



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2019
MINUTES NO 6, 2019/2020**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllrs J and P Harvey, A Luckman, S Webb, K Taylor and R Deeming.

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, J King, (Executive Officer/ E.O) Lisa Winterbourn & 7 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 Public Question time.

Claire Hanrahan of Blackwell asked what arrangements would be put in place to prevent traffic problems in Blackwell arising from the planned building of 2,560 houses in Foxlydiate. Were these homes meeting Bromsgrove housing quota requirements?

Cllr King responded that although there are concerns BDC will have money for improving major roads eg. A38. It is true that the District Council has a duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities and that the new homes although in Bromsgrove will count towards Redditch housing stock. She will be contacting Kevin Dicks on this matter and on the issue of the proposed play area which will not be looked after by BDC.

Roy Hughes of Lickey Community Group gave a brief update on Marlbrook Tip.

Sue Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked if PC could publicise the new defibrillator at Marlbrook Tescos in our publications.

Louisa Denyer of Blackwell enquired as to the likelihood of the Blackwell Road railway footpath diversion being completed. Cllr King considered the possibility of having a speed limit and a discussion of the dangerous road followed. EO reported that discussions are ongoing and the Network rail have not responded to queries from PC or WCC.

Keith Woolford of the High House Wood (HHW) Community Group and Lickey Community Group provided some witness statements on footpath usage in HHW to help to help the PC have them added to the map. EO reported that an application was made in 2000 and it is still pending.

Once an application has been made it has to be considered in case of any request for development. Mr Woolford also asked about the proposed sign and light at the Trinity Centre for the defibrillator, Cllr Forknell responded that the PCC had agreed to have one fitted.

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

Cllr King reported on the planning application at Foxlydiate that has been granted and on the district council's Brexit plan. She also reported that the Climate Action Group had met for the first time and proposals were being made to have renewable energy requirements as part of planning applications.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd September 2019:

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

Running order of 5.1 and 7.2. changed. (Highways and Environment) J Banner gave a report and answered questions on how to improve the wildflowers at the cemetery extension. It was agreed to have 2 test patches this autumn and then consider applying for funds in next year's budget to sew/plant across the main part of the cemetery extension.

5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

- 5.1 Payment of bills was agreed. Adjustment to CALC payment due to error.
- 5.2 Council received a report on current budget balances and were asked to consider spending requirements for next year's budget.
- 5.3 It was unanimously agreed to purchase new swing seats and a new bin for the play area at a cost of £84 and £206.64 + VAT and installation costs of approximately £100.
- 5.4 It was unanimously agreed to contribute £220 to the cost of printing hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and £336 for consultancy fees

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 will be facing referendum on 12th December

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell gave a brief report as most issues had been covered in Public Questions.
- 7.2 This took place earlier in the meeting, before 5.1.
- 7.3 Discussion of High House Wood was covered in Public Questions.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 It was reported that the newsletter would be out for deliveries on 13th December, and that copy should be with EO by 20th November.
- 8.2 It was reported that the Christmas events would be at Blackwell (6th December at 5.15) and Lickey (1st December 4-6 at the church).

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 CALC AGM will be on 20th November.
- 9.2 Newsletter delivery will begin on 13th December.

10 ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 It was unanimously agreed to award Blackwell Festival Group a grant of £500
- 10.2 It was reported that the EO has been working hard to promote Smartwater and is collecting names of interested residents and the PC has been offered assistance by County Councillors.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

None to report

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 18th November 2019 at the Trinity Centre, Lickey at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.50

Signed

Chairman