



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 5th March 2018
MINUTES NO 11, 2017/2018**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllrs Webb, Cooper, Deeming and McDonald.

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J King, S Woodhouse, J Eales, P Harvey, S Tibbits & S Nock, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 4 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 K Taylor provided a report. Negotiations are ongoing regarding the Blackwell Railway footpath Diversion along Blackwell Road. Cllr Taylor has met with the Head of Hunters' hill school regarding the closure of the footpath through the school site, an extinguishment order has been requested as there are safeguarding issues. There has been an official complaint from a resident regarding WCC Highways and Dale Hill. The National Planning Policy Framework amendments were released today. The J L Hearn study on Birmingham housing need and potential non-Birmingham sites to develop was released recently and BDC met with PCs to discuss. (See item 6.3). There will be an issues and options document published in June. Cllr Taylor explained BDC's housing needs to the meeting and stressed that there will be a consultation and that nothing was decided.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2018:**

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 and authority delegated to the cheque signatories to allow for extra payments for bulbs and EO pension contributions up to £1000 before the end of March 2018.
- 5.2 It was unanimously agreed to pay the EO for extra hours worked on the Neighbourhood plan up to a limit of 40 hours for Lickey and Blackwell PC (and 40 hours for Cofton) and for a period of 4 months, to be reviewed in July.

6. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 The Planning committee minutes were reviewed and approved.

- 6.2 It was reported that the Neighbourhood Planning Group had met in January and that the Plan was nearing the Consultation stage following amendments suggested by BDC. The next meeting will be on Monday 26th March, the draft plan should be ready for the PC next month.
- 6.3 Cllr J Harvey reported on the meeting with BDC planners regarding the Birmingham HMA Strategic Growth Study (J L Hearne). A potential new settlement of 10,000 dwellings has been proposed in the area between Barnt Green, Alvechurch and Lickey and Blackwell. There will be consultation later this year.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 It was noted that there will be a new speed limit of 30/40 mph put in place on Linehouse Lane and Brookhouse Lane.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 It was noted that the March newsletter will go out to residents on the 16th March.
- 8.2 Cllr J Harvey reported on the plans for the 2018 Lickey Festival. There will be a joint School and Village/ Community Fair on the 16th June at the School from 1-4 pm.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 Cllr Forknell will be attending the CALC Area Meeting on Wednesday 14th March.

10. ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 New policies on training and Grants were approved unanimously.
- 10.2 The calendar of meetings for 2018-2019 was approved.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 We received a copy of a complaint from a resident to WCC, also sent to MP S. Javid regarding Dale Hill.
- 11.2 Ruth Wood wrote to thank us for her grant and to pass on the sad news that her group would no longer meet at the Trinity Centre in Lickey but would be moving to Longbridge.
- 11.3 We discussed the reports from residents of attempted burglaries and the suggestion that the PC should consider putting in CCTV in Blackwell to solve the problem. Cllr Woodhouse reported that CCTV would be costly and ineffective as well complicated in legal and planning terms. There was no interest from Cllrs in pursuing this further.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9th April 2018 at the Wheel, Blackwell at 6pm, followed by the Annual Assembly at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.15

Signed

Chairman