

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2016
MINUTES NO 3, 2016/2017**

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

PRESENT: Councillor N Forknell (Chair) Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J King, J Eales, P Harvey & S Nock, District/County Cllr McDonald, Mrs H Doherty (Executive Officer) and 4 members of the public.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER: 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.

Cllr J Harvey declared an interest in agenda item 5.3 as a member of the Lickey Hills Joint Consultative Committee

The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.

3. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

Cllr McDonald reported on the asbestos removal programme from schools which will not go ahead, concerns that WCC would lose its planning powers on fracking, and the continuing austerity measures throughout the county which have led to cuts in areas including Library Services & Children's Centres.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2016:

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 and it was agreed to delegate cheque signing over the Summer recess to the cheque signatories to a maximum figure of £5,000
- 5.2 It was reported by the Blackwell Festival organisers that the Summer festival had broken even but they would like a grant of £500 to support a new community initiative hoping to reach a wider audience. This would be a music festival in September held at Hunters Hill School and would not be a free event. It was agreed to provide a grant of £300 on the understanding that accounts are provided to us after the event.
- 5.3 It was agreed to defer this decision until quotes are received from the rangers.
- 5.4 New Homes Bonus – it was agreed that the EO would complete an application for the purchase of 3 litter bins for the country park, a replacement bench for the monument field and a table tennis table for Blackwell, provided these items fit the criteria.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Planning Committee minutes were unanimously approved and Cllr Nock reported on a live application to which he had made a site visit with a concerned

resident. The application for 5 detached dwelling at the rear of 3 gardens in Lickey Square will be discussed at the Planning Committee on 5th July

- 6.2 Cllr Forknell reported that the Neighbourhood Planning group had reviewed an Issues and Options document produced by Kirkwells which would form the basis of consultation. It was agreed to pay the invoice from Kirkwells for their initial work totalling £1840 pending receipt of the Locality grant.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 Following 8 responses relating to possible tree planting on Old Birmingham Road with only 1 being supportive, it was agreed that no request for additional trees would be made and Cllr S Blagg would be notified of this.

7.2 The tree officer at BDC had no further update relating to the felling of trees adjacent to the Spinney as he has been unable to arrange a meeting with the landowner.

7.3 The telephone box has been dug out to try and prevent damp problem and Ron Smith has recommended planting on the slope to prevent the soil slipping and will provide a recommendation and quote for the next meeting. The EO will advise the resident and WCC of our intention

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 Lickey Festival was a great success and the group has met and set a date in Sept to plan for the 2017 event. Alternative venues will be considered, including the school and the Old Rose & Crown hotel as the Trinity Centre was too small. More community volunteers will be sought for the working group. The PC's final expenditure was £745.26. The EO will step back and not be the main contact next year.

8.2 BFG judging is complete and the prize-giving will be on 10th July at Holy Trinity. All are welcome

8.3 September newsletter – copy by 24th August please

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 & 9.2 The dates were noted

10. ADMINISTRATION:

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 The letter of thanks from Citizens Advice for grant was noted

11.2 The response from BDC following the accidental mowing of the wildflower verge was discussed and it was agreed that it was not worth adopting the mowing ourselves.

In addition the EO reported that WCC are currently working to cut back foliage from highway and safety signs. Please report any signs in our area on C and unclassified roads which require attention

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 5th September 2016 at the Wheel, Blackwell at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.45

Signed

Chairman