



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKY ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**MINUTES NO 10, 2019/2020**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs K Taylor, S Webb and PC Chair Cllr N Forknell.
2. **PRESENT:** Cllr J Harvey (Acting Chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, A Luckman, P Harvey, B Kumar, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 5 members of the public.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.

No interests were declared

*The Meeting was adjourned for Public Question time.*

K Woolford of Lickey Community Group asked if the council were considering applying for a 'Quality Council' award. It was explained by the EO that we were not currently eligible as the EO has not completed CiLCA award.

K Woolford of Lickey Community Group asked if the council were in support of special powers to stop illegal parking. Cllr King replied that the District Council have been awarded extra funding for enforcement officers and that problems should be reported to them.

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

Cllr J King reported on that the District budget had been agreed. There was a new working party set up to look at the Library Service and that Hagley PC are buying the library building. She reminded us of services available via the Library Service such as e-books.

**5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020:**

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

**5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES**

- 5.1 The payment of bills was unanimously agreed.
- 5.2 Cllr Kumar's NALC study visit was cancelled as unlikely to take place.
- 5.3 It was agreed to purchase 2 banners and a standee for generic PC use.
- 5.4 It was agreed to approve an increase in the Executive Officer's pension from 2% to 9% from April 2020.

**6. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Planning Committee minutes were approved, and Cllr Nock gave a report on current issues including 2 applications that had been called in to District Planning Committee for further scrutiny.
- 6.2 It was reported that the neighbourhood plan would be going to referendum on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

## **7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell provided a written report on highways issues as he was absent. EO reported that Cllr Kit Taylor would like to remind Council and residents of the consultation deadline for A38 improvements.
- 7.2 Cllr King reported that there was some uncertainty whether we should continue with the Best Front Garden competition due to current C19 emergency, she will ask Councillors to decide in the coming days. Our footpath warden has arranged for new steps on footpath at end of St Catherine's Road. Bulb planting is taking place around the parish.
- 7.3 Cllr King reported that a new environment working group has been set up with councilors and residents to work towards a new environment policy.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT**

- 8.1 It was reported that the Annual Report newsletter will be available by 10<sup>th</sup> April and that EO needs copy ASAP.
- 8.2 Cllr Harvey gave a report on communications matters – the Litter-pick will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March depending on C19 emergency, there is a new A-frame instant litter pick board at Blackwell Stores. Flags will go up for VE day. The Resident's Tea on 24<sup>th</sup> February was a great success.

## **9 TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES**

- 9.1 Cllr Kumar to attend new Councillor training on 25<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May. *(These may take place online).*
- 9.2 EO to attend Climate Action Day on 26<sup>th</sup> March. *(Subsequently cancelled due to C19).*

## **10 ADMINISTRATION:**

- 10.1 The calendar of meetings for 2020-2021 was agreed.
- 10.2 Councillors were reminded to update their email signatures with details of our social media.
- 10.3 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ITEM: Due to the Covid 19 emergency and the social distancing and potential lock down measures that could come into effect, Council agreed to use Zoom conference calls for any further meetings (once Government guidance in place to allow it).
- 10.4 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ITEM: It was decided to instruct the EO to help to coordinate volunteers and start an emergency support group for vulnerable residents. It was agreed to print and distribute a flyer to every household in the Parish using volunteers for delivery. Council accepted the quote arranged via Archmedia for £160 to provide the leaflets. EO to arrange delivery to every household.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 11.1 It was reported that we had received an email from the Blackwell Festival Group requesting help to locate a site for the next festival as Hunters' Hill School was no longer available.

## **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm – at the Wheel in Blackwell or online.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.40

Signed

Chairman