



MINUTES OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

7.30pm on Monday 9th April 2018 at The Wheel, Blackwell

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 circulating being the agenda, the minutes of the last assembly 2017 and Annual Report in the form of the newsletter.
2. There were no questions and the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 3rd April 2017 were agreed by all
3. There were no questions on the content of Annual Report
4. Mike Dunphy, Bromsgrove District Council Planning Department.

Mike Dunphy delivered a presentation on current planning issues nationally and locally. There are 3 levels of planning undergoing changes at the current time – nationally the NPPF was revised in March 2018 and is undergoing consultation until 10th May 2018. The main changes involve strategic planning and the option to remove land from the green belt could be significant at a parish level. Groups involved in strategic planning could include combined authorities and the duty to co-operate will be strengthened. Government propose to set minimum housing numbers for areas.

At district level - The Bromsgrove District Plan will be in consultation in August-September – a new 'Issues and Options' document will be published in July, at which time BDC planners will talk to residents – this and the Green Belt review will feed into the new District Plan 2023-2030.

At a local level – the Lickey and Blackwell and Cofton Hackett Neighbourhood Planning Group hope to bring the Neighbourhood Development Plan to consultation in the autumn.

Mike then took questions from the floor.

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Forknell introduced the NDP and gave residents the première of the new promotional film produced by the NDP group. The 13-minute film was very informative and well received.

6. Councillor Jo Eales gave a talk on how the PC spend precept funds on the environment.

7. Ranger Steve Hinton gave a short talk on current issues in the Lickey Hills Park. The new proposed car-parking charges were of interest to residents.

After refreshments there was an opportunity for questions

7. Cllr Forknell thanked Mike, Jo and Steve for their presentations, all residents for attending.