



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY ON MONDAY 2nd September 2019
MINUTES NO 4, 2019/2020**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllrs P McDonald, S Webb and R Deeming and Parish Councillor S Woodhouse.

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllr J Harvey (Vice Chair), Cllrs P Harvey, A Boehm, S Nock, J King, (Executive Officer) Lisa Winterbourn & 17 members of the public.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.

No interests were declared

The Meeting was adjourned for an information session from Matt Hagney the Partnership Manager of the Birmingham Parks Service. He took questions and gave information on the proposed parking charges and the consultation which is currently taking place until 29th September.

The Meeting was adjourned for Public Question time.

Maggie Dodd of Lickey asked if anything could be done about an abandoned parked car and enquired about the possibility of parking restrictions on Monument Lane as well as what could be done about the failure of many vehicles to adhere to the 40mph speed limit.

Kathryn Crockett of Lickey enquired about the parking issues on Twatling Road.

Cllr Nick Forknell suggested that the PC Highways group should write to Cllr McDonald regarding these concerns.

Claire Hanrahan of Blackwell asked if it was possible to do something about the problems for vehicles making use of Greenhill in Blackwell.

Louisa Denyer of Blackwell enquired as to possible traffic calming measures for Greenhill.

Cllr Taylor responded that it would be difficult to provide alternate routes for HGVs and too expensive to widen Greenhill. WCC will perform a survey of traffic on Greenhill.

Keith Woolford of the High House Wood (HHW) Community Group asked what the PC are doing to secure the future of HHW and if we intended to continue to manage it. Cllr Forknell responded that we would be addressing HHW later in the meeting.

3. **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**

Cllr Taylor reported on the WCC transport consultation and his frustration with the process. Highways issues had been covered in Public Question Time. There has been no progress on Blackwell footpath diversion.

Cllr King reported on BDC's declaration of a Climate Emergency and how it will/ hopes to work. There will be a working group meeting. She also reported on the BDC ULEV consultation.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st July 2019:

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

5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

5.1 Running order of 5.1 and 5.2. changed. It was agreed to continue with Came and Company as our insurers.

5.2 The payment of bills was unanimously agreed.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

6.1 The Planning committee minutes were reviewed and approved, Cllr Nock reported on the various objections that the Committee had made to applications since the last PC meeting.

6.2 It was reported that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is still with the examiner and that the steering group would meet on Friday 6th September.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1 Cllr Forknell gave a brief report as most issues had been covered in Public Questions.

7.2 Cllr Harvey gave a report on High House Wood and recommended that we should continue to manage HHW although it is up for sale. This was agreed by Council and it was also decided that we should apply to have the HHW made an asset of community value. It was also agreed that we wait before having a valuation on the wood and that we should investigate the rights of way and ensure that they could be retained in case of a sale. Cllrs also heard about the email from one of the owners and were reminded that all official communication should come via the EO.

7.3 Council discussed the ongoing public perception of the Cemetery Extension wildflower scheme and have instructed the EO to investigate and take advice from successful wildflower growers.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

8.1 It was reported that Cllrs P and J Harvey would coordinate the newsletter deliveries.

8.2 The new Christmas competition theme for this year is 'I'm dreaming of a green Christmas'

8.3 Smart water was discussed and it was agreed that residents need to be consulted before we make any financial commitment, especially as there are implications for the precept. It was decided that subject to a positive response to a survey it would be considered at the next PC meeting.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

9.1 Training opportunities in September and October were presented to Council.

9.2 Cofton Hackett Village Hall Macmillan coffee 'morning' will be on 27th September.

9.3 CALC meeting will be on 11th September, Cllr P Harvey to attend.

9.4 The Council were informed of the Tree Charter Day on 30th November.

10 ADMINISTRATION:

10.1 Dr Kumar and Mr Luckman were requested to leave the meeting while Council discussed their suitability for the 2 vacancies – Shepley and Lickey Grange. It was unanimously agreed to offer Mr Luckman the Shepley ward and Dr Kumar the Lickey Grange ward.

10.2 It was reported that 4 Seasons would take over maintenance of Greenfield Bank.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 Cemetery emails were discussed in item 7.3

11.2 It was reported that Cllr Woodhouse had written to formally offer her resignation from the council to the Chair commencing at the date of the October meeting. She would like to continue her work as a member of PC groups. Council thanked Cllr Woodhouse for her valued work.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 21st October 2019 at the Wheel, Blackwell at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.25

Signed

Chairman