



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 16th November 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM**

Minutes No.7 2020/21

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Deeming and Webb and the Chair Cllr N Forknell.
PRESENT: Cllr B Kumar (acting 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) & 4 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 thanked all involved restoring the 202 bus service. Keith Woolford of Lickey Community Group asked what Council would do in case of planning applications in High House Wood which has recently changed hands and is now for sale again in parcels. Council had not yet received confirmation of change of ownership but considers that the applied for public rights of way and the Tree Protection Orders on the site would protect it from much development.

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

Cllr McDonald reported that he is unhappy with County Council misleading on benefits for kinship carers and issues with local track and trace. The child bollard known as 'Rose Hill' is likely to be reinstated outside Lickey School.

Cllr J King reported that many Bromsgrove District Council meetings have been cancelled recently and that the appeal on planning application at Lickey Square has gone to the inspector. There have been some disappointing decisions in planning including recent decisions relating to the Foxlydiate development which will be allocated to Redditch housing quotas.

Cllr Taylor reported that residents are unhappy at the state of Plymouth Road which has had problems with mud on the road and building materials stored on the Highway. It has been reported to both District and County Councils. Formal letters are being sent to developer to have him move the materials. Francis Homes are to be asked to repair damage to the pavement. Cllr Taylor is concerned about the impact the new 3300 homes in Foxlydiate may have on traffic using the roads in the Parish. Selection of a new Chief Fire Officer is taking place. He is investigating fibre to homes.

Cllr Kumar read a report from Cllr Webb.

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th October 2020:**

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record once the payment of bills in section 5.1 was noted as approved.

5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

- 5.1 The payment of bills was approved.
- 5.2 The report from the external audit was shared with Council and it was noted that the notice was posted online.
- 5.3 It was agreed to spend up to £300 on printing of the Parish Council calendar for the photo competition.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 6.1 Cllr Nock reported on November Planning Committee meetings. The minutes were approved.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1 Cllr Kumar read out Cllr Forknell's report on highways issues. Cllr Forknell is investigating speeding issues around the Parish and is considering asking Council to purchase a new speed sign.
- 7.2 Cllr King reported that she was meeting with the contractor to discuss maintenance of Greenfield Bank. Council have asked for a quote for a new bench in 'Pocket Park'.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 Cllr J Harvey reported on arrangements for Christmas events and the page in the Village magazine in lieu of our usual Christmas newsletter.

9 TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 It was noted that tree lighting would take place on 6th December and will be within Government guidelines. The event will be live streamed on our Facebook page to help reduce visitor numbers and enable those shielding to watch.

10 ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 Council agreed to the new Environment Policy with an amendment to the wording of promise of 'green paths' to say 'where needed we shall support the provision of green paths'. Council thanked the working group responsible for the policy for their hard work and commitment.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 Nothing to report.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 14th December 7.30pm—online via Zoom meeting ID 879 618 6156.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.45

Signed

Acting Chairman