



# Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY AT 7.30PM. Minutes No.6 2017/18**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllrs.P Harvey and J Harvey.

**PRESENT:** Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, S Tibbits & S Nock, S Woodhouse, J King, (Executive Officer) Lisa Winterbourn, Network Rail representatives Richard Dugdale and Alistair Keen & 12 members of the public.

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

No interests were declared

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

Richard Dugdale and representatives of Network Rail gave an update on electrification works. The presentation included information on the projected increase in train numbers to Barnt Green and Bromsgrove stations, the 50 hour Christmas shutdown to enable works to take place, the steps following electrification to prepare for timetable change in May as well as the potential permanent closure of the Blackwell railway crossing which has generated a lot of local interest. Richard Dugdale shared results of work with WCC to possibly widen Blackwell road and build a pavement.

*The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.*

- 4 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 for approval**  
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 Cllr Boehm gave a report on the current draft budget. Any decision to accept the proposed budget was deferred to the December meeting.
- 5.3 EO gave a report on possibility of presenting the previous EO Mrs H. Doherty with a gratuity in lieu of a pension as per her contract. Once relevant documents are located they will be sent to NALC for a calculation.
- 5.4 High House Wood will need a contingency fund in place in any future budget due to potential tree falls, new information boards are also needed. The decision on this was deferred until the next meeting with the next budget.
- 5.5 It was agreed to purchase a new display board, EO will take quotes and order ASAP.

## **6 Planning Committee Report**

6.1 Cllr Nock gave a short report and the Planning Committee minutes were reviewed and approved.

6.2 Cllr Forknell reported that the NDP group are planning to meet on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Wheel in Blackwell at 1pm.

## **7 Highways and Environment** - Cllr Forknell suggested moving these items to the top of the agenda for the convenience of residents and visitors. This was agreed unanimously.

7.1 Cllr Woodhouse gave a report of a meeting between Cllrs Woodhouse, King and Boehm with Blackwell Golf Club on 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm. Cllrs were disappointed to learn that for health and safety reasons the golf club were unable to allow a diversion of the footpath onto their land – the footpath has been diverted along the dangerous Blackwell Road route as a result of the closure of the railway crossing. Cllrs will liaise with Cllr Kit Taylor to investigate the possible options and bring in some signage and/or speed limits to protect pedestrians.

7.2 Councillors discussed the Parish Council's position regarding the Blackwell Road diversion. The Parish Council agree that they will support and work for safety measures to be put into place.

7.3 Outstanding footpath repairs were discussed, it was agreed that there remains enough money in the budget to cover any costs incurred by the PC in the absence of works by WCC.

## **8 Communications Report**

8.1 It was decided to defer any decision on the future of the Parish Newsletter to the next meeting.

8.2 A publication date for the December newsletter was agreed for the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr King asked Cllrs to supply any copy or photos to the EO for the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## **9 Training Matters and Diary Dates**

9.1 It was agreed that the EO would arrange a helpers' meal to take place on 8th January at Barnt Green Cricket Club.

9.2 It was noted that the EO would attend the CALC AGM on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

9.3 Cllr King reminded Cllrs of dates of Christmas events and asked for helpers– Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5.15 in Blackwell and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm in Lickey.

9.4 Councillors will meet at 12.15 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November for previous EO Helen Doherty's leaving celebration.

## **10 Administration**

10.1 Cllr Boehm gave a report on the working party's amendments to the play area agreement, these were agreed unanimously by Councillors. .

10.2 It was agreed to appoint Susan Tibbitts as the new Parish Tree Warden.

10.3 It was agreed to purchase a permanent Christmas tree from Singleton's for the Lickey celebrations.

## **11 Correspondence**

11.1 Mr Hughes reported on his work to secure a speed limit and safety measures to protect pedestrians on Dale Hill. The Parish Council agreed to support his efforts and Cllr Forknell agreed to investigate the possibility of a limit and other safety features.

11.2 EO shared a letter from Engage Planning Community Consultants regarding plans to give up land at Bromsgrove Golf Course for potential building depending on the Bromsgrove SHLAA and Green Belt Review.

11.3 It was agreed unanimously to award Ruth Wood a grant of £150 for her singing group and to promote it in the parish.

**12 Date of next Parish Council Meeting**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm at the Wheel, Blackwell.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.50.

(signed)

Chairman