



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM Minutes

No.8 2020/21

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Deeming , Taylor and Webb.
PRESENT: CllrN 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)& 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.

Keith Woolford of Lickey Community Group wished the Council thanks and a merry Christmas.

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

Cllr McDonald reported that he has been speaking to the Police regarding potential replacement of the 'Rose Hill' bollard outside the school. He is also investigating the possibility of a 20mph speed limit outside Lickey School. Cllr Forknell indicated that the Parish Council would be in support and may be able to help financially with measures required.

Cllr J King reported on Bromsgrove District Council's Christmas programme. She also reported that the green belt review is well underway and a new list of potential sites for development should be available in the New Year.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020:

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

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 5.1. The Planning Committee minutes were approved. Cllr Nock reported on concerns on Station Road and St Catherine's Road regarding potential builds. The next meeting will take place on 7th January.

6. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 6.1. Cllr Forknell provided report on highways issues including future road closures, reporting of blocked drains and his investigation into speed issues in the Parish.
- 6.2. Cllr King reported that Environment Group is ready to start work on initiatives from the new policy including appointing an Environment Champion/Tree warden. Bromsgrove District Council failed in the bid for electric buses.

7. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

7.1 Cllr J Harvey reported that competition for a Christmas card design went well and cards were being distributed including to the winners. Santa will be delivering prizes to the schools. Plans for the Annual Report newsletter are uncertain and will depend on the Covid situation.

8. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

8.1 There will be a meeting to organize a local listings project on 25th January with Mary Worsfold and interested volunteers/residents.

9. ADMINISTRATION:

9.1. The Council heard a report on findings regarding possible purchase of the Methodist Hall should it come to market.

9.2. No vote was required to decide funding of further investigation into the Methodist Hall.

9.3. Cllr Kumar reported on the recent CALC local meeting and AGM.

9.4. Ms Jones was asked to leave the meeting while Council discussed her suitability for the vacancy in Lickey Grange. Council voted unanimously to co-opt Ms Bernice Jones as a councillor to the Lickey Grange ward.

10. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

10.1. The payment of bills was approved.

10.2. It was agreed to delegate authority for the signing of cheques/authorising of payments over the January recess to the cheque signatories, to a maximum of £5000

10.3. Council agreed spending requirements for next year's budget.

10.4. Council voted unanimously to set the precept for 2021/2022 at £50,000, an increase of 2%.

10.5. It was decided to investigate other options for a bench, Council agreed a budget of £300.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 Council heard a report from the EO on discussions with estate agents regarding the sale of High House Wood. It has been confirmed that it has changed hands, is now again for sale in parcels. We are waiting for details of new ownership.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 15TH February 7.30pm—online via Zoom meeting ID 879 618 6156.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.00

Signed

Chairman