

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 7TH JULY 2014
MINUTES NO 3, 2014/2015

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

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Harvey (Chairman), K Crockett, J Eales J King, P Harvey, S Nock and N Forknell; District Councillor John Ruck, 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 AND COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

District Cllr Ruck reported that his diary had been full with Civic events & mayoral type duties, including at Redditch Council, Stourport, the Armed Forces Flag Raising day, Bromsgrove Society AGM, Bromsgrove School Commemoration Day, Pershore Abbey Civic Service – as a result he no longer sits on any committees.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2014

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

5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

5.1 Following a summary of her meeting with the chair and vice-chair, it was unanimously resolved to co-opt Paula Rudd as councillor

5.2 After an explanation as to why the bills were higher than average (2 months each of cemetery mowing and maintenance of Greenfield bank plus an annual office rental payment) it was agreed that the Bills should be paid. The inter account transfer of £10,000 was also agreed.

5.3 It was agreed to delegate authority for the signing of cheques over the August recess to the cheque signatories, up to a maximum of £5,000

5.4 The new model version of Financial Regulations, were presented by Cllr P Harvey, discussed and unanimously accepted.

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

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

6.1 To report that no Planning applications have been received.

6.2 The Neighbourhood Planning group reported that the plan had now been submitted, using a map of the combined parishes of Cofton Hackett and Lickey and Blackwell, which had been provided by Bromsgrove DC. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm at The Wheel

6.3 It was agreed that no response to The Consultation – ‘Worcestershire County Council's Draft Planning Validation Document’ would be submitted

6.4 The two Planning related events were discussed and it was agreed that the EO would attend the Neighbourhood Planning Network Event at WCC on 8th July to represent the PC, but, due to it clashing with the next NP meeting, no one would be available to attend the New Homes Bonus Working Group Forum. The EO will send apologies and request any presentations and/or minutes be sent.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 Marlbrook phone box. Marlbrook phone box. It was agreed to accept DMRDecs quote for this and pay for an additional coat of Gloss for finish and longevity at an additional cost of £52.

7.2 To report that Phil Grantham has cut back High House Wood paths, but the majority of footpath clearance has been undertaken by 4 Seasons

7.3 It was reported that Hosking Ground Services have resigned from the mowing contract as their invoice did not arrive in time for the June meeting, and they were unhappy at having to wait for the next time council met in order to receive their cheque. The contract has been awarded to 4 Seasons Ltd

7.4 Andrew Douglas is prepared to strim individual cemetery plots at £3 per visit. Over 7 visits this would total £21 @ vat per mowing season. It was agreed to offer this to interested parties who have contacted us, and via the newsletter, The EO would administer this.

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 September newsletter copy deadline 26th August please, for delivery 19th September. This will enable the BFG Prize Giving to feature.

8.2 Best Front Garden – judging 7th-21st July – judges should be in a position to undertake the judging of their allocated roads. Prize giving Sunday 14th September – details tbc. A gardening-themed speaker is being sought and Jane Banner will be asked to present the prizes.

8.3 The proposed Youth Councillors are planning to meet with Cllr Crockett and arrange a meeting with Clent

8.4 Transport –we believe that there will be no reduction of service in the 145, except that it will only go as far as the Oak Tree island. The new time table is due to be issued in September after which we will know definitively.

8.5 New website – agreement was given for the EO TO create our own website, which will be very much cheaper, using a free template along with a hosting contract. Wordpress has been recommended Agreement was given and EO will also speak with Keith Woolford who currently hosts our landing page at www.lickeyandblackwellpc.org.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 AGM of the Worcs branch of CPRE including a talk on the work of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust on Sunday 27th July in the Worcester Room at the University starting at 2.30pm

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Update on use of the Trinity Centre by the EO. Cllr Forknell confirmed that the PCC had agreed to the offer of £1,000 for the remainder of the year (July – March 2015) There will be a photograph taken at 9.30am on Weds of the handover of keys, for use in the next magazine – all welcome. 'A' boards will be purchased to be put outside when the office is open to encourage residents to contact us

11 CORRESPONDENCE: the correspondence relating to the M5 Junction 4 Improvement scheme from the Highways Agency was noted, and has been added to the notice boards and website.

Correspondence received after agenda circulated

Network Rail have delayed the closure of bridge Linthurst Newtown, but it was agreed that Parish Councils planned work to create a footway along Blackwell Road will still take place in August, even though the road will not be closed as we had anticipated.

The preliminary Tip meeting will concentrate on determining membership of the group from amongst residents and community groups.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st September 2014 at the Wheel at 7.30pm. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.50

Signed

Chairman