

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Friday 24th April 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: I.G.Cox: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury:
B.Stocks and A F Tomlinson:

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ALSO PRESENT

Sergeant Sarah Barraclough of Derbyshire Constabulary and one Parishioner (Councillor elect S.A.Gill).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, C R Moesby, R Poulter and L Walker.

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DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman reminded Council Members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in subsequent Agenda items in accordance with the Parish Councils Code of Conduct. Interest that became apparent at a later stage in the proceedings could be declared at that time.

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POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Sarah Barraclough attended the meeting to explain the planned changes to the Tibshelf & Blackwell Safer Neighbourhood Team. Members of the Council had heard of plans to disband the SNT altogether and rely of policing from Bolsover or Chesterfield. This had caused the Chairman to write to the Commander of C Division in Chesterfield, Chief Superintendent Debbie Mathews, to express concern. Following this letter, the Inspector of the Bolsover Section emailed the Chairman to advise that this was not the case but did confirm that our current Beat Officer, PC Lorna Evans would be swapping roles and another officer would be appointed.

Sergeant Barraclough explained that part of the news of this had got out before all the plan had been completed, including the name of Lorna's replacement, and before the Divisional Commander had fully authorised it. She was able to advise that Lorna's replacement will be PC Christopher Grant who is a member of one of Bolsover's Mobile Response Teams. As such, he is not a total stranger to our area. He would be working with PCSO Paul Brownlee. One of the problems of the SMT is the lack of a vehicle that would help the team to get around the patch. This is a matter of budgets. It was agreed that our finances did not allow us help in this regard unlike some of the larger Town/Parish Councils. Until a vehicle

becomes available, the Police Office at Tibshelf Services would be retained.

RESOLVED that Sergeant Barraclough be thanked for her attendance and that the contents of her report be noted.

RESOLVED that the Council endorse that wording of the Chairman's letter to Chief Superintendent Debbie Mathews and note the reply from Inspector Burns

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council would be the Annual Parish Council meeting, which will be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.0 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.