

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2013
MINUTES NO 7, 2013/2014

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Cooper

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett, J Eales, J King, P Harvey, P Clarke and N Forknell; District Cllr B Cooper, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 3 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:

Cllr Ruck reported that Mike Webber at BDC is liaising with WCC over reduction of bus subsidies and would welcome input from parishes.
The Parkside school regeneration for council use is going ahead.

Cllr Ruck hopes to be Civic Head next year, but will not stand for re-election

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 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 cemetery Autumn tidy had been completed

5.2 It was noted that War Memorial will not be cleaned/restored until the next financial year, and additional quotes will be sourced

5.3 Cllr Forknell reported that hopefully improvements will be made free of charge to the un-adopted road. The portable speed sign will be loaned from WCC and used at sites on Old Birmingham Road. The Lickey Community Group will be asked to support this as the sign can not be left unattended so volunteers will be required. It was agreed that a meeting with Cllr Taylor is essential to make any progress with the problem of speeding around Hunters Hill.

5.4 It was agreed that the EO should contact Tutnall and Copley and Barnt Green PC's and County Councillor Kit Taylor, to explore possibility of creating a footway between Barnt Green and Blackwell.

6. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

6.1 It was unanimously agreed to pay the list of bills

6.2 It was agreed to delegate authority to the cheque signatories to make payments over the January recess to a limit of £5000

6.3 Cllr Forknell to ask for help from Keith Woolford to progress with a design for councillor business cards

6.4 Presentation of Budget for 2104/15.

The precept amount was agreed as £43,156, the same as the current year. The grant of £680 to be paid by BDC will be in excess of the precept demand.

6.5 The budget was approved at £59,551. Larger items of expenditure, which will be funded from reserves and not included in the precept were agreed, being War Memorial refurbishment £1,500, transport support £2,000, play area (if project goes ahead) £10,000 and highways emergency £2,000

The bridge for the Country Park will be allocated £3,000 but it is expected to come out of the current year's budget

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

7.1 The minutes of the two Planning committees held in November were approved. Consultation on Criteria for the Bromsgrove Local Heritage List will be discussed at the next Planning Committee

7.2 It was reported that Cofton Hackett will also be included in the Neighbourhood forum, and the parish council have nominated 2 representatives. The next meeting is 10th December.

7.3 It was resolved to hold the Annual Assembly after the April PCM (7th April 2014), starting at 8pm. The topic will be Neighbourhood Planning and a speaker will be considered and agreed in February

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Cllr King asked all users to like our Facebook page which is proving a useful tool; Blackwell School do not want a basketball hoop on the field. EO will inform the residents who had suggested this. The response to the WCC Transport Consultation was discussed and it was agreed, with the proviso that the reference to the Parish Council subsidising the service be removed

8.2 The newsletter is at draft stage and a proof will be circulated this week. It will be ready for delivering 17th or 18th December

8.3 The Lickey Christmas event was a success but not well attended. The event at this venue needs to be re thought for next year. Blackwell event is on Friday 6th December. The competition has been judged and winners will be included in the newsletter

8.4 It was agreed to hold a meeting with all interested parties (PCC, Hall Management group, Parish Council) on proposed Play Area at Trinity Centre at 7.30pm on Monday 6th January 2014. EO to send invitations and book hall.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

The dates were noted

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 It was agreed to hold the helpers event on Monday 13th January in the evening. EO to liaise with Cllr Jill Harvey to arrange

10.2 To note date of Monday 6th January 2014 as proposed date for meeting regarding Trinity Centre play area

10.3 2014 Meeting dates were agree as 3rd Feb (Trinity Centre) 3rd March (Wheel) 7th April from 7-8pm to be followed by the Parish Assembly, 12th May (Annual Meeting) 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 Letter of introduction from new CPSO Mark Hyder. The chairman has invited him to our next meeting but it was suggested that he be invited to the Parish Assembly in April

11.2 A resident of Old Birmingham Road has requested that the Parish Council adopt the phone box by his property, as he is unable to do this as an individual. He has offered help in any form, including supervision of the box. It was agreed to explore further

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3rd February 2014 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.50

Signed

Chairman