



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKLEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2017 AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL AT 7.30PM. Minutes No.7 2017/18

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllr. Webb and Cllr Cooper.
PRESENT: Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, P Harvey, S Tibbits, S Woodhouse & S Nock, J King, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 5 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:**
Report from Cllr Cooper was read aloud – his report included warnings regarding recent burglaries and a reminder that the Bromsgrove 'Quality Design Support Document' would be available for consultation.

- 4 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017 for approval**
It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

5 **Finance and General Purposes**

5.1 Next year's budget was discussed including upcoming payments that may influence the future budget. It was decided to defer the decision until our February meeting to allow time to receive quotes.

It was decided to reinstate payment of bills as an agenda item for future PC meetings.

It was agreed to approve bill payments up to a limit of £5000 in lieu of approval at a January PC meeting.

5.2 The precept for the next financial year will be set at £45,000 and was passed unanimously.

5.3 The quotes for planned works on pocket park, footpath behind Tanglewood Close and works in Lickey were approved.

6 **Planning Committee Report**

6.1 Cllr Nock gave a report on the Planning Committee meeting on 15th November and the minutes were passed.

6.2 Cllr Forknell reported that the NDP group had met and had agreed to draw up the final version of the document for 15th January. Kirkwells will then create a final draft document to be made available for consultation in the spring with a view to have a referendum next autumn. EO has applied for a grant for the next tranche of funding.

7 Highways and Environment

7.1 Cllr Forknell gave a report on proposals for signage and speed limits locally. He will look for quotes for a flashing sign for Dale Hill, we may need permission from WCC to install a post to mount it. He also informed us that a resident has raised a complaint against WCC with regard to Dale Hill. Cllr Woodhouse gave a report on Blackwell Road, Cllr Taylor has informed her that safety measures to be put into place (ie. pavement and road signs) were ongoing. We await developments with interest.

7.2 This item was moved to finance – 5.3

8 Communications Report

8.1 Cllr King reported that 60 Christmas cards were to be printed at a cost of approx. 40p each based on the winning design from the Blackwell Christmas competition.

8.2 The details for the Helpers' meal and Seniors' afternoon tea were discussed. The afternoon tea will take place on Tuesday 13th February and transport needs would be the theme of discussion.

8.3 Cllr King shared the most favoured option for newsletter publication alongside pages in the village magazine. It was decided to go down to 3 newsletters per year in March, September and December, and to publish a PC page in the Village magazine 1-3 times perhaps in May, July and November. If we did publish 3 times in the magazine we would make a saving of over £700.

9 Training Matters and Diary Dates

9.1 Cllr King gave a report on training with planners at Parkside.

9.2 Cllrs were reminded that the next CALC meeting would be 13/12/17 at 6.30pm.

10 Administration

10.1 It was noted that the EO would not need permission for spending within budgets if needed, in an emergency or for repairs, as long as Cllrs were informed by email.

11 Correspondence

11.1 EO shared details of correspondence from insurance company that payment would be made for the replacement defibrillator.

11.2 EO shared details of correspondence with Bromsgrove District Council that the Methodist Hall is now deemed to be a community asset.

11.3 Following an item in public questions it was agreed that the Parish council would write to the Boundary Commission to express our opposition to the proposal to make Lickey part of the Redditch Ward.

12 Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 5th February 2017 at 7.30pm at the Wheel, Blackwell.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.20.

(signed)

Chairman