



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL AT 7.30PM. Minutes No.8 2017/18

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllr. Tibbits, Cllr. King, Cllr. Webb and Cllr. Deeming.
PRESENT: Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllr J Harvey (vice Chair) Cllrs A Boehm, J Eales, P Harvey, S Woodhouse & S Nock, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer), Cllr K Taylor, Cllr B Cooper & 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:**

Cllr Cooper reported that he had had complaints from residents regarding a potential crematorium in Rubery. He was pleased to report that the budget should soon be agreed and that there should be no cuts in services. Ongoing concerns and discussions over Bromsgrove's sport Hall arrangements, the new leisure centre is open and doing well, 1000 members now signed up.

Cllr Taylor reported that the BDC strategic plan consultation is underway. In planning he advised PC committee to give comments when stating no objection as reported 'no comment' otherwise. Upcoming Green Belt Review will be looking to provide houses – we need more houses and as we do not want Bromsgrove to be just a dormitory town we also need jobs. Consultants are looking at the whole area around Birmingham. Regarding local highways issues he will arrange speed data checks for Mearse Lane, Twatling Road and possibly Plymouth Road. He is aware of the Hunters Hill potential footpath diversion. He reported that a resident has complained about WCC's handling of Dale Hill issues, Cllr Amos is involved.

4 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017 for approval**

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

5 **Finance and General Purposes**

- 5.1 CPRE membership for 2018 was approved at a cost of £36.
5.2 The payment of attached bills was approved.
5.3 The budget for 2018-2019 was passed, there were some concerns about spending of reserves and certain uncosted items which were not included in the budget. It was decided to move the VAS from Rose Hill as advised, to Dale Hill, rather than purchasing a new one. EO and Cllr J Harvey to look for a grant to possibly pay for information boards for High House Wood. The budget spend for 2018-2019 will be £58,674.

6 Planning Committee Report

6.1 Cllr Nock gave a report on the Planning Committee meetings in January. The minutes were approved. There has been a report to the planning officer regarding a wall on Shepley Knoll we believe needs planning permission. There have been 2 applications where BDC disagreed with our comments and Cllr King would like to meet with planning officers to discuss.

6.2 Cllr Forknell reported that the Neighbourhood Planning Group is correcting the final draft of the NDP document, the final draft should be ready to share with PCs at the end of February, to be approved at the next PCM.

7 Highways and Environment

7.1 Cllr Forknell gave a report on the current Highways issues locally – much as reported by Cllr Taylor. He reported that the VAS sign had been tampered with and the battery removed. The battery compartment is now padlocked.

7.2 EO reported on the situation with kissing gate installations on Shepley Lane and Blackwell Road. Cllr King had suggested that Cllrs inspect footpaths in their wards where possible, EO to contact David Crockett.

8 Communications Report

8.1 Cllr J Harvey reported on behalf of Cllr King. There are changes to newsletter delivery routes to be noted as well as deadlines for newsletter and Village Magazine contributions. Cllrs to look at website and pass on any changes required, EO to collate amendments and pass on to K Woolford.

8.2 It was agreed to judge the Best Front Garden Competition 1-15th May, the awards ceremony will be at 3-5pm on 2nd June at the church.

9 Training Matters and Diary Dates

9.1 Approval of next seniors' afternoon tea 2019 was deferred.

9.2 EO is to attend the WCCPC conference on Wednesday 8th February. NF attending Western Power Distribution conference.

10 Administration

10.1 Cllr Boehm reported on the Play Area Agreement – Cllrs met with the school and were much in agreement regarding the changes needed. WCC legal team have passed on to a 3rd party for final scrutiny before drawing up the amended agreement.

10.2 EO reported that Ron Rand is doing well after his operation and is back to his duties, Simon Skeys who filled in during Ron's absence did a great job

11 Correspondence

11.1 and 11.2 Cllr Forknell shared correspondence regarding grant requests from 2 individuals for guiding trips. Our budget is currently down to £15 for grants, so it was agreed to defer any decision on these 2 grant applications until the next financial year, allowing EO and Cllrs the chance to review our Grant Policy beforehand.

12 Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.30pm at the Trinity Centre, Lickey.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.10.

(signed)

Chairman