



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017 MINUTES NO 1, 2017/2018

1. Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Forknell was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Eales, seconded by Cllr King and unanimously agreed by all. Cllr Forknell signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat

2. Acceptance of Apologies: Cllrs J & P Harvey, Cllr Taylor

PRESENT: District Cllr B Cooper, Councillor N Forknell (Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, J King, S Tibbits & S Nock, H Doherty (Executive Officer) & 4 members of the public.

3. Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

d) To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – written requests to be with the clerk at least 4 clear days prior to a meeting

NONE

The meeting will be adjourned for up to 10 minutes for Public Question-time

4 Election of Vice-Chairman

In her absence, and with her pre-arranged agreement, Cllr J Harvey was re-elected as Vice Chairman

5 Co-option

Cllr Stephen Tibbits co-opted last month was formally welcomed as ward councillor for Lickey Grange and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office

6 Election to Groups and Committees

The following appointments were made

6.1 Planning Committee – Cllrs Nock (lead) J Harvey, King & Eales

6.2 Finance Group – Cllrs P Harvey (lead) and Boehm

6.3 Highways – Cllr Forknell

6.4 Environment Group - Cllr Eales (Cllr Tibbits may be interested in this group later)

6.5 Communications Group – Cllrs King (lead) and J Harvey with the EO

7 Election of Representatives to other bodies

The following appointments were made

- 7.1 CPRE: Representative and Deputy Cllrs King and Nock
- 7.2 Worcs CALC: Representative and Deputy Cllrs P Harvey and Forknell
- 7.3 High House Wood Management Group Cllr J Harvey
- 7.4 Marlbrook Landfill Site Cllr J Harvey
- 7.5 Neighbourhood Planning group Cllr Forknell (lead) J Harvey and King

8 Reports from outside bodies and District and County Councillors

Cllr Brian Cooper reported that 11 District Councillors had stood in the County elections with 8 being successful so there had been some delay in activity within BDC
The budget has been balanced for year-end which means no deficit is bought forward
The WCC transport model has been discredited and large scale developments may be effected.
Cllr Taylor should have more details to follow
BDC share our frustration with Marlbrook Tip but Cllr Cooper will liaise with Cllr Taylor to organise another meeting of the working party

9 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017 were unanimously agreed

10 Finance and General Purposes

- 10.1 It was unanimously agreed to pay the monthly Bills
- 10.2 The Bank Reconciliation as at the financial year end (31st March 2015) was approved
- 10.3 It was agreed to award a grant of £500 to Blackwell Festival but to review this next year in relation to the Blackwell Festival small charity accounts
- 10.4 It was noted that the letter from the Internal Auditor, the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting statements will be circulated for consideration and approval at June's meeting

11 Review of Council policies and documents – these documents have all been reviewed or adopted within the last 3 years

- 11.1 The Standing Orders (as amended and adopted 6th October 2014) were approved
- 11.2 The Financial Regulations (as amended & adopted 7th July 2014) were approved
- 11.3 The Risk Assessment (as amended & approved 6th October 2014) was approved
- 11.4 The Complaints Policy (adopted 7th September 2015) was approved
- 11.5 The Publication Scheme (adopted 7th September 2015) was approved

12 Planning Committee

- 12.1 The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 11th April 2017 were approved
- 12.2 Cllr Forknell reported that the Neighbourhood Planning group were making further amends to the Draft Policy plan before providing an updated version for the consultation events to be held on the 24th and 28th June

13 Highways and Environment

- 13.1 There are no action points from the meeting organised by West Mercia police relating to Lickey School Parking and Road Safety concerns. The police did suggest that this was a high priority for them
- 13.2 It was proposed by Cllr Eales and seconded by Cllr Nock that a new native species tree be planted outside 200 Old Birmingham Road at the request of the resident, up to a cost of £200. This will be subject to WCC approval

14. Communications Report

- 14.1 Next newsletter will be scheduled for delivery on 16th June in order to promote the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation events. Copy required by 27th May

Cllr King also highlighted the following dates
Shindig event with Martin Harley at St Andrews, Barnt Green 27th May £10 per adult
Blackwell Festival 17th June
Lickey Festival 11th June

15 Training Matters and Diary Dates

CALC Area meeting Wednesday 14th June was noted. Cllr Forknell is unable to attend

16 Administration

16.1 Interviews for two candidates for the EO role on Wednesday were noted

17 Correspondence

17.1 Sajid Javid MP's information relating to proposed highways improvements to the A38 in Bromsgrove were noted

18 Dates of next meeting Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th June 2017 at 7.30pm at the Trinity Centre, Lickey.

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