

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**  
**MINUTES NO 6, 2015/2016**

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from District Cllrs Taylor, Deeming and Cooper who were all involved in Planning Committee at BDC  
**PRESENT:** Councillor Cllr N Forknell (Chair) Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, J King, P Harvey, P Rudd & S Nock, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 2 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, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**  
There were no reports.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2015:**  
It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

**5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES**

5.1 The payment of bills was unanimously approved

5.2 It was agreed to defer a review of the draft budget for 2016/17 until December, as the whole council had met to discuss this prior to the meeting. A draft will be presented in December and it was resolved that the precept would be agreed at that time.

**6. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 Cllr Nock reported details of a complaint that has been raised with Bromsgrove District Council relating to a lack of consultation on a planning application. A response had been received, blaming the lack of response on the Planning Officers absence, and the failure to consult on an IT problem which would not re occur. It was agreed to accept this and not to escalate further.

6.2 Cllr King reported that a separate Mapping group has been established, and that 3 new members had joined the Neighbourhood Planning group.

**7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

7.1 Further to last month's discussion about Monument Lane/OBR/ crossroads, we have contacted Cllr McDonald regarding concerns with the general safety of this junction and the Councillor has asked the residents to contact him directly – Lickey Community Group will progress this.

7.2 It was agreed that the EO should contact Peter McDonald to let him know of the residents concern relating to safety when leaving their cul-de-sac and joining Twatling Road, because of excessive vehicle speed.

7.3 It was reported that Jane Banner has chosen a hawthorn for Pocket Park, in memory of Coral Beavis and has been asked to purchase and plant this for a budget of £50

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

- 8.1 Defibrillator training on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November was discussed and Cllrs Forknell, King and Eales will attend – there should be at least 11 attending in total
- 8.2 No definitive approval has been gained from WCC to attach Christmas decoration to the lampposts in Blackwell but we will continue to pursue as we hope to have these for 4<sup>th</sup> December
- 8.3 The Christmas lighting and competition prize giving events are organized for 4<sup>th</sup> (5.30pm, Blackwell) and 6<sup>th</sup> (6.30pm, Lickey) December
- 8.4 The Best Front Garden prize giving, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, was well attended and enjoyable. Cllr Forknell thanked Cllr King for her tireless work with this competition
- 8.5 December newsletter copy is required by 20<sup>th</sup> November – it was agreed that there is plenty of content

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

- 9.1 The EO and Cllr J Harvey will try to attend the CALC AGM at County Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- 9.2 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Trinity Centre the Lickey Community Theatre group event with Remy Harris Project (through shindig) Tickets from Cllr King

## **10 ADMINISTRATION:**

- 10.1 It was agreed that we should hold a helpers supper – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan was suggested and EO will confirm availability of the Cricket Club

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.16

Signed

Chairman