

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2015
MINUTES NO 5, 2015/2016

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES: apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J & P Harvey & Cllr Rudd

PRESENT: Councillor Cllr N Forknell (Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, J King, & S Nock, District Cllr B Cooper, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 5 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:

Cllr B Cooper reported on devolution issues relating to a West Midlands Combined Authority on which BDC have been asked to join. The Bromsgrove Plan has hit an impasse relating to how Redditch numbers have been modelled and it is possible that the plan may need to be withdrawn. In Bromsgrove Centre BDC are in negotiations with Waitrose over occupying the Market Hall area. The delay to the new Council House has resulted in penalty payments by the contractors – no new date has been set for the move.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 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 along with the addition of a payment to Ken Cook for £206.08.

5.2 It was agreed to produce a draft budget and strategic plan for the next 3 years at the initial budget meeting scheduled for 6pm prior to the November PCM. Any proposals for new projects should be circulated by the relevant group to all councillors one week before the meeting.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

6.1 Cllr Nock reviewed the minutes of the parish Planning Committees highlighting the amended application for the Dementia Unit at Burcot Grange which we supported. The minutes were approved.

6.2 The Neighbourhood Planning group will meet on 6/10/2015 at 7.30pm at the Wheel. The Mapping event on Saturday 12th September was well attended and successful. An event is planned for Sat 24th Oct to map the Apesdale area.

6.3 Planning Application 14/1007 for the demolition of existing bungalow and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings at 1, Blakes Field Drive. Cllr Nock reported that he had attended the BDC Planning Committee prior to the Parish Council meeting and had spoken against the above application, as had

a resident and Cllr K Taylor. The Planning Officer recommended approval and the developer spoke in favour. The application was rejected unanimously.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 Old Birmingham Road junction with Monument Lane. It was agreed not to install bollards as the problem parking is occasional and we do not wish to detract from this attractive area. Other ideas have been received from the LCG such as a planter, bench, extending the raised wall, or a combination of these. Concerns remain for the general safety of this junction – including access to Coffin Alley. A site visit with the County Councillor will be sought to discuss options and see who owns the land.

7.2 The reduced cost for work on the footpath in Blackwell Road was noted. It was suggested that a sign be erected to guide people on to the new path. Various jobs for the lengthsman were requested being a leaning post box and bus stop both on Rose Hill and the need for spraying the weeds in the wall around Lickey Square

8. SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Cllr King presented her report to include a reminder to all judges about the Best Front Garden timetable, that Cllr Boehm will liaise with Blackwell School and that the CPRE event on 3rd October was a success.

8.2 Christmas decorations for lampposts in Blackwell. Electrician would charge £100 per column to put up, take down and store the lights. This would be higher on the first year as a plug would need to be fitted. WCC have confirmed a maximum weight for the decorations and supplied guidelines for fitting etc. Another possibility is entering a rental agreement and the EO will gain a quotation for this and discuss what Barnt Green do with their parish clerk. It was also felt that we should consider making the same provision for Lickey. The EO will circulate an update when available

8.3 To report that the shelving units are in place in the phone box for the Book Swap facility. A photo is being arranged for Thursday 8th October at 2pm

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 The training dates were noted

9.2 The details (below) of the CALC AGM were noted. County Hall Worcester, Wednesday 25th November 2015 Trade Fair commences at 5pm (details of exhibitors to follow) AGM commences 7pm Refreshments available from 5pm

10 ADMINISTRATION:

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 It was agreed to send a note of support to Bromsgrove and Redditch Network which is needed by 7th October. EO to liaise with Cllr King

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 2nd November 2015 at the Wheel at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by the budget planning meeting at 6pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.41

Signed

Chairman