



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018 AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL AT 7.30PM. Minutes No.8 2018/19

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Webb and Cllr Cooper.
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) & 3 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 Woolford of the Lickey Community Group (LCG) and High House Wood Management team thanked us for the ineffective parking sign at the trough (provided by the church) and informed us that his group for High House Wood have been nominated as a 'wildlife hero'. Mr Adams of LCG enquired about the vehicles heading to Marlbrook Tip. Cllr Forknell informed him that he had heard from Bromsgrove District Council who were sending officers to visit the site.

Cllr. Richard Deeming has visited the Marlbrook Tip site and it seems that the landowner is putting down hardcore (possibly in preparation for the works related to the reservoir needed) BDC say that this is acceptable although not applied for. Cllr Kit Taylor says that if for a driveway the landowner has the right to do this although no planning permission has been sought.

Cllr. Kit Taylor reiterated that there are no plans to CLOSE any libraries in Worcestershire. He told us about the new 'housing company' that BDC are creating – they propose to build 61 units on the old Burcot Lane site and 18 to be affordable, 6 open market, 37 Council run rent controlled. These should provide an income to the council.

BDC will be objecting to the Wyre Forest plan to build 3500 houses on our borders – Hagley would be hit by increased traffic.

- 4 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2018 for approval**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

- 5 **Finance and General Purposes**

- 5.1 Bills were approved and it was agreed to allow EO to arrange payments for up to £5000 to cover the January recess period.
- 5.2 It was agreed to pay for works to the column for the Christmas lights in Blackwell.

- 5.3 Cllr P Harvey gave a report on the budget for 2019-2020 EO instructed to get quotes for the Cemetery and Greenfield Bank and therefore it was agreed to defer final agreement of the budget until the next PC meeting.
- 5.4 Council voted unanimously to increase the precept for next financial year to £47,000, constituting an increase of 4.44%, proposed by Cllr P Harvey, seconded by Cllr Boehm.
- 5.5 It was agreed that options should be investigated for reducing dog fouling in the parish especially in Blackwell, Cllr Boehm to lead.
- 5.6 It was agreed to purchase grit for the winter months via our lengthsman, £125.

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 has been refused a VAT reclaim. The submission version of the NDP was brought to Council for approval and agreed unanimously.

7 Highways and Environment

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell reported that speed cables have been laid around the Parish and we will share the data when it comes in.

8 Communications Report

- 8.1 Cllr King reported that over 60s are invited to join us for an afternoon tea at the Trinity Centre 2-4pm on Thursday 14th February – contact EO to book a place. The theme of the talk will be ‘tea, talk and Tech’ talking to residents about the advantages that technology can offer them. The Blackwell Christmas lights will be switched on at 5.15pm prior to the prize giving and the school Christmas fair.

9 Training Matters and Diary Dates

- 9.1 It was noted that the newsletter should be available for delivery from the 18th December as we are still waiting to report on the Blackwell Christmas events.
- 9.2 Best Front Garden Competition dates will be the 1st 2 weeks in June next year and prize giving should take place on 14th July.

10 Administration

- 10.1 It was agreed that the Parish Annual meeting should take place on 13/5/19 and the Annual Assembly on 1/4/19.
- 10.2 It was reported that there had been a hacking incident to a Cllr’s PC that could have led to a data breach, a risk assessment has taken place and a report prepared, Councillors require training to prevent similar incidents in the future.

11 Correspondence

- 11.1 Cllrs discussed an email from Network Rail regarding progress on the Blackwell Road diversion for the railway crossing.
- 11.2 The Chairman shared Cllr S Tibbits’ letter of resignation with the Council. We now have a casual vacancy for the Lickey Grange Ward. Mrs S Tibbits has also resigned her post as tree warden and we will look for a suitable replacement.

12 Date of next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 4th February at 7.30 at the Trinity Centre, Lickey

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.50.

(signed)

Chairman