



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JULY 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM Minutes No.4
2020/21

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** No apologies were received.
2. **PRESENT:** Cllr N Forknell (Chair), Cllr B Kumar (vice-chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, A Luckman, P Harvey, J Harvey, J King, County Cllr K Taylor, 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.

Roy Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked how long it would be before Council would move on with trees and planters on verges. It was explained that a list is being collated of sites and we will request inspection and licences from WCC.

Sue Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked what news there is on the 202 bus route. This question was responded to later on in Cllr King's report from the District.

Mike Adams of Lickey Community Group asked how the PC felt about plans for 'Tranquil House'. Cllr Nock explained that we would be discussing the application to convert into house and flats at our next Planning Committee meeting.

K Woolford of Lickey Community Group asked if the council had knowledge of arrangements for the local school drop off and pick up times as he is concerned about parking issues re-emerging. Cllr Forknell replied that with reduced numbers in school at any one time there did not seem to be a problem.

Denise Clarke of Blackwell asked if there had been any planning applications relating to Birkdale Avenue. Cllr King responded to her question to say there had not.

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

Cllr Taylor reported that there were several ongoing and upcoming road closures in the Parish. County Council have been making arrangements for children to return to school in September. County are taking the C19 emergency very seriously and he was pleased to report there had been no deaths in County from C19 for some time. He reported on some residents' concerns regarding weeds especially ragwort. County policy is only to mow verges for safety. Weed spraying has reduced due to C19 issues.

Cllr J King reported that there are possible solutions to the 202 bus problem and that Diamond buses are in discussions with the County Council. She has ensured that all stops have copies of the new timetables.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th June 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 Council signed the Annual Governance Statement and noted the dates of the notice of exercise of public rights.
- 5.3 It was agreed that the E.O. would be able to approve up to £5,000 for August bill payments.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 6.1 Planning Committee minutes were approved, and Cllr Nock gave a report on issues raised in the previous 3 meetings. Cllr Nock shared Bromsgrove District Council officer comments on the application re Tranquil House and issues of concern with Alvechurch Highway / Marlbrook Tip. North Worcestershire Water Management has served an enforcement notice on the tip owner. The next meeting of the Planning Committee was scheduled for 29th July.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell provided report on highways issues including road closures.
- 7.2 It was noted that the Play Area has reopened according to Government advice.
- 7.3 Cllr King reported that she is currently gathering information on flood sites for a report to District Council. Litter problems are reducing in the Parish. We have a volunteer helping in the Cemetery. The Environment Group continue to work on their new policy.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 It was reported that the copy for the next Newsletter should be with the E.O. by 28th August, and that around half of the usual delivery team were available.

9 TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 CALC have informed us that future training will take place online, dates to follow.

10 ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 It was noted that the period for the Exercise of Public Rights will be 3rd August – 14th September.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 Council received a message from a resident informing us of the consultation on the closure of Hunters' Hill School in Blackwell. Council had an email from a resident complaining of an unsafe branch Cllr Forknell and Footpath Warden to investigate.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 21st September 7.30pm – online via Zoom meeting ID 879 618 6156.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.50

Signed

Chairman