

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017  
MINUTES NO 9, 2016/2017**

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllr Brian Cooper

**PRESENT:** County Cllr K Taylor, District Cllr R Deeming, Councillor N Forknell (Chair) Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J King, P Harvey & S Nock, H Doherty (Executive Officer) Steve Hinton & 6 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 Taylor reported on a meeting with Dale Hill residents – data cables will be laid in a different place to test speed and the footway will be cleared. Signage may be considered depending on results.

LTP4 BDC will submit a very critical response to WCC (see Cabinet page on BDC website) as they believe plan does nothing for Bromsgrove district. BDC also submitted negative response to Minerals Consultation.

Marlbrook Tip – next meeting cancelled but will be rescheduled. Confusion over whether Planning Permission is required by EA to add more material, which needs clarification.

Cllr Forknell asked about position of Rainbow Farm advertising storage. Cllr Taylor to report back.

Steve Hinton, Lickey Hills Country Park reported on what has happened in the park since the discovery of *Phytophthora Ramorum* in 2011 when it was found in rhododendron by FERA. Outside agencies (FRA/DEFRA & Forestry Commission) can make orders which must followed relating to removing trees.

In 2012 the disease was found in bilberry, and in 2013 in larch and now sweet chestnut These species then need to be destroyed.

In 2016/17 there have been 2 large sections of felling on Rednal Hill and 5 hectares on Cofton Hill. Future plans include removing non-infected larch before it becomes infected and while it does not have to be incinerated.

Some heathland will be restored and other areas re planted with broad leaf trees. Information is available at the Visitor Centre

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017:**

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 agreed

- 5.2 It was unanimously agreed to use the services of Diane Malley as Internal Auditor for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at a cost of £165

## **6. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 Cllr Nock reported the planning committee minutes which were approved. Cllr Nock also commented on some potentially positive outcomes for our parish within LTP4, notably looking at improving the junction at the Marlbrook Tesco. These will be added to our formal response. Also, the Local Plan is now available and the EO has a copy

6.2 Cllr Forknell reported on a further meeting of the NP group to review the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and to add more detail. The updated draft will be available for consultation at the Assembly in April

## **7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

7.1 The Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time Order relating to Monument Lane/Old Birmingham Road was reviewed. It was agreed that it did not go far enough and that we would request for the double yellow lines to be extended from the junction along Twatling Road to Warren Lane. Also to extend the proposed lines further into Monument Lane (away from the junction) in both directions.

It was also noted that the existing double yellow lines are not correctly marked on the plan

7.2 The reasons for the choice of a Solar powered VAS for around Hunters Hill school were noted

7.3 A summary of LTP4 was circulated along with agreed response stating overall disappointment though some good features for the parish.

7.4 Litter Picker proposal. It was resolved to employ the lengthsman's assistant Barry Lunn as a litter picker for 2 hours each week as per the attached proposal for an initial trial period of 3 months during which time we will advertise the position.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT**

8.1 Lickey Festival details were noted, along with a report of the successful Residents Meeting held at the Cricket Club and the dates for this year's Best Front Garden which were agreed as judging in July and prize giving on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

8.2 The request to deliver Newsletter/Annual Reports promptly was noted as it will contain invitation to the Assembly on 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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

9.1 Cllrs Forknell and P Harvey will attend the Worcs CALC meeting on Weds 8 March

## **10. ADMINISTRATION:**

10.1 It was agreed that Steve Hinton would speak at the Assembly, there would be an introduction to the draft Neighbourhood Plan and time to encourage response. Refreshments will be served and the new Lickey Hills walks book available to purchase

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE:none**

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

**Monday 3rd April 2017 at the Trinity Centre, Lickey at 6.00pm to be followed by the Annual Assembly at 7.30pm.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.49

Signed

Chairman