

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2014
MINUTES NO 6, 2014/2015

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from Councillors P Rudd and J Eales & District Cllr Cooper

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett (vice chairman) J King, P Harvey, S Nock and N Forknell; District Councillors Taylor and Deeming, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 3 members of the public.

- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests
3c Other Disclosable interests.

It was noted that Cllrs J Harvey and Crockett (and all other members of the High House Management Committee) were given a bottle of wine by Andrew Wood for their work on High House Wood

The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.

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

Cllr Kit Taylor, as County Representative reported that Ringway is now the sole Highways contractor and that Richard Clewers area now includes Redditch. In BDC Planning Dept, more Officers have been recruited, the transformation system is seeing benefits and a quicker service is hoped for.

On the Tip, the panel meeting on 2ND December will be open to all. Cllr Taylor was hopeful that progress would be made.

Cllr Ruck reported on a busy month of Civic Duties

Cllr Deeming reported on his recent visit to Marlbrook Tip, along with other members and the head of Planning, to take photographs and gather evidence relating to the proliferation of building and equipment there.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 2014

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

5 FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

5.1 It was agreed to pay the attached Bills including an additional invoice for £18.50 for gravel needed in High House Wood

5.2 Defibrillators – it was agreed to progress with the BHF Funding request, acknowledging that it would mean no security eg keypad, would be allowed on the cabinets

5.3 The first draft of the budget for 2015-16 was reviewed. Some further figures are required prior to approval at the December meeting

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

6.1 The Planning minutes were approved.

6.2 Planning application 14/0762 19, Plymouth Road for a replacement dwelling Cllrs King and Nock reported on their meetings, firstly with the Planning Officer and neighbours, then with the applicant. It was agreed to respond expressing concerns about privacy, although there appear to be no planning grounds for refusal. The applicants have agreed to move the proposed dwelling about 10 feet further back, and to leave the boundary hedge in place during the period of the build, as the next door neighbours had requested. These points will be included in our response

6.3 The Neighbourhood Plan has now been formally designated and the group is due to meet on 12th November

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 Community Speedwatch – it was agreed to approach the neighbouring parishes of Cofton Hackett and Catshill and North Marlbrook to see if they would be interested in joining us in this scheme for Rose Hill and Old Birmingham Road.

Lickey Community Group have not expressed interest in supporting this initiative

7.2 It was noted that the 4 new planters in Blackwell have been delivered and planted

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 December newsletter update – copy deadline 24th November for delivery 13th December. We are grateful that 2 new delivery volunteers have come forward.

8.2 Cllr Crockett reported she had not heard from our prospective youth councilors, and she agreed to contact them again. It was suggested that they might like to organise a Christmas competition for their age group next year.

8.3 Christmas Events

Competition – ‘Celebrations’ has been agreed as the theme and Lickey school children will be working on their entries during arts week.

Blackwell ceremony: Friday 5th December 6pm at The Wheel, prior to school fair, as usual

Lickey Ceremony – Sat 6th December at Holy Trinity Church at 4pm. The school choir will sing but Blackwell Concert Band are unable to attend.

Neighbourhood Plan group to try and attend both events

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 No CALC Training was required. The visit by Sajid Javid MP to the CALC Area meeting on FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER was also highlighted and EO will send details to all.

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 It was agreed to host another helpers supper to thank our volunteers on Monday 5th January 2015. EO to progress

11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 It was noted that our suggestion made under the Bromsgrove Polling District and Polling Place Review 2014 (Stage Two) have been agreed

Cllr King reported that a new Quality Parish was discussed at the parish conference and requested that it be added to the December agenda

Cllr Forknell reported on his attendance at the Malvern Hills District Council conference where 2 subjects of interest were raised. Renewable Energy projects, where facilities are available for Parish Councils – it was thought that the new Blackwell school classrooms or Lickey School might be appropriate though no decision was made to progress this. MHDC are looking at Managed Community funds for PC's holding reserves and getting limited returns. It was agreed that we would register our interest in this – Cllr Forknell to return form

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st December 2014 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.04

Signed

Chairman