

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 6th JULY 2015
MINUTES NO 3, 2015/2016

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr B Cooper and County Cllrs P McDonald and K Taylor

PRESENT: Councillor Cllr N Forknell (Chair) Cllr Mrs J Harvey (deputy Chairman), A Boehm, P Harvey J Eales J King, P Rudd & S Nock, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 6 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:**

There were no reports

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st JUNE 2015:**

Following amends to his reported committee positions supplied by Cllr Cooper (member of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Chair of Licensing) it was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

- 5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES**

5.1 Payment of attached Bills – payments were approved

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

5.3 Cllr King reported that the inaugural 'LICKEY POETRY FESTIVAL' has been postponed until 2016 rather than cancelled

- 6. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 Cllr Nock reported that there had been just 1 new application to which we had not objected, and the Committee had not met. The application for 3 new dwellings in the grounds of Wadderton have been accepted, but with the condition relating to the restoration of the original house, as we had requested.

6.2 Cllr King reported that there will be a Neighbourhood Planning residents meeting on Saturday 12th September, where groups, led by councillors and others including Jack Hanson will look at the Historic Environment –all are invited to attend and bring neighbours who might have an interest in this. Cllr Eales suggested that residents be invited to send any information on the history of their home to the EO (via the September newsletter) and this was agreed. It was resolved that the PC would fund the

costs of 12th September (up to £300) which will be reimbursed upon receipt of funding for the Neighbourhood Plan

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 It was agreed not to hold an 'opening-type ceremony' upon completion of the stonework on the new bridge on Linthurst Newtown

7.2 The EO explained that 5 options had been discussed at a meeting with representatives from Network Rail, Blackwell Golf Club, WCC Countryside Services, the Ramblers Association and the PC in relation to the future of the pedestrian rail crossing at the rear of the Linthurst Newtown. The options, closure, a pedestrian bridge, a warning system, no action and a diversionary footpath will be investigated in more detail and put out for consultation.

7.3 Cllr Eales proposed that plans to site a new bus shelter in Blackwell be abandoned due to failure to find a site which is acceptable to residents. This was carried by 7 votes to 1

7.4 It was agreed that a suitable shrub should be planted at the entrance to Linthurst Newtown as a memorial to Coral Beavis, former tree warden, who worked so hard in the parish.

7.5 It was agreed to accept the quote for work to clear the remainder of the Blackwell Road footway as far as the motorway bridge, but also to ask the contractor to quote to cut back the remaining piece of land between the motorway bridge and Greens occupation bridge. This could then be done within the same traffic management cost. Cllr Rudd requested that this be the maximum extent of the path, as we were already working out of our parish, albeit for the benefit of our residents

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Cllr J King requested that copy for inclusion in the September newsletter be sent to the EO by 17th August – please note as we will not meet before this date. Delivery should then be 4th Sept

8.2 Defibrillators – these are in place in the Lickey and Marlbrook sites. Blackwell Social Club are meeting on 21st July to agree where it should be sited. An event to mark the opening of the telephone box will be planned along with awareness/training on the defibrillators is essential.

8.3 The Best Front Garden will be judged during the first 2 weeks of October, with the presentation Residents meeting being during the afternoon of Sunday 1st November at Lickey church – Jane Banner and Cllr Eales have been asked to speak about the 'garden areas' maintained by the PC and Cllr J Harvey will also see if the rangers are available

8.4 After some discussion it was agreed that the theme for our Christmas competition be Christmas Time

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 It was noted that the EO had attended Standards and Code of Conduct training and copies of slides from the evening are available

10 ADMINISTRATION:

10.1 Cllr Rudd requested that an appeal for help with a Lickey event in June 2016 (provisional) be published in the September newsletter

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 The letter of thanks from CAB was noted and Cllr Forknell thanked Keith Woolford for the re-designed newsletter

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th September 2015 at the Wheel at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.36

Signed

Chairman