



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKY ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2017
MINUTES NO 2, 2017/2018**

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Nick Forknell

PRESENT: County Cllrs P McDonald and S. Webb, District Cllr B Cooper, Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, J King, P Harvey & S Tibbits, S Nock, H Doherty (Executive Officer) & 3 members of the public.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER: 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.
No interests were declared

The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.

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

Cllr Shirley Webb introduced herself as the new County Councillor for Woodvale. Cllr Webb has been District Councillor for Catshill South for the last 2 years.

Cllr Peter McDonald reported there would be a further £30m of cutbacks this financial year and that by 2018 WCC would cease to be reliant on central funding. Further cuts in services are inevitable with looked after children being a failing area.

Cllr Cooper stated that the combination of WCC and the General Election have made things appear quiet at the DC.

Residents on Old Birmingham Rd are fearful of a planning application for multiple dwellings on land belonging to 309. No application has been received nor for Rainbow Farm

A further meeting of the Marlbrook tip group has been arranged but not much is expected from the Environment Agency

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017:

After the amendment of the meeting date and addition of attendees, 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 The contents of the internal auditor's letter were noted
- 5.3 The Annual Governance statement within the Annual Return was approved by all
- 5.4 The Accounting Statement within the Annual Return was approved by all

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 6.1 There were no planning committee minutes to approve
- 6.2 The next consultations on the Neighbourhood Plan will be on 24th and 28th June at 3 venues across the NP area as previously

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 It was noted that a laburnum tree has been planted on the verge outside 200 Old Birmingham Road. This was planted by the residents
- 7.2 Following communication between Heritage England and various parties in relation to the War Memorial outside the Trinity Centre it was proposed by Cllr J Harvey that the Parish Council formally adopt it. This was agreed by all

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 It was noted that the June newsletter was about to go to print and a copy will be circulated to all
- 8.2 The dates of the forthcoming festivals (Lickey 11th June and Blackwell 17th June) were noted. Help is needed at Lickey – all welcome

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

10 ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 Cllr Shirley Webb, County Councillor for Woodvale, which includes Lickey Grange had attended the meeting and introduced herself

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 It was proposed by Cllr Eales and agreed by all to award Citizens Advice Bureau a grant of £300
- 11.2 Cllr J Harvey agreed to attend the Open Day at Hunter's Hill School Farm on Friday 9th June from 10am-1pm.

A FURTHER ITEM OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AND WAS DISCUSSED

The Diversity Impact Assessment produced by Network Rail in relation to the Blackwell Crossing seems to be stating that the decision has been made and the outcome is closure of the crossing and a diversion along Linthurst Newtown over the railway bridging then crossing Blackwell Road and turning right along a footway which will be created.

It was requested that EO contact Network Rail to clarify the position and request that the speed limit on Blackwell Road between Linthurst Newtown and its junction with Wheeley Road be reduced to 30mph to allow safety of pedestrians. This is a narrow and twisty section of lane, and there is currently an upturned vehicle on the golf course following a recent incident. Cllr Taylor to be copied.

An update on the recruitment of a new clerk was given by Cllr Harvey. Subject to references it is hoped a new starter will be in place for 14th August

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 3rd July 2017 at the Wheel, Blackwell at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.31

Signed

Chairman