



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15th MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM Minutes**

No.10 2020/21

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr McDonald
PRESENT: Cllr N Forknell (Chair), Cllr B Kumar (vice-chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, P Harvey, J Harvey, J King, B Jones, A Luckman, County Cllrs S Webb and R Deeming, 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 if there had been any further news on Marlbrook Tip as some residents had reported sightings of large trucks near the site. Council replied that there has been no notification from the District Council.

Roy Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked the Council if planters or pots could be considered for Old Birmingham Road verges. Cllr Webb explained that verges would be repaired in April and it may be possible to obtain licences and planters with her assistance and PC/volunteers would have to maintain them.

Keith Woolford of Lickey Community Group queried the 2% rise on the precept. Cllr P Harvey indicated that all spending was explained in the budget.

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

Cllr S Webb reported on current Covid figures at 69 per 100,000 in Bromsgrove. The planting of trees on Old Birmingham Road verges would not be possible due to roots in utilities in the past. Cllr Webb met with residents on this issue as well as to discuss speeding on Lickey Rock, she will be requesting pedestrian signs for either end.

Cllr J King reported on Bromsgrove District Council's planning decisions and that the Whitford Road development had been agreed by the inspector as well as the upcoming discussion of the Perryfield application. The Artrix to be used as a vaccination centre for 249 days and a partnership on future management of the Artrix to begin with Birmingham University.

Cllr Deeming was called away before he was able to give his report.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY :

- 4.1. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record.
- 4.2. Council received a report in the current finances.

5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

5.1. The payment of bills was approved.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

6.1. The Planning Committee minutes from the meetings since the last PC meeting were approved. Cllr Nock also reported on The next Planning Committee meeting will take place on 25th March.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

7.1. Cllr Forknell provided report on highways including upcoming road closures now on the website and the repair of the damaged SID which will be placed on Rose Hill.

7.2. Cllr King reported on environment issues including the need for remedial repairs to trees on Pike Hill following WCC cutting back with a flail. We are in the process of applying for licences to plant trees in the Parish. We are still looking for an Environment Champion/ Tree warden.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

7.1 Cllr J Harvey reported on the arrangements for the Annual Report newsletter which will be mainly an electronic version, we will put a QR code on the noticeboards to link to it and provide paper copies to anyone who requests one. Thanks to those who have contributed copy. There will be a 'Photo of the Month' competition via social media. We hope to run the Best Front Garden competition in September and Christmas events in December as usual.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

8.1 It was noted that the Annual Assembly would take place online on 19th April at 7.30pm.

10. ADMINISTRATION:

10.1. EO appraisal will take place in the coming weeks.

10.2. Cllr Kumar reported on the CALC meeting and that he has been elected to the Bromsgrove CALC Executive Committee.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 it was reported that Catshill Parish Council have emailed regarding their Neighbourhood Plan. EO will email to offer our congratulations on their excellent work.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 19TH April 6.00pm–online via Zoom meeting ID 879 618 6156, to be followed by the Annual Assembly at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.28

Signed

Chairman