



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY AT 7.30PM. Minutes No.9 2018/19

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Webb and Cllr Eales.
PRESENT: Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllrs 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.**

Sue Hughes of Lickey Community Group – ‘Is there any progress on the planting of trees on the grass verges in Lickey?’ – Cllr Webb has been approached but is not interested in pursuing this as residents are not behind it.

Roy Hughes of Lickey Community Group- ‘what is the Council’s position on Marlbrook Tip following the recent meeting at Parkside?’ – we will be supportive to residents and those effected by the movements. Cllr J Harvey expressed concern at lack of monitoring. Mr. Hughes informed the Council that Bromsgrove District Council has placed a 28-day temporary stop order on tipping. EO gave a brief report on the meeting that took place at Parkside (as per 7.4 on the agenda).

Keith Woolford of Lickey Community Group wished to correct the minutes of the previous meeting – the parking sign was ineffective. Question regarding the graffiti in Lickey – Lengthsman has been asked to clean it up. The Christmas tree at the Trinity Centre – will it be 10 years before lights can go on it? – it is a slow growing conifer but is doing well, was as large as could be successfully planted and is similar in growth to the Blackwell tree. Cllr Forknell read brief reports from Cllr Shirley Webb and from Cllr Kit Taylor. Speed data is back from WCC monitoring of Mearse Lane, Twatling Road and Plymouth Road, WCC do not feel that there is a problem.

- 4 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 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 unanimously to offer the contract for the Cemetery works to 4 Seasons and Greenfield Bank to Steve Wardle.

5.3 The budget for 2019-2020 of £58,171 was agreed unanimously. There were 2 small changes to the draft to allow for the costs of the new mowing and gardening contracts awarded.

- 5.5 It was agreed to part fund a skip hire for the previous lengthsman with Alvechurch PC as quoted at around £100.
- 5.6 It was agreed to have Diane Malley as internal auditor for 2019-2021.
- 5.7 It was agreed to fund pruning of the ivy on bus shelter in Blackwell – at a fee of £50 as extra work for the lengthsman.

6. Planning Committee

- 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 is going to Bromsgrove District Planning Committee on 13th February and the Regulation 16 consultation should begin on 14th February for a 6-week period. This will then be followed by examination and then referendum – this will not be in May as hoped. It was noted that the Alvechurch NDP was successful at referendum.

7 Highways and Environment

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell gave a short update on matters including speeding, there is a plan to begin using a mobile speed device with resident volunteers. We may consider moving the SID in Lickey rock to a better location. He reported that there are no pothole issues and a new solar speed sign has been installed on St Catherine's Road. Cllr King reported on the encouraging meeting with Network rail and WCC regarding the Blackwell Road rail crossing footpath diversion – we need to wait for the Golf Club to respond to proposals to reroute on their land.
- 7.2 Councillor Boehm gave a report on her work with Bromsgrove District Council to look at ways to deter dog fouling in Blackwell and it was agreed for the Parish Council to host a litter pick for the Great British Spring Clean 22nd March – 23rd April 2019.
- 7.3 It was agreed that Councillors should share the job of monitoring footpaths in the absence of a footpath warden. EO to allocate a path in each Councillors' ward.
- 7.4 EO reported on the Marlbrook tip meeting at Parkside on 25/1/19 during public questions.

8. Communications Report

- 8.1 Cllr King announced dates for copy or photos for annual report/ March newsletter – copy to EO for Monday 18th February.
- 8.2 Cllr King announced the dates and details of upcoming PC events including the Best Front Garden Competition which will be 1-16 June this year with prizegiving on 14th July. The Annual meeting will be Monday 1st April with the topic – Our Parish – Past, Present and Future.

9 Training Matters and Diary Dates

- 9.1 EO will attend CALC training on elections at County Hall, 13th February
- 9.2 EO to attend Clerk CALC training on End of Year arrangements, 20th February.
- 9.3 Cllr King and Cllr Forknell will attend Bromsgrove CALC meeting Wednesday 13th March.

10 Administration

- 10.1 Councillor Sara Woodhouse signed forms becoming a signatory on the PC bank accounts.
- 10.2 EO has sent out nomination forms which must be returned to Parkside by 4pm on 3rd April. Cllrs were requested to tell EO know if they plan to stand or otherwise. Cllr King informed Council that BDC will provide a briefing nearer the date.

- 10.3** It was noted that EO will take holiday leave – Friday 5th until Monday 15th July 2019
- 11 Correspondence**
- 11.** Councillors discussed their thoughts about CALC local meetings and reasons for non-attendance. It was felt that the early 6.30 was unpopular, there is too much discussion of administration at meetings and the agenda is not appealing.
- 12** **Date of next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 4th March at 7.30 at the Wheel, Blackwell.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.00.

(signed)

Chairman