



MINUTES OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

7.30pm on Monday 3rd April 2017 at The Trinity Centre, Lickey

1. Cllr Nick Forknell, Chairman, welcomed all residents and councillors, and requested they sign the Attendees sheets. Cllr Forknell also advised the attendees of the literature on their seats being an agenda and last years minutes, a Lickey Festival flyer and details of the next Lickey Theatre group event.
2. There were no questions and the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 4th April 2016 were agreed by all
3. There were no questions on the content of Annual Report
4. Steve Hinton, Senior Ranger, Northfield hub.

Steve Hinton delivered a presentation about the problems the rangers have faced dealing with Phytophthora Ramorum which was first found in bilberry but has spread to other species including rhododendron, larch and sweet chestnut. Hectares have had to be felled and destroyed, decisions which have been made by DEFRA and its agencies. Birmingham City Council has had to bear the cost of all the work. The rangers are now working more proactively to manage the hills and either restore heathland, or plant native species which are resistant to Phytophthora Ramorum.

Steve then took questions from the floor

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Forknell introduced the NDP explaining that a first draft Preferred Options Plan was now available for consultations. Booklets, displays and questionnaires were around the hall for residents to look at and speak with the NP team. Questionnaires were completed or taken away

6. Question Time

After refreshments there was an opportunity for questions

7. Cllr Forknell thanked Steve for his presentation, all residents for attending and requested that the questionnaires be completed and returned