

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2013
MINUTES NO 6, 2013/2014

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from District Cllrs Deeming, Taylor, Ruck and Dudley

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett, J Eales, J King, P Harvey, P Clarke and N Forknell; County Cllr Peter McDonald, District Cllr B Cooper, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 9 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:**

(At the request of the Chairman, County Cllr Peter McDonald had given his report at the start of PQT, as it contained information relevant to the members of public)

Cllr McDonald reported that WCC cuts of £98- £100m were going to impact all services but in particular Adult Care for 16-25 age group. Also the £3m subsidy to buses would be withdrawn and this is likely to affect the 145 route. WCC are looking to Parish Councils to offer support

District Cllr Cooper reported that the bus shelter, on Old Birmingham Road, just outside of our parish, was being replaced by the District Council. Discussions re Marlbrook Tip are continuing between BDC and the Environment Agency

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2013**

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

- 5. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

5.1 Cllr Eales reported that the Autumn clear up of the cemetery will be undertaken this month, and that the cutting back of the footway on Old Birmingham Road from the Trinity Centre to High House Drive took place during half term. It was agreed that IMI Memorials be asked to come and inspect the War Memorial and provide a more accurate quote

5.2 Following concerns about the future of the 145 bus route, as stated by Cllr McDonald, many councillors felt it would not be prudent to progress with purchasing a shelter. It was felt that the money might be better ring-fenced and used to support

a Rural Rides type organization for the parish. A vote was taken on the purchase of a bus shelter and was defeated by 6 (against) and 1 (for)

5.3 Cllr Forknell reported on a very useful visit to the parish and meeting with WCC's Richard Clewer. He gave useful advice relating to the un-adopted road, and will take a contractor there to give a quote. Potential VAS sign locations were reviewed, and approved along both Old Birmingham Road and Linthurst Newtown. Monument Lane was rejected, and Spirehouse Lane acceptable provided a new pole is purchased. Residents need to be consulted before these new sites can be used. Richard had also had a delivery of signs, and hoped that the delivery would include the 2 we are waiting for, for Linthurst Newtown and Lower Shepley Lane. It was suggested that the Parish Council purchase a VAS sign flashing 'SLOW'

Rather than the speed for outside Hunters Hill School. Cllrs Forknell and Clarke to explore

6. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

6.1 The payment of the month's bills was unanimously agreed

6.2 The Bank Reconciliation as at 30th September 2013 was unanimously approved

6.3 Councillor business/calling cards. Deferred until December. Cllr Forknell is progressing.

6.4 The budget was discussed and a final draft will be circulated by Cllr P Harvey for further comment prior to Decembers meeting where the precept request must be agreed. Larger budget items, which will be funded from reserves were also discussed and Cllr J Harvey was asked to chase the rangers for a cost for the bridge, and the EO to firm up a quote for the War Memorial refurbishment for Decembers meeting. Depending on these quotes, council may agree to make these in this financial year.

6.5 The electrician's quote of £660 for provision of electricity for Christmas tree outside St Catherine's church was agreed.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

7.1 The minutes of the Planning committee held in November were not available and will be presented in December.

7.2 Neighbourhood Plan. Further to Burcot's inclusion, Cofton Hackett have been invited. There is a new Chairman, Nick Forknell. Consultations with local groups are now taking place. The next task is to specify the area for acceptance by BDC.

7.3 To advise that signing of the New Homes Bonus e-petition has been extended to December

7.4 To review the response agreed by the Planning Committee to the District Plan, and whether this should be submitted as an official PC response

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Cllr King requested that all read the paper circulated regarding the formation of a Youth Council. The new Facebook page has had 27 likes – councillors were asked to encourage their facebook friends to follow. A date of either 19th or 26th Feb

was agreed as the next Residents Meeting. The process of supplying a play area at Lickey begins tomorrow with the first potential supplier visiting the site.

8.3 Councillors were reminded that the copy deadline for December newsletter is 26th November

8.3 All were asked to confirm attendance and help for Christmas Lighting at Lickey on 1st December, and Blackwell on Friday 6th December. Cllr Crockett is able to serve refreshments at Trinity

8.4 The receipt of Play Area RoSPA report and purchase of new swing seats was noted.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

The dates were noted

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 It was agreed to defer the decision on a January date for the 'helpers Christmas meal'.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence was noted including a letter of thanks from CPRE for our donation

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd December 2013 at the Wheel, Blackwell at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.45

Signed

Chairman