

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2015**
MINUTES NO 4, 2015/2016

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Eales

PRESENT: Councillor Cllr N Forknell (Chair) Cllr Mrs J Harvey (deputy Chairman), A Boehm, P Harvey, J King, P Rudd & S Nock, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 3 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 6th JULY 2015:**
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. Cllr Forknell read out a letter from the Lickey Community group offering a donation of £50 towards the cost of the defibrillator signage in the phone box. It was agreed to accept this and Keith Woolford was thanked, as representative of LCG for this generous act

5.2 Both the Complaints Procedure and Publications scheme were unanimously accepted.

5.3 The satisfactory completion of audit has now been received from the external auditors. The EO has written to seek clarification on what appear to be incorrect assumptions made in their report

6. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 Cllr Nock reviewed the minutes of the Planning Committee. Following removal of High House Wood as a possible Community Asset, the minutes were approved.

6.2 All councillors are requested to attend the Neighbourhood Planning event on Saturday 12th September, where groups, led by councillors and others including Jack Hanson will look at the Historic Environment. All residents of Linthurst Newtown have received an invitation to attend.

6.3 Community Right to Bid – Cllr King stressed the importance of the Methodist hall to the community in Blackwell, which is well used by Montessori nursery, after school club, over 50's 'Keep Fit', table tennis plus other private bookings for children's parties. It was proposed by Cllr King and unanimously agreed that this should be listed as a Community Asset, to give the Parish Council the opportunity to bid for the building, if it were to be put up for sale.

7. **HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

7.1 Cllr Forknell reported on the Speeding Order for a reduction of 40 to 30mph on Spirehouse Lane, which is excellent news. A response is needed so any required comments to EO by 14th September please. Cllr King suggested that part of the response should be that this process has taken far too long, given the school on a split site, with a 40mph limit – it was agreed to include this, and also request that when the signage is changed, additional speed warning signs should be added around the school

7.2 The provision of 6 additional bollards on the Old Birmingham Road corner with Monument Lane were discussed and it was requested that the site be revisited to see if fewer bollards or an additional planter would achieve the same result. Cllr Forknell to report at next meeting.

7.3

i) Cllr J Harvey requested that orchids were not dug up, but that seed heads could be taken and propagated. EO to ask Jane Banner if she is able to do this

ii) It was agreed that councillors should look at the trees along Old Birmingham Road and consider whether we should budget for saplings next year at specific locations

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Report from Cllr J King

8.2 Blackwell Social Club have agreed that the defibrillator can be sited at the front of their building. EO to arrange installation. EO to see if we can explore the option of joint training with Barnt Green Parish Council

8.3 Cllr Rudd has met with Andrew Hodges at the Old Rose and Crown who would be keen to host our Lickey event. A date will be agreed with him, in October for a Saturday or Sunday in May or June, depending on his availability

8.4 It was unanimously agreed to explore the cost of installation, obtain permission from WCC (for use of lampposts) then purchase 4 reconditioned Christmas decorations for the crossroads in Blackwell

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 CALC Area meeting Weds 9th September - Cllr P Harvey will endeavour to attend

10 ADMINISTRATION:

10.1 It was agreed to hold the Initial budget planning meeting at 6.30pm prior to the meeting on Monday 2nd November.

10.2 It was agreed to agree to apply for Quality status

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 A letter of complaint from a visitor to the cemetery, received prior to the August cut

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th October 2015 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.00

Signed

Chairman