

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 13 April 2015 at 7.20 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)
Councillors: I G Cox:Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson and L Walker.

1/2015

ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary and three parishioners.

2/2015

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3/2015

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.

4/2015

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Councillor I G Cox, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns that there were only two post boxes located within the village of Newton – one at Littlemoor Lane and the other situated at Alfreton Road, Newton.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Head Postmaster, Derby requesting that consideration be given to providing an additional post box within the village of Newton.

5/2015

MR T GASCOYNE - T J COACHING.

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Mr T Gascoyne, T J Coaching who gave a comprehensive outline of a Multi Sports Programme for the School Summer Holidays 2015, which would take place within the villages of Blackwell, Hilcote, Newton and Westhouses.

The varied programme would be carried out on 29 July, 5/12/19/26 August and 2/4 September 2015

All the scheduled sessions would last for approximately 2 hours and the cost would be £30 per hour plus 1 hour for setting up and taking equipment down plus £90 for advertising and administrative work and the

total cost of the programme would be £720. Mr Gascoyne advised Council Members that all Coaching Staff were cleared with the Disclosure and Barring service, and that full employers liability insurance was in place.

The Chairman on behalf of the Members of the Council thanked Mr Gascoyne for his excellent presentation and advised him that his proposals would be discussed later on the Agenda under the item Playing Fields.

6/2015

POLICE MATTERS

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

1. Crime Figures to 31 March 2015.
2. Police Drop-in Surgeries would be held at
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre 16 April 2015 10 a.m. /11 a.m.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and
Community Centre 17 April 2015 10 a.m./11.a.m.

In response to a question from Councillor A F Tomlinson, PC Evans advised him that there was no truth in the rumours currently circulating the Tibshelf area of dogs being stolen from their owners.

Councillor Mrs C Munks advised PC Evans of her concerns with regard to speeding motorists along Alfreton Road, Westhouses to Blackwell. PC Evans advised Councillor Mrs Munks that PCSO Paul Brownlee was qualified to supervise the use of the Community Speed Gun there were no volunteers from the Community for him to supervise

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

7/2015

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

Council Members noted that County Councillor C R Moesby was not present at the Meeting.

8/2015

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 March 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

9/2015

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items for discussion.

10/2015

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Members gave consideration to a proposed route of HS2 which would pass to the west side of the village of Westhouses. It was understood that this was a proposal submitted by Derby City Council but had not received any support from the backers of HS2

A number of comments were made by Council Members with regard to this proposed route and it was agreed that their comments be noted.

The Chairman also reported for information that there would be no Election for Parish Councillors on 7 May 2015 within the Parish of Blackwell.

11/2015

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the Annual General Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 28 April 2015.

12/2015

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an e-mail from the Project Engineer, North Midland Construction PLC, advising the Council that with regard to construction works being carried out at Gloves Lane Sewage Pumping Station Blackwell plenty of signage on narrow lanes would be erected and all reversing activities would be carried out with a banksman present.

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from BCN Consultancy advising the Council that the developer at Thurgaton Way, Newton had accepted the proposal for one of the roadways to be named "Tomlinson Way"

Councillor B Stocks advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the increased number of heavy goods vehicles passing through the Village of Hilcote following the imposition of the weight limit on Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite, and of the damage being caused of vehicles going over the speed humps particularly at New Lane, Hilcote.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council advising him of the Council's concerns with regard to the number of heavy goods vehicles now passing through the Village of Hilcote, also the damage being caused to the highway as a result of vehicles going over the speed humps particularly at New Lane, Hilcote.

13/2015

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that he had been advised that

horses on the old football pitch at Pasture Lane, Hilcote and been removed and that he, the Clerk, had notified the Councils solicitor and also Mr S Claus, Brabners Solicitors, of this development.

The Chairman reported for information of the Meeting between Newton Community Association and Groundwork Creswell with regard to the provision of new Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton. He outlined possible development of Stage One of the project which would use Section 106 monies the possibilities of obtaining funding for further development of the facilities was being examined.

The Clerk reported for information of receipt of an e-mail from the Assistant Contracts Manager, Groundwork Creswell, who had been advised by the solar lighting people that they had staff available week commencing 27 April 2015 to install new equipment at the Solar Light Panels at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

Further to the presentation given earlier in the Meeting by Mr Tony Gascoigne T J Coaching

RESOLVED that the Multi Sports Programme for the School Summer Holidays 2015 submitted by Mr T Gascoigne, TJ Coaching be accepted in the sum of £720.

14/2015

FOOTPATHS

Councillor R A Poulter requested that consideration be given to providing an additional dog waste bin at Westhouses

RESOLVED that this be an Agenda item for the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2016.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that he had received a telephone call from a local resident requesting that consideration be given to providing a roadside seat adjacent to Newton Community Centre.

RESOLVED the Clerk make appropriate enquiries with regard to the purchase of a roadside seat to be located adjacent to the Council's Newton Community Centre.

15/2015

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £35,370 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their inspection:

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

3. Copy of the Council's Bank Statement.
4. List of Direct Debit payments.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England 2011) (SI Number 2011/817)

The Clerk also handed to each member present a redacted copy of the accounts for payment.

The Clerk reported for information that Notice of Audit had been received from the Councils External Auditors, Grant Thornton LLP and this was for the year ended 31 March 2015.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Pensions Regulator stating that the staging date for Blackwell Parish Council was 1 April 2017 and that a contact should be nominated by 30 April 2015.

RESOLVED

1. The letter from the Pensions Regulator be noted.
2. The contact be the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Councillor R A Poulter in his capacity as a Chartered Accountant reported to Council Members there were a number of possible difficulties with regard to the automatic enrolment but he would be assisting the Clerk to ensure that the correct measures were in place by the staging date of 1 April 2017.

16/2015

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information,

1. The next Meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Committee would be held on 6 July 2015.
2. The Bolsover Partnership Executive Committee Meeting would be held on 16 April 2015.

The Chairman further reported receipt of a letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Bolsover District Council advising Council Members that a new Joint Chief Executive Officer Bolsover and Northeast Derbyshire District Councils will be reported appointed. It had however been agreed that the current Chief Executive Officer would continue in his role until a date for leaving was agreed with the two Leaders of the Councils following the elections on 7 May 2015.

17/2015

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 062015 Spring Seminar/Legal Topic Note.
2. 072015 – Elections 2015/Transparency Code.
3. 08/2015 Purdah Guidance/Town and Parish Councils Website.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk reported on their attendance at the DALC Spring Seminar held on 26 March 2015 and of the range of subjects covered ie New Certificate in Local Council Administration Qualification, Local Council Award Scheme. Internal Audit, Transparency Codes and they indicated that the Seminar was interesting and informative.

18/2015

QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Councils website was functioning satisfactory. Councillor I J A Newham also advised Council Members that the Spring Edition of the Councils Newsletter of each household within the Parish of Blackwell.

19/2015

PLANS

1. 15/00114FUL – Mr J Johal 225 Alfreton Road, Blackwell – single storey extension to side of dwelling with revised access to flat – **no objections.**
2. 15/00148 – Mrs. L Coyle 9 Chapel Close, Blackwell – crown lift T11 and T13 Lime Trees TPO BOL/2017 – **no objections.**

Council Members noted that the Planning Application 14/00598 OUT Borders Admission Circuit – demolition of former Methodist Church at Whites Lane, Blackwell – erection of three dwellings - Approval had been granted by Bolsover District Council.

20/2015

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Clerk had received a request from a local resident at Newton for the Council to print approximately 100 dog fouling leaflets following a short decision thereon

RESOLVED that the Clerk print the dog fouling leaflets for the resident of Newton.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that he had received an e-mail from the Information Commissioner following a complaint by a Member of the Council.

The Chairman read out the full content of the e-mail received from the Information Commissioner and he also read out to Council Members his response thereto and requested the Councils endorsement of his reply.

RESOLVED

1. The e-mail received from the Information Commissioner addressed to the Chairman of the Council be noted.
2. The Chairman's response to the information Commissioner be endorsed.

21/2015

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information on his attendance at a Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel Meeting held on 11 March 2015.

The following was discussed:

1. Updated results of the first Friends of Doe Hill Park Meeting.
2. A letter be sent to local schools to try to get pupils involved in the Doe Hill Park Project.
3. Additional works were required for purchasing new Lifebuoys signage etc.
4. Invoices for payment received between 2014/2015.
5. Discussions with the Derbyshire Community Foundation regarding the funds and amounts available etc.
6. Monies pledged by the various Parish Councils and how this would be spent and it was agreed that Shirland and Higham Parish Council would arrange for their contribution to be sent via cheque or direct payment for Blackwell Parish Council to hold
7. It was noted that no planning application had been submitted for the gates and furniture along Love Lane.

22/2015

BLACKWELL/HILCOTE/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk advised Council Members of a quotation received from Bower and Broughton Plumbing and Heating Limited to service gas boilers (£90) cookers tested (30) Water Heaters (£60) (Gas Safety Check per appliance (£60)).

RESOLVED that the quotation received from Bower and Broughton Plumbing and Heating Limited to service boilers (£90), Cookers tested (£30) Water Heaters (£60) Gas Safety Check per appliance (£60) be accepted.

The Clerk reported receipt of a an e-mail from the organizers of Blackwell Youth Club to arrange a 24 hour "Stay Awake" at the Councils Blackwell Community Centre on 24/25 April 2015 from 8.00 p.m. to 8 a.m. This was a fundraiser for their annual residential trip to

Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre.

RESOLVED that the request from the organizers of Blackwell Youth Club to hold a 24 hour Stay awake at the Councils Blackwell Community Centre on 24/25 April 2015 be approved.

23/2015

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The following schedule of Meetings for the year 2015/2016 was approved

Monday 11 May 2015 Blackwell Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 1 June 2015 Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 6 July 2015 Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

August 2015 – no meeting.

Monday 7 September 2015 Blackwell Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 5 October 2015 Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 2 November 2015 Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 7 December 2015 Blackwell Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 4 January 2016 Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 1 February 2016 Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 7.p.m

Monday 7 March 2016 Blackwell Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Monday 4 April 2016 Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

24/2015

COUNCILLOR A F TOMLINSON.

The Chairman had advised Council Members that this would be the last Meeting of the Council that Councillor A F Tomlinson would be attending and that Councillor Tomlinson had been a Member of Blackwell Parish Council since May 1975. The Chairman also advised Council Members that Councillor Tomlinson had been a Member of Bolsover District Council since May 1979. The Chairman said that he wished to place on record the Councils appreciation of all the work carried out on by Councillor Tomlinson for the Parish of Blackwell and his presence at future Meetings would be sadly missed.

Councillor Tomlinson thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks and he gave a comprehensive overview of the progress that the Parish Council had made during the 40 years that he had been a Member of the Council i.e. improved street lighting, building of Blackwell Community Centre, improvement of the old Church Hall at Newton, which was now Newton Community Centre. Councillor Tomlinson said that he considered that Council Members excelled themselves in liaising with local residents and residents groups, which had benefitted the community as a whole.

The Clerk also paid tribute to Councillor Tomlinson's work on behalf of the Council and agreed with the sentiments echoed by other

Council Members that Councillor Tomlinson would be sadly missed.

A round of applause was given to Councillor Tomlinson.

25/2015

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 11 May 2015 at 7.00 p.m. and would incorporate the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.