



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM Minutes
No.9 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, P Harvey, J Harvey, J King, B Jones, County Cllrs K Taylor and P McDonald, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 3 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.

Sue Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked the Council about replacing the bench on Old Birmingham Road. Council are applying for a licence for the bench and have received word from Severn Trent that they did not move the bench.

Keith Woolford of Lickey Community Group wished the Council a happy New Year and asked how the PC calendar had been received.

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

Cllr Taylor reported that high speed fibre broadband works are ongoing. He is discussing potential speed restrictions to various roads in the parish with WCC as well as having pavement/kerb or path improvements along parts of Blackwell Road towards Barnt Green.

Cllr McDonald reported that a 20mph speed limit with flashing signs would be established outside Lickey School.

Cllr J King reported on Bromsgrove District Council's planning decisions and the Easter egg charity project.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 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 from the last 3 meetings were approved. Cllr Nock also reported on the Listings Project meeting that took place on 22nd January. The next Planning Committee meeting will take place on 18th February.

6. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 6.1. Cllr Forknell provided report on highways issues including future road closures, reporting of blocked drains and his ongoing investigation into speed issues in the Parish. He also reported on issues with regard to High House Wood and public rights of way/access. He will be communicating with WCC regarding the current application for a right of way and the EO will look into insurance and legal issues relating to public access to the site.
- 6.2. Cllr King reported on planting of snowdrops and contractor's work on Greenfield Bank. The new bench is to be installed in pocket park as soon as possible. The tree licences for the tree planting project will be applied for once a map has been produced and species have been identified.

7. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 Cllr J Harvey reported on the arrangements for the Annual Report newsletter. It is uncertain whether volunteers will be safe or willing to deliver at this stage, a decision will be made whether we will deliver a hard copy to every household later in the month once advice has been received. Cllr B Jones has agreed to join the Communications group. We will need to purchase new Christmas lights for Blackwell in 2022.

8. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 8.1 There will be a meeting to organize a local listings project on 22nd February with interested volunteers/residents.
- 8.2 Deadline for copy for Village Magazine in first week of March.
- 8.3 Deadline for copy for Newsletter/Annual Report is the second week of March.

9. ADMINISTRATION:

- 9.1. The calendar of meetings for the next PC year 2021-2022 was approved.

10. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

- 10.1. The payment of bills was approved.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 Council heard a report from the Cllr Forknell on discussions with Peter Chapman of Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership. Volunteers are being sought to adopt Barnt Green Station, we will inform residents and contact Barnt Green PC to cooperate with them.
- 11.2 Council heard that an email had been received from the former owners of High House Wood to thank them for their work and cooperation in the past and to inform Council of the contact details for the new owners who are currently selling the land in parcels.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 15TH March 7.30pm–online via Zoom meeting ID 879 618 6156.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.20

Signed

Chairman