



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICKY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 21st March 2022 AT 7.30pm at the Wheel
Minutes No.9 2021/22

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllr Webb, Cllr Deeming and Cllr Taylor.

PRESENT: Cllr B Kumar (Chair), Cllr N Forknell (Vice- Chair), Cllr B Jones, Cllr A Boehm, Cllr J Harvey, Cllr P Harvey, Cllr J King, L Winterbourn (Executive Officer), Cllr Kriss & 9 members of the public.

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

Cllr Forknell declared an interest in agenda item 5.5 as he is part of Lickey PCC who have applied for the grant.

The Meeting was adjourned for Public Question time.

Roy Hughes of Lickey Community Group enquired about the proposed repairs to pavement on Old Birmingham Road. Council stated that these repairs were planned and arranged by Cllr Kriss, who confirmed that this was the case.

Keith Woolford of Lickey Community Group asked when and if we would be having upgraded LED lighting in the Parish. Council is uncertain of the arrangements, Cllr Kriss informed us that we can apply for bat friendly lights and that 5046 lights have been upgraded and yet 1044 to be done in the County. EO to enquire with WCC re arrangements for Lickey and Blackwell.

Sue Hughes of Lickey Community Group asked about the consultation for the future of the Bilberry Tea Rooms. Planning Committee will be responding to the consultation.

She also enquired as to bollards on Old Birmingham Road. There is a rolling programme of bollard installation that will be continued by the new Lengthsman.

Eleri Roberts of Lickey asked what could be done regarding parking problems in Lickey near the school. Cllr Kumar and Cllr Forknell explained what we have been attempting to achieve and Cllr Kriss suggested that we work with the Police to re-educate children and parents, perhaps by taking part in a new scheme for junior PCSOs. It was explained why enforcement is often difficult. EO/ Cllrs are to communicate with school and Police and meet WCC Highways Officer to see what can be done. Cllr King is to liaise with Cllr Kriss to have Bromsgrove enforcement officers on site.

Terry Pauley of Blackwell asked about the Asset of Community Value Status of the Community Hall. Cllr King and EO advised him of the purpose of the AOCV status.

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

Cllr Kriss reported on matters at County Council including increased Highways funding, appointment of new WCC Highways Liaison Officer, parking in Lickey and LED street lights.

Cllr King reported on matters at District Council.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER:

4.1. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record.

5. FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES

Council agreed to make 5.1 to the last item in this section.

5.1 The payment of bills was agreed.

- 5.2 The Council received a report from Cllr P Harvey on the status of budgets and accounts.
- 5.3 Council approved the grant application for £500 from Blackwell First School PTFA for playground improvements, in particular the school history notice board. Anna Moss Headteacher will be present.
- 5.4 Council approved the grant application for £500 from Blackwell Community Hall for work to the kitchen facilities.
- 5.5 Council approved approve the grant application for £500 from Lickey PCC to support the provision of festivities and events to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Cllr Forknell did not vote.
- 5.6 Council noted the changes to the Executive Officer working From Home allowance.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Kumar read the report of the Planning Committee meetings since the last PC meeting.

7. HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

- 7.1. Cllr Forknell gave a report on highways issues including the increase to the Lengthsman funding, new speed signs for Old Birmingham Road and the appointment of a new Lengthsman.
- 7.2. Cllr King reported Environment group issues and in particular that bulbs and trees had been planted around the Parish, 1500 bulbs have been planted this year. There is a litter pick in both villages planed for 9th April.

8. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

- 8.1 Cllr Kumar reported on Communications matters including the new gentle walking group in Blackwell, meetings with the Safer Neighbourhood Team and plans to take part in scheme for a health focus groups in the Parish.

9. TRAINING MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

- 9.1 Chairman's meal Monday 28th March, 7pm.
- 9.2 Police Surgery Wednesday 30th March at 7pm at the Wheel in Blackwell with PC Stone.

10. ADMINISTRATION:

- 10.1 Candidates for co-option for the casual vacancies in Shepley Ward introduced themselves/ had their statements read aloud.
- 10.2 Council voted on the Casual Vacancy in Shepley and David O'Reilly was duly elected for co-option.
- 10.3 Council voted on the second Casual Vacancy in Shepley Ward and Christine Szwed was duly elected for co-option.
- 10.4 Council considered the tenders and selected Andlin Sercices as the contractor for the advertised Caretaker/Odd Job and Gardener position.
- 10.5 Council agreed the calendar of meetings for 2022-2023.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 It was noted that Cllr S Nock had written to Cllr Kumar to resign from the Council.
- 11.2 Council heard that emails had been received from residents regarding parking issues in Lickey near to the School.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Meeting 6pm Monday 25th April at the Wheel to be followed by the Annual Assembly at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.09pm



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Payments Approval

MAR 2022

Payable to	Amount	Cost Analysis		
		Budget	Amount	VAT
	£ p		£ p	£ p
I Winterbourn	942.43	expenses/and salary	942.43	
NEST	115.53	PENSION	115.53	
RON SMITH	505.10	FEB PLAY AREA AND PLANTERS/PLANTERS	505.10	
SIMON SKEYS	418.00	REPAIRS	418.00	
BLACKWELL FIRST		LITTER AND LENGTHSMAN FEB/MAR		
SCHOOL PTFA	500.00	GRANT	500.00	
LICKEY PCC	500.00	GRANT	500.00	
BLACKWELL		GRANT		
COMMUNITY HALL	500.00	GRANT	500.00	
ARCHMEDIA	395.64	WEBSITE	329.70	65.94
WALC	60.00	EO AND COUNCILLOR TRAINING	60.00	
GJH ELECTRICALS	60.00	HIGHWAYS REPAIRS	50.00	10.00
JANE BANNER	150.00	BULBS/POLLINATORS	150.00	
RON SMITH	505.10	MARCH PLAY AREA AND PLANTERS	505.10	
RON SMITH	115.00	PLAY AREA REPAIRS/ CEMETARY REPAIRS	115.00	
	£4,766.80		£4,690.86	£75.94

Approved for payment

21/03/2022