

Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 13th APRIL 2015 **MINUTES NO 10, 2014/2015**

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Eales, District Councillor Brian Cooper and District Councillor John Ruck
Cllr Ruck sent his best wishes and thanked us for our support as he will not be continuing to serve as a Councillor.
EO to write offering our thanks

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett (vice chairman) J King, P Harvey, S Nock P Rudd, A Boehm and N Forknell; County Councillor K Taylor, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 4 members of the public.

- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.
NONE

The meeting will be adjourned for up to 10 minutes for Public Question-time

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

- 4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2015**

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

5 FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

- 5.1 Payment of the attached Bills was approve
- 5.2 Cllr P Harvey explained the main variances from last year's accounts, largely greater expenditure due to the purchase of the additional Speed Indicator Sign, the defibrillators, higher lengthsman costs & the work on Blackwell Road. It was agreed that a new category 'Health and Wellbeing' be introduced on the Annual Summary to include the expense of the defibrillators as there was no logical place for it to be within the existing categories. Cllr Forknell requested an explanation relating to the overspend on Highways Emergency which was due to the work on Blackwell Road footway as well as the new Speeding Indicator sign. There were no other comments and the draft figures were approved

5.3 The 'LICHEY POETRY FESTIVAL' will take place on 23rd-25th October at Hillscourt & other Lickey venues. John McQuaid, organizer and Cofton Hackett councillor has had much experience at the Ledbury festival. He has income generating ideas with programme advertising and merchandise but does need funds and volunteers – especially in the first year.

Cllr P Harvey proposed and initial grant of £200 which was unanimously agreed

5.4 It was agreed that we would not make an application through the New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme as we had not been affected by any large development.

6 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

6.1 The Planning Committee minutes were approved.

6.2 The next Working Group of the Marlbrook Tip will be held on 23rd April. Cllr J Harvey is not able to attend but Cllr King volunteered to attend

6.3 Cllr J Harvey reported on the highly informative Historic Environment Workshop for Neighbourhood Planning and Cllr King suggested that we now hold a residents meeting on the subject so that more residents could become involved

6.4 Cllr J Harvey reported on the meeting with Barnt Green Waters and other stakeholders to discuss the Greenbelt review in relation to the land around the reservoirs. The area is an SSSI and if the Greenbelt review took away protection there is a concern that flooding issues could arise

7 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT

7.1 The replacement signage and speed monitoring currently in place on Rose Hill was noted. No resurfacing has taken place as yet. We still await instruction from WCC as to where we should locate the new speed sign.

7.2 The request from High House Wood Management Team has been withdrawn.

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 There were no comments on Cllr Kings report. All were encouraged to participate in the Moon Walk Mission

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 Advance Notice of Parish Forum on 4th June at County Hall

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 There was no report from the Area CALC meeting which had seen very poor attendance

10.2 Eight nominations have been received for the Parish Council election on 7th May

11 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th May 2015 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.05
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(signed) Executive Officer