



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5th November 2018 AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY AT 7.30PM. Minutes No.7 2018/19

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Webb and Cllr Tibbitts.
PRESENT: Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllrs J Eales, A Boehm, S Nock, J Harvey, P Harvey, S Woodhouse, J King and Lisa Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 5 members of the public.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.

No interests were declared

3. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS .

Mr R Hughes a representative of Lickey Community Group spoke about the need to prevent cars parking on verges and his desire to have trees planted. The Chairman explained that a survey of residents had been carried out for a previous County Councillor and there was no support for tree planting. It was suggested that Cllr Webb should be approached.

Mr R Smith brought a recent national newspaper article to the Council's attention about Bromsgrove High Street and the government money received that had not been spent by BDC. Cllr Cooper responded that an investigation was taking place.

Mrs S Hughes from Lickey Community Group requested that the green bench next to the war memorial be moved to impede parking. It was agreed that it is not necessary.

Mr K Woolford of Lickey Community Group brought a hedge cutting issue to the Council's notice. Question about whether car park charges indeed going ahead at Lickey Hills Country Park-Yes they are according to Cllr McDonald.

Cllr McDonald gave a report highlighting WCC cuts especially focusing on libraries. There is a consultation taking place. Libraries used by our residents - Catshill and Rubery libraries are at risk. There will be a public protest at Rubery Library on Saturday 10th November at 11am. Cllr McDonald called on the PC to give their support. Cllr King will be attending a consultation meeting.

Cllr Cooper reported that Bromsgrove district Council are to receive a grant to build houses on the old Council House site. Negotiation is taking place on devolving services from County to District and there is a debate about becoming a Unitary Authority.

- 4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st October 2018 for approval**
One error was corrected and it was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

5 Finance and General Purposes

5.1 Bills were approved.

5.2 It was agreed to purchase a green grit bin for the bridge in Blackwell if WCC refuse to provide a yellow one.

- 5.3 Cllr P Harvey gave a report on the the budget for 2019-2020 – mowing remains a contentious issue and EO to investigate having BDC mow the ‘triangle’ as well as finding a replacement contractor for the Cemetery and Greenfield Bank.
- 5.4 It was agreed to purchase a new copy of the Arnold Baker for reference use.
- 5.5 It was agreed to purchase a column to support the solar speed sign.
- 5.6 Council agreed to allow EO to arrange works to column for Christmas lights.

6. Planning Committee Report

- 6.1 Cllr Nock gave a short report and the Planning Committee minutes were reviewed and approved. The next meeting will be on Friday 16th November.
- 6.2 Cllr Forknell reported that the NDP group has placed a VAT reclaim. The submission version of the NDP will be brought to Councils for approval at the next PC meetings.

7 Highways and Environment

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell reported that speed remains an issue in the Parish cables are to be laid around the parish, Cllr Webb has arranged a meeting on speeding and other Highways issues.
- 7.2 The Chairman reported on a letter received from a representative of the owners High House Wood. Cllr Eales has investigated the legal situation in terms of our rights of access. EO has investigated the insurance issues and spoken to Andrew Hodges who acts as the agent for the owners. It was decided to refer the letter to the High House Wood Management group.

8 Communications Report

- 8.1 Cllr King reported that newsletter copy should be with the EO by 28th November, the Christmas newsletter should be ready for delivery on 14th December. Schools are engaging with the Christmas competition – the winning design will be made into a Christmas card. The topic for the February Residents’ Tea will be ‘Talk, Tea and Tech’. Venue and date tbc.

9 Training Matters and Diary Dates

- 9.1 Cllrs King and Boehm and EO will attend a workshop on Community Engagement at County Hall on 27/11/18 at 7.30pm
- 9.2 Cllr King and EO will attend the BDC Chairman’s Charity Dinner at 7pm on 28th November
- 9.3 No Councillors will attend the CALC AGM
- 9.4 The Chairman’s helpers’ meal will take place at Barnt Green Cricket Club 7/1/19 at 7pm.

10 Administration

- 10.1 It was noted that Councillors may apply for their own copy of the electoral roll on the form provided.

11 Correspondence

- 11.1 It was reported that an email had been received from a resident worried about movement at Marlbrook Tip. Replies have been received from The Environment Agency and Ruth Bamford at BDC. They have no concerns as there is no evidence of work at the site and no planning permissions have been sought. Residents are concerned.

12 Date of next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 3rd December at 7.30 at the Wheel, Blackwell.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.07.

(signed)

Chairman