

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2016**
MINUTES NO 8, 2015/2016

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from District Cllrs Deeming and Cooper

PRESENT: Councillor Cllr N Forknell (Chair) Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J King, J Eales, P Harvey & S Nock, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 4 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:**
Brian Cooper had sent a report attached to these minutes

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 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 The third draft of the budget for 2016/17 was presented by Cllr P Harvey. It was agreed to consider item 5.5 next on the agenda as this would relate to the 16/17 budget

5.5 Cllr Boehm reported that the school had received a quote to restore, place in a cabinet and replace the Blackwell Ape. The ape was transferred from the original school on Dale Hill in the 1880's and the school are keen to keep it. Our offer of providing an outside clock will not be needed due to a proposed canopy which would obscure it, but a contribution to this would be welcomed. A single donation of £500 has been received. Cllr J Harvey proposed a grant of £1,000 being similar to the amount spent on the stonework for the war memorial in Lickey. This was unanimously agreed but it was requested that we see the quotation to understand exactly what is to be done

Upon agreement of the above, it was proposed by Cllr P Harvey and agreed by all that the Budget for 2016/17 would be £60,120.

Cllr Harvey reported that this budget (if all spent) would result in reserves of £45,000 at year end 2017 and further commented that as our tax base had gone down, a precept of £44,000 would result in an increase for a Band D household of £0.69

5.3 The Bank Reconciliation at 31st December 2015 was approved

5.4 It was agreed to provide a grant of £200 to the PHAB Club to support their planned trip, with a proviso that this trip goes ahead

5.6 It was agreed to pay for Defibrillator training (approx. £100 per session)

5.7 The update re the Tesco Community grant for a pond, landscaping and seating in front of the extension at Blackwell First School was noted.

6. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 The Planning Committee minutes were approved and it was agreed to request a site visit to Burcot Grange following receipt of another application

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 Ron Rand's return to work was noted.
- 7.2 'Clean for the Queen' – it was agreed that no formal activity would be organised but the initiative would be promoted in the newsletter if residents want to get involved. Cllr Forknell reported that some church members are cleaning their own street sign as a Lent activity
- 7.3 It was agreed that Cllr Forknell and the EO would agree a list of roads who would be entitled to wheelie bin stickers and these would be available at the next residents meeting and from the parish office. It was agreed that residents would have to request the stickers as then they would be used rather than delivering to all

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 Lickey Festival – the proposed new date of Sunday 12th June 2016 was noted and the EO reported 6 expressions of interest to help. Next step is to hold a meeting which Comms group will agree. A councillor is still needed to lead this new initiative
- 8.2 Thanks to Keith Woolford for our lovely new website – please have a look and get used to using it. We have a 'Councillor's page' where documents can be held for councillors to access – please advise if you think you would use this. The EO now needs to populate website with various documents to comply with quality requirements
- 8.3 Tea party 24th Feb 2016 at Cricket Club – please invite any over 60's and come and support this event with a local historian and Sing for Fun group. A fund raising initiative, eg raffle or game was suggested to raise fund for the Blackwell Ape
- 8.4 The EO will arrange 2 more Defibrillator training dates which will be promoted at Blackwell Social Club and the February residents meeting. It was reported that there are books on the floor of the phone box and it was agreed that these could be stored (Cllr Eales) or passed to a charity shop. Cllr King to action

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 WCC Parish Conference County Hall 24th February – Market Place from 5.30pm and Conference starts 6.30pm. This is the same day as the Residents Meeting. Cllr Forknell may attend

10 ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 The preferred option was to hold the Assembly on the same evening as the April PCM. The PCM on 4th April will commence at 6pm, with the Assembly to follow at 7.30pm. A theme based around home security, Neighbourhood Watch etc was proposed. We have been invited to a meeting at Rubery Police station to discuss Smart Water which Cllr P Harvey is able to attend on Friday 5th February and which would be very compatible with this theme

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 Numerous 'thank you's' following the Helpers Supper

- 12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 7th March 2016 at the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.02

Signed

Chairman