



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WHEEL, BLACKWELL ON MONDAY 17th February 2020
MINUTES NO 9, 2019/2020**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllrs A Luckman, S Webb, K Taylor and R Deeming.
 - 1.1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Nick Forknell (Chair), Cllr J Harvey (Vice Chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, J King, P Harvey (Executive Officer/ E.O) Lisa Winterbourn & 5 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 if the PC could to WCC about coordination of works on highway when Greenhill seems to be closed regularly.*
- *Sue Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked if the SID on Lickey Rock is working as it should as it went off when she was walking past it.*
- *Roy Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked if PC were aware of latest news on Marlbrook Tip – the new panel engineer has started and is concerned about the culvert and the reservoir.*
- *Keith Woolford of the High House Wood (HHW) Community Group and Lickey Community Group asked the PC if they knew that the tree new in High House Wood had been vandalized and that the paths were in a muddy state.*

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

- 3.1. Cllr King reported that the recent BDC 'call for sites' has been offered 3,700 hectares, 94% in greenbelt. Mike Dunphy will speak on this topic at our May PC meeting. Planning permission refused for the Wychford Vale application. A38 enhancement information available on WCC website and date for consultation closes 20/3/20.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th December at the Wheel, Blackwell.

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

5. ADMINISTRATION

- 5.1. PC were notified that Cllr Bakul Kumar had resigned his position as Cllr for Lickey Grange Ward.
- 5.2. It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Bakul Kumar as Cllr to the vacant seat in Linthurst Ward.
- 5.3. The new Code Of Conduct was agreed and adopted.
- 5.4. The new Social Media Policy was agreed and adopted.

6. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

- 6.1. Payment of bills was agreed.
- 6.2. Council agreed to finance refreshments for the PC litter pick on 28th March up to £60.
- 6.3. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Kumar could attend the NALC study tour to Frome.
- 6.4. It was agreed to accept the quote from Simon Skeys for cutting the hedge behind the war memorial.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1. Cllr King reported on plans for the cemetery planting and refurbishment of the Trinity Garden, she will consult Jane Banner for quotes.
- 7.2. It was agreed to look at the tree planting scheme as part of an upcoming Environmental Policy for the PC – a working group of Councillors was established.
- 7.3. Cllr Forknell gave a brief report as most issues had been covered in Public Questions.

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 8.1. 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.

9. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 9.1. It was reported that the newsletter/ annual report would be out for deliveries on 9th April, and that copy should be with EO by 18th March. Cllr King will arrange speakers for the Annual Assembly and the photography competition for a PC calendar would be publicized in the next newsletter.

10. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 10.1 Residents' afternoon tea on 24th February would take place at Barnt Green Cricket Club with 50 guests.
- 10.2 Cllr Kumar agreed to attend the CALC meeting on 11th March
- 10.3 There will be a litter pick in both villages at 10am on 28th March.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 It was reported that the PC had received an email from Alvechurch PC to congratulate them on the new NDP being 'made'.
- 11.2 2 local students from South Bromsgrove school have requested to do work experience with the EO, the Council had no objection.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 16th March at the Trinity Centre, Lickey at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.56

Signed

Chairman