



Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, LICKEY Minutes No.2 2021/22

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE** – Cllr N Forknell nominated Cllr B Kumar as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Luckman. Cllr Kumar was duly elected as Chairman unanimously and signed the register and took his place as Chair.
- 2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor, Cllr Deeming and Cllr Webb.

PRESENT: : Cllr B Kumar (Chair), Cllr N Forknell (vice-chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, B Jones , P Harvey, J Harvey, J King, B Jones, A Luckman County Cllr Adrian Kriss, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 2 members of the public.

- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTER:** 3b Disclosable Pecuniary interests 3c Other Disclosable interests.

No interests were declared

The Meeting was closed for Public Question time.

John Colley a resident of High House Drive asked: Do the PC have any news on ownership/future of High House Woods and do PC still maintain them? We do not know who new individual owner is and in the absence of a new agreement for public access with the PC, PC are no longer maintaining the woodland. Cllr Luckman offered to find out who has purchased the woodland.

Sue Hughes, Lickey Hills Community Group asked:

Is there any progress on the replacement bench near Upper Cottage Farm? Yes we have permission to replace and will source a suitable replacement ASAP

Is there any progress on the defibrillator sign for the pavement at the Trinity Centre please? WCC agreed to install a post some time ago, Cllr McDonald was keen to have it installed. Nothing has yet happened, we will contact WCC and new Cllr Kriss will follow up.

Keith Woolford, Lickey Community Group asked:

With the Government's intention to amend/loosen planning regs, and the introduction of zones, and the impact for local homeowners less able to object to new housing, does this have the potential to conflict with our NDP? Cllr Luckman said that NDP would still be in place in spite of any new regulations.

Is there any news since we advise the last PC meeting of the proliferation of signage at the Lickey hand car wash? The new movable flag signs are now being used on the opposite side of the road to the location. Highways group did not feel that they were inappropriate or illegal.

Does the PC believe it is finally time to reinstate the Public Footpaths signage mid-way down Twatling Road (Ref: NDP Map 9) as this still remains illegible, particularly as our NDP confers importance to this matter? We will send on to the footpath warden for his attention, Cllr Kriss offered to follow up.

4. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN** –The election of Cllr Forknell as Vice-Chairman was proposed by Cllr Kumar, seconded by Cllr J Harvey and unanimously accepted.
5. **ELECTION TO GROUPS AND COMMITTEES** - The following committee and group membership was agreed
 - 6.1 Planning Committee – S Nock (lead)J Harvey, A Luckman and J King
 - 6.2 Finance Group – P Harvey (lead) A Boehm
 - 6.3 Highways Group - N Forknell (Highways lead) B Kumar, A Luckman.
 - 6.4 Environment Group - J King(Environment lead) B Kumar, J Harvey
 - 6.5 Communications Group B Kumar (lead), J Harvey, B Jones.
6. **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES** –
 - 7.1 CPRE: Representative J King
 - 7.2 Worcs CALC: Representative, B Kumar & N Forknell
- 7 **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: (THIS TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO ITEM 4 DUE TO CLLR KRISS’ OTHER APPOINTMENT)**

Councillor Kriss introduced himself and indicated that he was available for Council or residents to contact in case of any Highways issues, indeed requests that he should be copied in on anything that relates to Beacon Ward. He hopes to have residents take up his offer of Smart water in his ward.

Cllr King reported that there will be a District Council meeting on Wednesday in person, no motions would be decided, just questions for discussion. A Strategic Transport assessment has been commissioned (again) and will look at transport, active travel and impact of new developments on transport in the District. There is an appeal meeting on Tuesday 25th May which Cllr King will attend in relation to the Perryfield development. PC is invited to apply for small community grants prior to July, up to £5000 is available – perhaps this would be useful towards a vehicle charging point in Lickey? NF will speak to the PCC as this may be of interest to the Trinity Centre.
- 8 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29th April 2021 for approval**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be signed as a true record.
- 9 **Administration**
 - 9.1 EO reported on price quoted for planter and ongoing potential costs as well as Covid arrangements for future meetings and office use.
 - 9.2 8 Councillors voted to recess Council in June due to requirement that meetings must take place in person, Cllr King abstained. Updated meetings calendar was agreed.
- 10 **Finance and General Purposes**
 - 10.1 Bills were reviewed and approved.
 - 10.2 It was agreed to delegate authority for authorising June payments to the signatories.
- 11 **REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS**
 - 11.1 The Standing Orders were reviewed and approved.
 - 11.2 The Financial Regulations were reviewed and approved.
 - 11.3 The Risk Assessment was reviewed and approved.

- 11.4 The Complaints Policy was reviewed and approved.
- 11.5 The Publication Scheme was reviewed and approved.
- 11.6 The updated Asset Register was approved.

12 Planning Committee Report

- 12.1 Cllr Nock gave a short report and the Planning Committee minutes were reviewed and approved.

13 Highways and Environment

- 13.1 Cllr Forknell reported on Highways matters in the Parish, including suggestion that we request further pedestrian signage on Blackwell Road (Tutnall & Cobley) and around Blackwell Golf Course while we wait for pavement works and speed reduction.
- 13.2 Cllr King reported on the Trinity garden and upcoming tree planting in the parish. Jane Banner has kindly offered to donate 3 trees and PC still has money from Cllr Taylor for trees to spend. We may decide to apply for grants and should coordinate any planting with National Tree Week.

14 Communications Report

- 14.1 Cllr Harvey gave a brief report on newsletter and Village magazine items. We will have a page in the July issue. She is investigating methods of ensuring that all residents can access the newsletter and a QR code in the Village was thought to be a good idea. We hope to judge the best front garden competition in September.

15 Training Matters and Diary Dates

- 15.1 It was noted Blackwell Festival will be taking place on 17th July.
- 15.2 Bromsgrove CALC meeting online 6.30pm 9th June.

16 Correspondence

- 16.1 Thanks from Vicar Sheri Gidney to Council for their hard work this last difficult year.
- 16.2 Email regarding licence application for an ice cream van in Blackwell. To be discussed at Planning Committee meeting on 20/5/21

17 Date of next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 19th July

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.37.

(signed)

Chairman