

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 26TH JULY 2010 AT 5.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths (Chairman), Mrs. R. L. Dent (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. J. M. Boswell, J. T. Duddy, Ms. H. J. Jones, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, S. P. Shannon, R. D. Smith and L. J. Turner

Observers: Councillor M. J. A. Webb

Officers: Mrs. S. Mould and Ms. R. A. Cole

1/10 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths be elected Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

2/10 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs. R. L. Dent be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

3/10 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs. C. M. McDonald.

4/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

5/10 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Electoral Matters Committee held on 12th April 2010 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

6/10 **REVIEW OF LICKEY END PARISH COUNCIL**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which outlined the outcome of the public consultation survey in respect of the request by Lickey End Parish Council to abolish the Parish of Lickey End and the dissolution of the Parish Council itself.

Members raised a number of queries in relation to the assets of the Parish Council in the event it was abolished. The Electoral Services Manager confirmed that as set out in the report, any assets would revert to this Council and that there would be a report to the Cabinet on this matter at the end of the process.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the result of the community governance review consultation be noted;
- (b) that the following recommendations be approved as the draft proposals for the next stage of the consultation process:-
  - (i) that the Parish of Lickey End be abolished; and
  - (ii) that Lickey End should not continue to have a Parish Council;
- (c) that, subject to there being no further written submissions received during the draft consultation period as set out in the review timetable, these draft proposals be approved as the final recommendations for the community governance review;
- (d) that, subject to there being no further written submissions received during the final consultation period as set out in the review timetable, the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services be authorised to make an Order under section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to abolish the parish of Lickey End and dissolve the Parish Council with effect from 1st January 2011.

The meeting closed at 5.12 p.m.

Chairman