



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 AT 7.30pm at the Trinity Centre**  
**Minutes No.3 2021/22**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr Forknell, Cllr Jones and Cllr Webb.  
**PRESENT:** Cllr B Kumar (Chair), Cllrs A Boehm, S Nock, P Harvey, J Harvey, J King, County Cllr A Kriss, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer) & 1 member 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.*

Fiona Griffin of Lickey Community Group asked the Council if there had been any progress on installing a replacement bench on Old Birmingham Road? Yes, we have been gifted a new bench which our handyman will install and cement in as soon as possible.

Fiona Griffin also asked Council if there had been any progress on a defibrillator sign at the Trinity Centre. This issue has forced us to consider the security implications of signposting the defibrillator as it is currently in an unlocked box. We have investigated the possibility of having a tracker fitted but have discounted this idea, so the next step is to investigate having a locked box. We will need to look at the options. In terms of locating the sign, County Highways Officer suggests that we use the verge and provide the sign ourselves – this will require discussion with the PCC who own the building/land there. We hope to have a proposal ready for our next meeting in September.

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

Cllr Webb provided a written report. She is involved in a project with PC to place planters on Old Birmingham Road verges.

Cllr Kriss reported that he had attempted himself to replace the footpath sign on Twatling Road but sadly was unable to do so and has urged the County team to get it replaced as soon as possible. He reported that County Highways Officer had negotiated a short stay fee of 50 pence for the new charges at the Monument Lane Car Park. He has investigated reports of antisocial behaviour and has been speaking with Police on how to deal with these issues. He has a meeting planned with the Police. The reasons why a 30mph speed limit could not be put onto Monument Lane were explained to Council. Finally, he explained that he has a divisional fund available to pay for Highways improvements and would like residents or Council to get in touch with any requests.

Cllr J King reported on matters at District Council including the online electoral canvassing, the change to who can speak to District Council about Tree Protection Orders in Planning Meetings and the Blackwell community group that has been set up to work towards purchasing the Methodist Hall for community use.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY:**

- 4.1. There was an amendment to who was present then it was unanimously agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record.

#### **5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES**

- 5.1. The payment of bills was approved.
- 5.2. Council received a report on Finance.
- 5.3. It was unanimously agreed to award a grant of £500 to the Blackwell Festival Group.
- 5.4. The amended Asset Register was approved.
- 5.5. It was agreed to delegate authority for authorising payments over the August recess to the signatories to a maximum of £5000.

#### **6. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Nock gave a report and the Planning Committee minutes from the meetings since the last PC meeting were approved.

#### **7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT**

- 7.1. Cllr Kumar read the report provided by Cllr Forknell on highways issues including upcoming road closures and the plans for planters along Old Birmingham Road. Cllr Kumar reported on his meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and his correspondence with PC Ginder which may lead to a Community Speedwatch Group, support with antisocial behaviour and an occasional Police presence at school drop off and pick up times to discourage inconsiderate parking.
- 7.2. Cllr King reported on environment issues including the recent group meeting. Cllr Kumar requested all councillors to respond to the questionnaire on EV chargers.

#### **8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT**

- 8.1 Cllr Kumar reported on the recent Communications Group meeting. Details of the Best Front Garden (BFG) Competition were shared and the new community walking group in Blackwell. BFG judging will take place 5-18<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES**

- 9.1 Litter Pick Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10-12. Launch of adopt a street.
- 9.2 Period of Exercise of Public Rights 1/7/21-11/8/21
- 9.3 EO training 8<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **10. ADMINISTRATION:**

- 10.1 The amended version of the EO contract was agreed and signed.
- 10.2 Cllr Kumar introduced the idea of a new Policy Review working group to facilitate application for Council Foundation/Quality award. Cllr Boehm and Cllr King agreed to take part.

#### **11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 11.1 It was reported that the EO had received emails regarding issues on Billy Lane footpath which our Footpath Warden, Councillors and County Officers had been working hard to resolve.

#### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Meeting 7.30pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Trinity Centre.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed

Chairman