

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2014
MINUTES NO 4, 2014/2015**

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

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), J Eales J King, P Harvey, S Nock, P Rudd and N Forknell; District Councillor John Ruck, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 4 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:

District Cllr Ruck reported that his diary had been full with Civic events & mayoral type duties, including Rubery Street theatre, Worcester Cathedral for a WW1 anniversary event, Pershore Garden Party and the Worcestershire Battalion 150th Anniversary parade.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th JULY 2014

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

5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

5.1 Paula Rudd was introduced and welcomed to the council

5.2 It was agreed that the Bills should be paid. The inter account transfer of £10,000 was also approved. It was noted that 2 of the cheques were replacements for those lost in the post, so the total was actually less than it appeared

5.3 It was agreed that new model Standing Orders (2013) should be circulated along with the required amendment, and these would be approved at the next meeting

5.4 The quarterly finance report was noted; it was acknowledged that it was out of date and the EO will produce the half yearly report for the October meeting.

5.5 The Bank Reconciliation at the end of July 2014 was presented by Cllr P Harvey and accepted by all

5.6 It was unanimously agreed that both the Chair and EO write to Clare Marchant, the new County Council Chief Executive, prior to CALC meeting with her on September 8th to request that the WCC grant funding of CALC continues as it is an organisation that we value greatly

5.7 It was agreed to purchase one defibrillator straight away without the BHF grant. Additional units may be purchased when we know the outcome of the BHF funding application.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

6.1 To report that the Planning Committee have not met, but have reviewed 3 applications via e mail over the summer recess. A discussion followed over whether the PC should consider the purchase of a small plot of woodland which will be auctioned on 11th September. After much debate, it was agreed not to pursue this.

6.2 The 6 week consultation period on designating the neighbourhood area has now expired. We are waiting for confirmation from the District Council that the area containing the parishes of Lickey and Blackwell and Cofton Hackett has been approved. The Neighbourhood Planning group will meet on 10th September, and then the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at The Wheel

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 To report that the VAS has been moved to Old Birmingham Road, downhill between the phone box and Tesco and that the number of hits exceed even those on Rose Hill – in excess of 1,000 per day. It was agreed that Cllr Forknell explore the purchase of a further, possibly permanent sign for this site.

7.2 To report that there has been another crash on Rose Hill. The vehicle travelling up hill, lost control and demolished the telegraph pole which, remarkably, fell in the space between 2 houses. A second crash last month has also now been reported.

It was agreed that the EO write to Richard Clewer of Worcs Highways, copying the County Councillor and Police requesting that both the non-slip road surface and enhanced signage which have been agreed are now provided. The VAS data should be included

7.3 Bridge 109 on Linthurst Newtown closure postponement to next year was noted. The cutting back to create a footway on Blackwell Road has been undertaken and it was agreed that a contractor should now be employed to level the surface. Richard Clewer has made a site visit and approved this next stage

It was agreed to replace the 4 Blackwell planters (3 large and 1 small), 2 of which have been damaged. Border Fencing are the favoured supplier at £70 per large and £40 per small planter, delivered. Compost will also be required at approx. £50 per planter.

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 September newsletter is in production and a draft will be circulated this week

8.2 Best Front Garden – the winners have been notified and a speaker (Andy Pedrick) booked for the prize giving at 3pm on Sunday 14th September. It was agreed that a work party would be organised to plant yellow rattle in the cemetery and this would be promoted at the prize giving. It was agreed that there would also be paid help – either Jane Banner or Andrew Douglas. JE and EO to progress and NF to liaise with church members.

8.3 The proposed Youth Council this item was carried over to next month

8.4 Transport – The new timetable starts on 1st September - residents are generally pleased with the new slightly more frequent 145 service, which now runs

between Longbridge rail station and Droitwich (rather than Redditch). In addition, Diamond are proposing a 145a service – details are not yet clear on this.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 CALC Area meeting – Weds 10th Sept at 5.45pm Cllr P Harvey to attend

9.2 Heritage Open Days - Bromsgrove 11 - 14 Sep 2014 – all welcome but some need to be booked. Details are on parish noticeboards

9.3 Neighbourhood Planning workshop – ‘Identifying, Recording and Advocating the Heritage and Historic Environment of your Local Area’ The Hive, Worcester. Fri 17th Oct. 6:30 -9:30pm Cllrs King and Nock to attend

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Two dates were proposed Weds 24th Sept or 1st Oct – EO to e mail all to find preferred date

11 CORRESPONDENCE;

11.1 Phone calls relating to a blocked footpath (Old Orchard Way) A contractor has now cleared the path

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th October 2014 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.55

Signed

Chairman