planted in October. Cllr Forknell to see if he can find some volunteers to plant once cemetery has had its final cut. It was agreed to get quotes to cut back the pavement from the Trinity Centre to High House Drive so that it does not deteriorate.

7.2 The decision relating to the provision of a Blackwell bus shelter was deferred and a site meeting with the residents will be arranged

7.3 It was agreed to purchase grit for Ron Rand to use around the parish and to fill our green bins. It was further agreed to add a note in the December newsletter pointing out that grit is for Highways use, not for clearing private driveways. The newsletter will also offer help with salt and clearing to vulnerable residents. The exact wording will be agreed before print.

7.4 It was agreed to try and make our tree warden feel more involved with the parish council. EO to deliver an invitation to the Parish Walk

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Cllr King reported that the church had agreed for us to have a permanent christmas tree at Blackwell. EO to meet with Cllr Forknell and an electrician to obtain quote for supplying electricity (nb PCC meet on 22nd October and would need to agree this)

The purchase of additional lights for use on lampposts was discussed, but dismissed, due to cost, not having our own lampposts, and there being no obvious sites for them. A 'Best Decorated House' was suggested for Christmas 2014 to be promoted through the newsletter.

The EO was asked to write to the new head teacher at Lickey School, welcoming her to the parish, and requesting an appointment to meet.

The formation of a Youth Council, and/or the provision and funding of a youth club was suggested but this will be put on next months agenda. Cllr J Harvey will circulate some information from NALC and Clent PC to consider

8.2 It was agreed that all refreshments purchased for Parish use be Fair-Trade. This is as Bromsgrove has achieved Fair-Trade accreditation

8.3 Copy is needed for the December newsletter on 26th November for a print date of 10th December to achieve posting before the 18th December 2nd class postage cut off

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

The dates were noted

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 It was agreed to defer the decision on a date for the 'helpers Christmas meal' for parish volunteers, Neighbourhood Plan team members and selected paid contractors, along with councillors.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence was noted. The EO expressed frustration at trying to get any communication from WCC Highways, and our own County Councillors

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th November 2013 at the Trinity Centre, Lickey at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.05

Signed

Chairman