



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019 AT THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL AT 7.30PM. Minutes No.10 2018/19

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Webb, Cllr Taylor 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 enquired about the graffiti on Old Birmingham Road. EO reported that the Lengthsman has been asked to tackle it. Mr. Woolford suggested Virgin Media may wish to clean their own property. Mr. Woolford enquired as to the cutting back of the hedge at 1 Twatling Road, the EO will ask the Lengthsman to monitor the situation and speak to the owners.

In the absence of County and District Councils and no reports received, there were no reports from Councillors.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th February 2019 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.

5.2 Cllr P Harvey gave a report on the recent Finance meeting with EO, documents prepared and appointment being made for the internal audit. Council were reminded to monitor spending and stick to budgets. The final version of the new budget was distributed to Council (as approved last month).

6. **Planning Committee Report**

6.1 Cllr Nock gave a short report and the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting in February were reviewed and approved.

6.2 Cllr Forknell reported that the NDP has been accepted for regulation 16 consultation by Bromsgrove District Council, the consultation period ends on 29th March 2019. Selecting an examiner is the next step.

7 Highways and Environment

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell reported that there are few issues of concern in Highways at the moment. EO was requested to ask the Lengthsman to adjust position of the speed sign on Lickey Rock. EO reported that the ivy on the bus shelter in Blackwell has been removed as it was causing damage.
- 7.2 Cllr Eales reported that Jane Banner has planted more snowdrop bulbs in both villages, Cllrs were pleased with the display this year.

8 Communications Report

- 8.1 Cllr King reported that plans for the Annual Meeting on 1st April are progressing well and the theme this year will be 'Our Parish, Past, Present and Future'. Cllr King also thanked everyone who attended the very successful and well attended Residents' tea on 14th February.

9 Training Matters and Diary Dates

- 9.1 It was noted that the newsletter should be available for delivery from the 15th March.
- 9.2 It was noted that there will be a CALC meeting and election briefing for Councillors on Wednesday 13th March.
- 9.3 It was reported that there will be a meeting about Marlbrook Tip at Parkside on 21st March, Cllrs Harvey and King will attend.
- 9.4 It was noted that there is to be a BDC Civic Charity Dinner on 12th April.
- 9.5 Permission was granted for EO to attend a clerks' training event to prepare the new Council post May elections at the CALC offices on 27th March.

10 Administration

- 10.1 It was agreed to send cards to retiring CALC employees Richard Levett and Jenny Maturi. Councillors signed cards and offered their thanks.

11 Correspondence

- 11.1 there was no correspondence to report.

12 Date of next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 1st April at 6pm at the Trinity Centre, Lickey, to be followed at 7.30pm by the annual meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.07.

(signed)

Chairman