



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM**

**Minutes No.6 2020/21**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Deeming and Webb.  
**PRESENT:** Cllr N Forknell (Chair), Cllr B Kumar (vice-chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, A Luckman, P Harvey, J Harvey, J King, County Cllrs K Taylor and P McDonald , L Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 1 member 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.*

Sue Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked if Council had any news on the potential planting of trees along the verges of Old Birmingham Road. We replied that we are still collating sites for submission to WCC for assessment and licences.

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

Cllr Taylor reported that Bromsgrove Covid rates are high. Hereford and Worcs Fire Authority are appointing a new Chief Fire Officer. No news on highways issues that were of concern.

Cllr J King reported that Bromsgrove has £144,000 New Homes Bonus available this year. Highways issues including yellow lines on Linthurst Newtown and Blackwell Road/Dale Hill speed limits were discussed and she would like to arrange a meeting between Cllr Taylor and Cllr Forknell to discuss/visit the areas.

Cllr McDonald reported that he has made suggestions to the Police regarding potential yellow lines on Monument Lane, but it seems unlikely that any preemptive measures (before car park charging on the Lickey Hills Park) will happen. He expressed his concern regarding the bus service changes in Lickey and the impact on elderly residents. In spite of Government and County policy and funding concerns we have been lucky to keep the 145 service.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> September 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 approved.

6. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 There were no Planning Committee minutes to approve. Cllr Nock reported that the next meeting would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

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

- 7.1 Cllr Forknell provided report on highways issues including the SID sign and praise for the Lengthsman.
- 7.2 Cllr King reported that the Environment Group continue to work on their new policy and responses to the draft should be in by 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT**

- 8.1 It was reported that there would be no Helpers' Meal this year and that Christmas plans would be pared back. We are holding the usual competition for a Christmas card design. We hope to have tree lighting ceremonies of some sort and Cllr J Harvey is to arrange with the school. Tree lighting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December (in both villages) and we hope to live stream.

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

- 9.1 Remembrance Day arrangements are to follow guidelines and will be different to usual: the Scouts will not attend, it will be live streamed and the flags flown from 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **10 ADMINISTRATION:**

- 10.1 Council will investigate possible purchase of the Methodist Hall should it come to market. Council set up a working group of Cllrs J King, A Boehm, A Luckman and B Kumar.
- 10.2 Smartwater was discussed and Council felt there was no appetite to pursue the scheme any further at this stage. Council hope that the new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has more interest.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 11.1 Council heard request from South Bromsgrove High School students to continue the litter-picking voluntary work for the DofE scheme this year.

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

**Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm – online via Zoom meeting ID 879 618 6156.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.05

Signed

Chairman