

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**  
**MINUTES NO 6, 2016/2017**

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Deeming & Taylor

**PRESENT:** District Cllr B Cooper, Councillor N Forknell (Chair) Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, J King, P Harvey & S Nock, H Doherty (Executive Officer) & 5 members of the public.

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

*The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.*

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

Cllr Brian Cooper reported on an issue raised in PQT stating that Rainbow Farm on Old Birmingham Road had been sold to St Modwens but no pre application planning advice had been sought. Cllr Cooper will let us know if any contact is made with the Planning Department. The Local Plan should be approved by the full Council in Jan so should be ready at Easter time. He stated that the pressure to build is unrelenting so having the plan in place is important. Cost cutting continues with proficiency plans being submitted to central government for approval. Most savings are in back office functions, there are no plans to change current refuse collection arrangements. Cllr Cooper is now Chair of the Audit committee

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 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 including the contribution to Blackwell CCTV agreed at the recent Finance meeting. It was agreed to order lamppost lights to a maximum of £1700, the invoice is not available as the items we requested are out of stock. The cheque will need to be raised before the December meeting.
- 5.2 There are still items to be agreed on the updated draft budget and the next version will be presented at the December meeting when the precept amount will be agreed
- 5.3 Adoption of the 'Statement of Internal Control & Annual Review of Effectiveness of internal control' document was unanimously agreed

**6. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Cllr Nock presented a report on applications and the planning committee minutes were approved. Cllr Nock reported that the EO had written to BDC Planning Department to request that action is taken over the incorrect distribution of Planning Applications
- 6.2 The Neighbourhood Plan consultation on the Issues & Options document is still open. Booklets & questionnaires are available but need to be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

7.1 Jen's Place. Cllr Boehm has met on site with 3 school governors and the school will continue to do the ground maintenance – mowing and cutting back. The sculpture and plaques are in a bad state of repair and it was agreed to get a quote to carry out cleaning and repair to these items and ask the school if they would like us to undertake this. An update will be given at the next meeting.

7.2 It was unanimously agreed to purchase an additional Parish grit bin for the junction of Old Birmingham Road and the entrance to High House Drive for a cost of £150. The PC would need to supply grit on an ongoing basis. The EO will request that WCC undertake an assessment and place the order if the site is approved

7.3 Wild daffodils were planted by a volunteer group in Blackwell on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov with bulbs purchased by PC & resident. EO to request an invoice

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT**

8.1 Cllr King confirmed the arrangements for the Christmas lights ceremonies and competitions. Cllr Boehm will collect entries from Blackwell and Cllr J Harvey from Lickey, & Cllrs J Harvey and King will judge

8.2 WCC's approval for the use of the specified Lickey lampposts for Christmas lights was noted and lights will be ordered as in 5.1 above

8.3 Lickey Festival Update – the quote for hiring the school is £351. It was thought that this was acceptable if the group agree on 21<sup>st</sup> November and it is the preferred venue

8.4 December Newsletter -copy to EO by **21 November** was noted

## **9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES**

9.1 The EO reported that some agenda items from the annual Parish conference held on 26<sup>th</sup> October will be discussed with the Communications group and details of the Neighbourhood Planning services being offered by WCC will be circulated to the NP Team

9.2 Bromsgrove Area CALC Wednesday 14th December -Cllr P Harvey to attend

## **10 ADMINISTRATION:**

10.1 The proposed Grievance Policy was unanimously approved

10.2 The proposed Training Policy was unanimously approved

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

11.1 Resident expressing concerns at speed of cars along Dale Hill/Dale Lane – he is liaising with Cllr Taylor and will meet with Cllr Forknell to agree the best for location for our SID sign

11.2 Cllr Forknell and EO reported on a site meeting at Hunters Hill College to discuss the possible diversion of the Public right of way which runs through the school, adjacent to the residential facilities. There is clearly a safeguarding issue, noted by Ofsted. Having walked around it would appear that a suitable diversion is possible. Hunters Hill to liaise with Countryside Services at WCC in the first instance

## **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Trinity Centre, Lickey at 7.30pm.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.50

Signed

Chairman