

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**  
**MINUTES NO 8, 2013/2014**

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from District Cllrs Deeming and Ruck and Cllr Jo Eales

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett, J King, P Harvey, and N Forknell; District Cllr B Cooper, County Cllr P McDonald, CPSO's Mark Hyder and Ellie Townsend, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 6 members of the public.

- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.  
Cllr Forknell declared his interest as a member of the PCC in item 10.2

*The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.*

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

Cllr Cooper reported that the Tip meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb would be primarily led by the Environment Agency as much of the decision making had been taking out of the hands of BDC

He reported that parking at One Stop further down Old Birmingham Road is equally challenging

County Cllr McDonald reported that WCC cuts were hitting hard, though it was hoped that some bus subsidies would remain. Cuts in funding to many charities means that many will disappear. By 2018 it is anticipated that WCC will provide about 40% of the services previously provided.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2013**

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

**5. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

5.1 Cllr Eales report stated that snowdrops would be planted over the coming weeks

5.2 It was noted that Cllr J Harvey was dealing with the request from the fire brigade to store sand bags at the Visitor Centre

5.3 It was noted that the new post box on St Catherine's Road should be in place by the end of Feb

5.4 Cllr Forknell reported that potholes were being filled by WCC contractors with spare materials along both the un-adopted road and Twatling Road verges. We are in possession of the WCC portable VAS which shows actual speed. This is to be used on Old Birmingham Road with the help of residents and Lickey Community Group. The signs we requested many months ago for Linthurst Newtown and Lower Shepley Lanne have been received and the lengthsman will be requested to out them up

5.5 Following the debate around the on-going parking problems around Lickey School during PQT, a meeting will be arranged with all interested parties, by the Parish Council, where all options will be discussed.

5.6 Following a site visit with Richard Clewer, and an agreed tender document, it was agreed that the adjacent landowner should be contacted, and then the tender document sent out to WCC Contractors to create a footway along Blackwell Rd

## **6. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES**

6.1 It was unanimously agreed to pay the list of bills

6.2 Councillor business cards – deferred

6.3 Defibrillators. It was agreed to investigate the purchase of up to 3 defibrillators for the parish along with suitable locations. Additional information was supplied by Cllr King attached to minutes. Councillor Crockett will lead with EO and advice from W. Midlands Ambulance service

6.4 It was agreed to sign the contract for the adoption of the Telephone Box in Marlbrook

6.5 The EO was asked to request that Ron Brown write a tribute on John Cawthen for the Annual Report

## **7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

7.1 The minutes of the Planning committee held in January were approved which included our approval of the Criteria for the Bromsgrove Local Heritage List

7.2 At a meeting involving Barnt Green and Alvechurch PC's along with Lickey and Blackwell, a suggestion was made that our parish should combine with Barnt Green for the purpose of Neighbourhood Planning, to form a greater Barnt Green. This is favoured by BDC. It was recognized that Barnt Green was seen as the commercial centre for many of our residents, but the name was not appealing. This option will be explored further within the Neighbourhood Planning team before a decision is recommended. The next meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

7.3 The Public Meeting on the Tip at 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February was noted and has been advertised on the Parish Notice Boards and Website.

7.4 Cllr J Harvey shared her report from the consultation on Blackwell First School's proposed expansion. It was generally deemed to be a good thing,

though disruption during any build would be a problem, and parking would be worsened. Cllr King agreed to write a response and circulate to all

7.5 It was resolved to invite Cllrs Mary Green and Susan Whitehand to attend our Annual Assembly on April 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 as panel speakers.

## **8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT**

8.1 Report provided by Cllr King. Our only volunteer for a Parish Youth Council has been asked to write a letter for the Annual Report, inviting other youngsters to come forward. Please look at the website before the next meeting, and also Barnt Green and other Bromsgrove Parish Councils to see if we are happy to remain within MyParish

8.2 To request support for the residents meeting at Barnt Green Cricket club on 13<sup>th</sup> February

8.3 Copy deadline for the Annual Report will be 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please submit your groups 'highlights of the year'

8.4 Update on proposed Play Area at Trinity Centre – following a very worthwhile meeting in January, it was noted that Margaret Brighton will respond by June.

## **9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES**

The dates were noted. Cllrs P Harvey and N Forknell will attend the March CALC meeting

## **10 ADMINISTRATION**

10.1 It was noted that the venue for March 2014 Meeting has changed to the Trinity Centre

10.2 It was agreed to request that the EO uses the Trinity Office on a Wednesday, for a trial period of 12 months Cllr Forknell will raise this at the forthcoming PCC, along with a proposed cost for usage, anticipated to be in the region of £80 per month, and possibly as a lump sum to cover the year.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

11.1 Request for Register of Electors forwarded by EO – it was requested that this be re-sent

11.2 Letter from child in the parish about dog mess in the play area – it was agreed to publish this in the newsletter (the parent's permission has been obtained)

## **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.18

Signed

Chairman