



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM Minutes

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1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Deeming, McDonald and Webb.
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) & 1 member 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.

Keith Woolford of Lickey Community Group asked if Council had any news on the 202 bus service. Cllr King replied to say that the 145 had been rerouted and there were hopes to extend the 182/183 services to cover the gaps. This is unsatisfactory as between School Lane and Lickey End there is no bus. County are in negotiation with Diamond buses and it is possible a subsidy could be available.

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

Cllr J King reported that our Neighbourhood Plan had been successful in assisting in opposing plans for development in Cofton Hackett. District Council are taking part in Recycle week and some PCs are lighting their buildings up green. New cross county Waste Control Officer appointed.

Cllr Taylor reported that he was unhappy about the plans for Foxlydiate development in cooperation with Redditch, especially due to the potential impact on our highways. He also expressed frustration with the District Council who had the power to oppose this.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th July 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 (after 5.2).
- 5.2 The insurance renewal with Came and Company was agreed.
- 5.3 Council read the finance report.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 6.1 Planning Committee minutes were approved, and Cllr Nock gave a report on issues raised in the previous meetings. Concerns were raised regarding the future of the Hunters' Hill School site and the Foxlydiate development.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell provided report on highways issues including road closures for Twatling Road, and the recent reopening of Alvechurch Highway. It was decided to upgrade the SID sign.
- 7.2 Cllr King reported that a new community garden scheme was starting at St Catherine's Church and this may provide a tree planting opportunity. County Council have a tree planting scheme. The Environment Group continue to work on their new policy.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 It was reported that the next Newsletter should be ready for October delivery. Christmas events will be pared down this year, but we hope to have tree lighting ceremonies.

9 TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 It was noted that NALC rebuilding sustainable communities training was 28th September
- 9.2 Tree Charter Day 28th November and tree planting week would follow.

10 ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 The matter related to the E.O's pay/pension was agreed.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 It was agreed to provide a grant of £500 to the CAB following receipt of their letter.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 19th October 7.30pm – online via Zoom meeting ID 879 618 6156.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.40

Signed

Chairman