

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2014
MINUTES NO 10, 2013/2014

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Eales, District Cllrs Deeming & Cooper and County Cllr McDonald

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett, J King, P Harvey, and N Forknell; Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and several members of the public.

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

The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.

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

(Note to minutes – these reports were left until after agenda item 11, but are reported here)

District Cllr Ruck reported that the no action had been taken against the owner of Marlbrook tip by the Environment Agency.

Cllr Ruck will be Civic Head next council year and will then step down from the DC. He expressed his support of the idea of a parish Youth Council

Cllr K Taylor reported a new WCC Highways initiative involving Ringway, who would undertake work in parishes. There is a new operating model for Highways Dept but this should not affect residents, but more efficient outsourcing should result. Divisional Funding continues, with £11,000 per County Councillor – some has been used on the scouts in Blackwell.

From a District perspective, the District Plan has been submitted, in the town centre, the Market Square area has been sold for development, and the high street re-paving continues.

On the Tip, BDC want to take back some control from the EA who want 30cm of soil added, though the detail of this is unclear. The cross-party panel membership will be discussed at a meeting with Kevin Dicks scheduled for 16th April.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014

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 plug planting in cemetery complete following a working party led by Jane Banner, mowing regime to start this month and the memorial cleaning complete with further work recommended.

5.2 Highways – Cllr Forknell reported that the kerbing for Blackwell Road may now be done free of charge under a new Highways initiative at WCC. A quote has been received and another is awaited. It was agreed to schedule the work for August, when there would be less traffic due to the bridge closure and diversion.

It was agreed that the next VAS site would be outside Hunters Hill School

5.3 Cllr J Harvey reported on a positive meeting with Lickey school head and chair of governors. A point of contact is awaited, then a meeting will be arranged with all parties to discuss parking. A resident in attendance suggesting enquiring about the land below the school to use for parking, which the PC had previously considered. The use of High House Wood, Christmas competitions and grants had also been discussed.

5.4 Following completion of transfer, it was resolved to obtain quotes for painting the phone box.

5.5 It was agreed to contact the Highway Agency to seek replanting following the work at Dale Hill. The residents are to be asked if they have the original planting scheme.

6. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

6.1 It was unanimously agreed to pay the list of bills.

6.2 The February Bank reconciliation was approved

6.3 Defibrillators. The Trinity Centre and phone box are in place, and it was agreed that Cllr King would follow up a response from Blackwell Club. EO is completing funding application from BHF but this will take 12 weeks.

6.4 It was unanimously agreed to increase the lengthsman's hourly rate from £12 to £16 with immediate effect.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

7.1 The minutes of the 2 Planning committees held in March were unanimously approved

7.2 Cllr Forknell reported that questionnaires sent out in the newsletter were being returned and would be analysed. Burcot are hosting a meeting with Mike Dunphy after which they will make a decision as to whether they join the Neighbourhood Planning group. When this decision is made the area for the plan can be submitted to the District Council

7.3 The panel for the Tip Inquiry has not been agreed, and on the draft proposal for membership, the Parish Council do not have a seat. We have written to Cllr Taylor requesting a seat, and that this should not be one allocated for residents, but in addition. To report that information has been requested from NWW Water Management following a presentation at the CALC meeting relating to the tip

7.4 The District Plan has now been submitted to the Inspectorate. All documents are available on the BDC website, local libraries or the Council House. We will be invited to the public examination, but no date has yet been agreed

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Following 2 definite expressions of interest, it was agreed to begin the process of establishing a Youth Council. No expenditure will be needed at this stage

8.2 Cllr King sought approval for quotes to be sought for a new PC website, based around the format of Barnt Green PC. This was agreed

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

The dates were noted. Cllr N Forknell and the EO will attend the CALC Conference on 30th April. The EO has requested that the WCC policy for speed limits outside schools is added to the agenda

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Proposed use of the Trinity Office on a Wednesday by the EO – deferred to May meeting

10.2 The chairman reported that 3 residents had come forward to discuss joining the PC and that she and Cllr Crockett would be meeting with them.

10.3 It was agreed to meet prior to the Annual Meeting to discuss groups etc. at 7.30pm on Monday 28th April. Venue tbc

11 CORRESPONDENCE: the correspondence was noted

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th May 2014 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm. This is the Annual Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.01

Signed

Chairman