

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton, on Monday 12 May 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors D G B Bullock: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: L Walker and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

24/2014 ALSO PRESENT

P C Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary and four Parishioners.

25/2014 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2014/2015

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be elected Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2014/2015

26/2014 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2014/2015

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be elected Vice-Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2014/2015

27/2014 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWTON/BLACKWELL ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2014/2015

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be the Councils Representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association for the year 2014/2015

28/2014 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2014/2015.

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be elected the Councils representative to the Doe Hill Community Park Committee for the year 2014/2015.

29/2014 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors I G Cox, C R Moesby and B Stocks.

30/2014 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST/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.

31/2014 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Miss P Barnes, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to traffic issues at Cragg Lane/ Hall Lane, Newton. It was agreed that where appropriate contact the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting action be taken on the various matters that Miss Barnes raised.

Mr G Heaseman, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to possible traffic issues on future development by Wealden Bros Limited at Thurgaton Way, Newton but indicated that he would be attending the next Planning Committee Meeting to be held at Bolsover District Council.

In response to further questions from Mr Heaseman, Councillor Mrs C Munks, in her capacity as District Councillor advised him that monies provided by the developers towards education facilities had been placed with Derbyshire County Council as the Education Authority who had indicated that such monies would be given to Tibshelf School to provide extra capacity.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell asked Council Members if the former Councils notice board at Primrose Hill, Blackwell was to be replaced and he was advised that no monies had been allowed in the Precept for the year 2014/2015.

He also advised Council Members that the damaged "Give Way" sign at the junction of Primrose Hill/Alfreton Road, Blackwell had not been replaced and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council with regard to this particular matter.

32/2014 POLICE MATTERS

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 30 April 2014.
2. The next Police Drop-In Surgeries would be held at:-
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre 15 May 2014 10 a.m./11 am

b.Hilcote Community Centre – 16 May 2014 10 a.m./11 am

RESOLVED that PC Lorna Evans be thanked for her attendance and report.

33/2014 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that County Councillor C R Moesby was recovering well from his recent operation but was unable to attend the Meeting.

34/2014 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 April 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

35/2014 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

There were no confidential items.

36/2014 **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

37/2014 **ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information that he had attended the Annual General Meeting on the Newton/Blackwell Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association which was held at Newton Community Centre on 29 April 2014 and that a suitable advice had been given Allotment Holders with regard to bonfires and the use of pesticides.

He further advised Council Members that the next Committee Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association would be held on 21 May 2014.

38/2014 **HIGHWAYS**

Following a lengthy discussion with regard the 7.5 tonne weight restriction imposed by Nottinghamshire County Council on Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer Derbyshire County Council requesting an update on the issues raised with regard to the weight limit.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Senior Engineer Bolsover District Council advising that the stone wall at Church Hill, Old Blackwell was being monitored by the District Council.

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from the Co-ordinators, Old Blackwell Neighbourhood Watch Team requesting that consideration be given to the provision of Waste Bin/Dog Waste Bin, rerouting of the bus service through Old Blackwell/ widening of the road at Cragg Lane, Newton.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Co-ordinators of Old Blackwell Neighbourhood watch suggesting that their enquiries be directed to the appropriate departments at Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Senior Principle Solicitor, Bolsover District Council with regard to a proposed contemporary rolling road closure for the Newton Carnival Event to be held on Saturday 12 July 2014.

The Chair of Newton Carnival Committee had requested a temporary rolling road closure for between 11.a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to the proposed temporary rolling road closure for Newton Carnival on 12 July 2014.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

The Chairman reported for information that lamp post testing had been carried out in readiness for the hanging baskets to be put in place at the beginning of June and also the new Entrance/Exit Sign for Blackwell had been received and would be put in place within the next seven days.

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members that the grass verge at the junction of Fordbridge Lane, Primrose Hill, Blackwell was in need of cutting and it was agreed the Councils Parish Caretaker be requested to deal with this.

39/2014 PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that a Meeting had been arranged with representatives from Groundwork Creswell on 15 May 2014 with regard to the installation of new Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Chair, Newton Carnival Team requesting use of the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field for the Newton Carnival which would be held on 12 July 2014.

RESOLVED that the request from the Chair, Newton Carnival Team for permission to stage the Annual Newton Carnival on Saturday 12 July 2014 be approved subject to

- a. Appropriate Health and Safety measures being in place.
- b. Public Liability Insurance of 5 million pound being in place.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported receipt of a letter from a resident of Hilcote requesting that consideration be given by the Council for upgrading the Play Equipment at the Councils New Street Play Area.

RESOLVED 1. Councillor A F Tomlinson's report be noted.

2. The provision of Play Equipment at Councils New Street Playing Field, Hilcote be considered at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2015.

3 The Clerk notify Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project Group and request their assistance with regard to the provision of new Play Equipment at New Street Playing Field.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Leisure Services Department, Bolsover District Council with regard to the Playground Inspection and Maintenance Service Contractual Agreements for the Parish Councils Playing Field in the sum of £2160 including VAT.

RESOLVED that the Playground Inspection and Maintenance Service contractual agreements with Bolsover District Council in the sum of £2160 including VAT for the Parish Councils Playing Fields be accepted.

Councillors Mrs C Munks and AF Tomlinson declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported his conversations with Chief Executive Officer, Groundwork Creswell with regard to the Solar Lighting at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses and of the action being taken by Groundwork Creswell to rectify the issues concerning the solar lighting.

RESOLVED 1. Councillor A Tomlinson's report be noted.
2. A further report be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council on 2 June 2014.

The Clerk also reported that he had spoken with a Member of the Bolsover District Councils Sports Out Reach Programme and had been

advised that during the week commencing 5 May there had been no youngsters attending the Out Reach Programme.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council advised Council Members that he would be speaking with the Members of Staff concerned at the District Council with regard to the Sports Out Reach Programme.

40/2014 FOOTPATHS

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the suspected clinical waste dumped on Network Rail land at Westhouses had still not been removed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk as a matter of urgency contact Network Rail with regard to the removal of the suspected clinical waste at Network Rail owned land in Westhouses.

Councillor R A Poulter asked if any information was available with regard to the proposed opening of the car park at the Blackwell Trail, Fordbridge Lane.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service requesting information regarding the proposed opening of the Car Park at the Blackwell Trail, Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson advised Council Members that the telephone kiosk situated at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses had been badly vandalised and suggested that the box be removed without delay.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to British Telecom requesting the removal of the telephone kiosk situated at Tibshelf Road at Westhouses.

41/2014 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totalling £8000.90 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their inspection:

1. Copy of the Councils Bank Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Councils Audit Form confirming the Councils current financial position.
3. Copy of the Councils Bank Statement.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts Regulations (England 2011) (SI number 2011/817).

The Clerk also submitted the Internal Auditors Report for the year ended 31 March 2014 and there were no outstanding issues.

RESOLVED that a vote of thanks be given to Councillor R A Poulter for the assistance given to the Clerk with regard to the preparation of the Councils Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014.

Following a report from the Chairman it was agreed that the new draft Financial Regulations be submitted to a future meeting of the Council.

The Clerk reported for information that a first dividend of £4.10 had been received on the Councils investment in the CCLA Public Sector Fund.

42/2014 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported his attendance at a Bolsover Partnership Executive Board Meeting on 1 May 2014 at which the following items were discussed:

- a. The need for funding and approval for a Community Cohesion Worker following the influx of East European Workers in to Shirebrook.
- b. Talent Match Programme approved.
- c. Delay in the hearings to approve the new local plan because of changes in Central Government Guide Lines.
- d. A report on the progress of the transfer responsibility for public health from the National Health Service to Derbyshire County Council.
- e. Fuel poverty – a pilot plan in Langwith to increase the efficiency of coal fires.
- f. North Derbyshire CCD Vision and for integrated Care Plan.

The Chairman also reported for information on his attendance at a Bolsover Partnership Parish Council Liaison Group held on 7 May 2014. The main point at issue related to the recent self assessment of the group and the assessment of Parish Councils' contributions in the achievement of Bolsover District Council's Sustainability Strategy. As a result of this it was decided to invite Parish Clerks to future Parish Council Liaison Group meetings and to create a clear reference point for representatives from the Group on the Executive Board and each of the Thematic Action Groups (Health and Wellbeing, Community Safety, Business and Employment, Housing Environment Energy and Climate Change, Culture and Tourism and Raising Aspirations)

43/2014 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported receipt of the following Derbyshire Association of Councils Circulars:

1. 8/2014 – DALC Email contacts/member services etc.
2. 9/2014 – DALC Annual Executive Meeting and AGM.

44/201 QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information the Councils Web Site was functioning satisfactorily and contributions for the Councils News Letter were required no later than 28 May 2014.

45/2014 PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated

1. 14/00188/FUL MAJ – Mr P Leverton – Former Blackwell Tip North East of Amber Park, Berristow Lane, Berristow Lane Industrial Estate, South Normanton – change of use to a open storage yard with access from Berristow Lane – siting of a portable building and gate house etc. **not approved.**
2. 14/00198/FUL – Mr and Mrs K Russell 2 Sidings Way, Westhouses – First floor extension with balcony to front above existing garage – **no objections.**
3. 14/00201/ADV - Derbyshire County Council – Newton Primary School – erection of a non illuminated free standing School Sign – **no objections.**

Councillor R J Sainsbury declared a personal interest in the foregoing application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

4. 14/00215/FUL – Mr M Jay garden and field South of 25 Park Mill Drive, Westhouses – Equestrian Storage Building and All Weather Surface Area **no objections**
5. 14/00178/FUL – Mr S Ward, 14 Littlemoor Lane, Newton – Single storey extension to side and rear of property **no objections**

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal interest in the foregoing planning application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor Mrs C Munks, in her capacity as a Member of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council advised Council Members that the Planning Application 13/00392/FUL – Mr P Bowman – land to the South East of Twin Yards Farm, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell for the installation of one WTN5kw Wind Turbine etc that the Planning Application had been withdrawn.

46/2014 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the request for financial assistance from Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project be deferred to a future Meeting of the Council.

47/2014 BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported for information:

1. A new cooker had been fitted at Blackwell Community Centre.

48/2014 STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/RISK ASSESSMENT

Following a request from the Clerk, Council Members approved the Councils Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment Programme for the financial year 2014/2015.

49/2014 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information on his attendance at a Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel Meeting which was held on 9 April, 2014 and the following items had been discussed:

- a. The footpaths were in a good state of repair.
- b. Some of the Lifebuoys on the larger pond needed to be re hung.
- c. Grass areas had not been cut due to wet ground conditions during Autumn 2013. Deep water sign replacement .
- d. Creation of a Friends of Doe Hill Country Park. A Group be set up.
- e. Best value from the £40000.00 invested in 2004 with the Derbyshire Community Foundation.

50/2014 MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street Hilcote on Monday 2 June 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.