



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2021 AT 6PM VIA ZOOM

Minutes No.1 2021/22

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr Luckman, Cllr Deeming and Cllr 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) & 2 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 asked the Council if the signs outside the carwash on Old Birmingham Road were appropriate. He agreed to send details to Cllr King who would investigate.

Stuart Howe of Lickey asked Council about the bollard on Lickey Square. Cllr McDonald stated that discussions with WCC were ongoing.

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

Cllr J King reported on changes to the Tree Protection Order process at District Council – residents can speak at meetings deciding TPOs in future. £50,000 has been awarded to Bromsgrove District Council for improvements to the town centre.

Cllr Taylor reported that he had met with the County Council Highways Officer and was optimistic about progress with Network Rail regarding the Blackwell Road rail crossing diversion, he will look into a speed reduction there. He had received complaints from residents regarding building work fencing on Linthurst Newtown and the matter was resolved. He reported that School Lane, Lickey End access to A38 under consultation.

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

- 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.
- 5.2 The Bank Reconciliation as at the financial year end (31st March 2021) was approved.
- 5.3 The draft Annual Return was amended as box 8 was incomplete, then it was signed.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 6.1. The Planning Committee minutes from the two meetings since the last PC meeting were approved. Cllr Harvey also responded to a query about an application on Blakesfield Drive.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1. Cllr Forknell provided report on highways issues including progress of the Blackwell Road footpath, upcoming road closures and the repair of the SID.
- 7.2. Cllr King reported on environment issues including applying for licences to plant trees/ have planters in the Parish. Council also heard about the carbon footprint information Cllr Kumar would be discussing in the Annual Residents' Assembly.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 Cllr J Harvey reported on that the Annual Report newsletter was available online and in hard copy (on request) and thanked all who contributed.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 There was nothing to report.

10. ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1.1 Arrangements for the next meeting were discussed as no decision had yet been made on the continuation of remote Council meetings. Meeting may have to be in person.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 It was reported that CALC would like councillors to register and get their own login at www.worcscalc.org.uk welcome box.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting Monday 17th May, uncertain if online or in person at the Trinity Centre.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 18.50pm

Signed

Chairman