

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton, on Monday 4 April 2016 at 7.10 pm

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: T J Gascoyne: S Gill: C R Moesby: A Naylor: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury and B Stocks:

1/2016

## **ALSO PRESENT**

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary, and nine Parishioners

2/2016

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Munks.

3/2016

## **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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## **PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

**Mrs D Hedges / Mrs D Willens, Newton**, advised Council Members of their concerns with regard to the remains of the bonfire organised by Newton Carnival Team and held at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, in November 2015. They were assured by Councillor D G B Bullock in his capacity as Chair of Newton Carnival Team that a skip would be on site 6/7 April 2016 and all remaining rubbish would be cleared away.

Councillor Bullock also advised Council Members that Members of the Carnival Team had cleared approximately 11 bags of rubbish from the Charnwood Crescent Playing Field but had also noted that there was an amount of drug paraphernalia in that location.

The Chairman requested that the Police give consideration to patrolling the playing field area in an effort to combat drug problems.

Mrs Hedges and Mrs Willens also commented regarding the poor condition of the storage containers belonging to the Carnival Team which were also located at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field.

**Mrs D Willens, Newton** advised Council Members that she had received notification of a film entitled "Still the Enemy Within" which referred to the miners' strike in 1984 but there was no political content in the film.

Mrs Willens further advised Council Members that it was possible that the film would be shown at Newton Community Centre sometime later in the year.

**Miss P Barnes, Newton** requested the Council give consideration to requesting the Post Office to relocate the post box situated at the corner of Littlemoor Lane / Wire Lane Newton to the junction of Littlemoor Lane/ Main Street, Newton.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Head Postmaster, Royal Mail, Derby, requesting that consideration be given to Miss Barnes suggestion.

She also requested the provision of additional roadside seats.

The Chairman advised Miss Barnes that any provision of roadside seats would have to be discussed at the Councils Precept Meeting which would be held in January 2017.

5/2016

### **POLICE MATTERS**

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary who advised Council Members:

1. It was no longer possible at the present time to give crime figures for the Parish of Blackwell.
2. Theft from motor vehicles.
3. Shed break-ins.
4. Antisocial behaviour.
5. A further break-in at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre.
6. Attempted break- in at Hilcote Post Office
7. No dates for Drop-In Surgeries had been arranged.

PCSO Brownlee advised Council Members that the Mobile Police Station would be visiting the Parish of Blackwell on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Residents were invited to attend the Mobile Police station with regard to any concerns they may have.

In response to a question from Councillor T J Gascoyne, PCSO Brownlee advised him that no information was available with regard to possible drug users within the Parish.

**RESOLVED** that PCSO Paul Brownlee be thanked for his attendance and report.

6/2016

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Derbyshire County Council would continue to provide financial support towards the Care of the Elderly for the Financial Year 2016/2017
2. Wedding Fayre to be held at County Offices, Matlock, 24 April 2016.
3. £16.2 million pound contract awarded to Bowmer and Kirkland, for the construction of a Distribution Depot at Markham Vale.
4. Consultation – Possible closure of Countryside Service Office at Tapton Lock, Chesterfield.
5. Traffic consultation - Hilcote.

In response to as question from Councillor S Gill, County Councillor Moesby advised him that Derbyshire County Council were not in favour providing School Acadamies.

Councillor I J A Newham expressed concerns with regard to the proposed cuts in local bus services and County Councillor Moesby agreed to provide a report with regard to possible cuts, to a future Meeting of the Council.

**RESOLVED** that County Councillor C R Moesby be thanked for his attendance and report.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as a Member of Bolsover District Council advised Council Members that the Planning Application submitted by Bolsover District Council with regard to the development of the former Blackwell Hotel site.

The concerns expressed by local residents at a Meeting of the Council held on 1 February 2016 had been passed to the Chairman of the Planning Committee at Bolsover District Council.

7/2016

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 February 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to Minute 258/2015 being amended to read..." would be held on 13 April 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Newton Community Centre".

8/2016

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

There were no confidential items for discussion.

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**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information that the order placed with Tower Mint Limited, London, for 32mm medal in a bespoke blue card in Perspex Case to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen £1.99 each had been amended from 400 to 450.

The Chairman also reported for information receipt of a letter from the Executive Director – Operations, Bolsover District Council advising that the District Council had agreed the Council Tax Support Grant be reduced by 33 percent per annum from 2017/18 with the scheme ending in 2019/2020. The reduction of Grant was in line with the Governments announcement that it would remove all Revenue Support Grant to the District Council by that date.

11/2016

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman confirmed that the Annual General Meeting of the Allotment Holders Associations would be held 13 April 2016 at 7 p.m. in Newton Community Centre.

12/2016

**HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Highways England advising of the opening of the M1 Motorway Junction 28 to Junction 31 as a smart motorway.

Council Members commented the inner lane of the Smart Motorway was in poor condition.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to Highways England expressing concern with regard to the poor state of workmanship of the inner lane of the M1 Motorway between junctions 28 and 31 Smart Motorway.

13/2016

**PLAYING FIELDS**

Councillor B Stocks reported for information that an application for funding to improve the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote had been made by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that Tibshelf Veterans Football Club had now ceased to exist and had only used the football pitch at Charnwood Crescent, Newton, for six matches Following advice from the Clerk

**RESOLVED** that the Tibshelf Veterans Football Club be charged £150. for the use of the football pitch at Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

It was also agreed that Pitch fees for Charnwood Crescent, Newton and Scanderlands Blackwell be discussed at the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 9 May 2016.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mr M Connely, Special Projects Officer, Leisure Services Department, Bolsover District Council, giving details of the Play Inspection and Maintenance service for 2016/2017.

The costs of each monthly inspection would be £22.50. Cost of six full annual inspections £60 per inspection and would be undertaken by the Play Inspection Company. The total cost for 72 monthly inspections and three annual inspections for the year 2016/2017 would be £2457.00 inclusive of VAT.

**RESOLVED** that the letter receive from Mr M Connely, Specialist Project Officer, Leisure Services Department, Bolsover District Council, with regard to Playground Inspection and Maintenance Service in the total sum of £2457.00 including VAT be accepted.

Councillors DG B Bullock and C R Moesby declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

14/2016

### **FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to a Footpath which exists from the junction of Deamon Street / The Ridge Blackwell. Council Members noted that the land in question was privately owned and the County Council had no jurisdiction thereon. The County Council have a duty to investigate and record possible acquired public rights on the definitive map and statement. If the Parish Council wished to pursue a claim it would be necessary to go to the web site which was [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/countryside/access/rights\\_of\\_way/faqs/definitive\\_map\\_and\\_statement/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/countryside/access/rights_of_way/faqs/definitive_map_and_statement/default.asp).

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk on behalf of the Council submit a claim with regard to the footpath currently existent between Deamon Street / The Ridge Blackwell.

Councillor C R Moesby declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

15/2016

### **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £12 367.94 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their attention:

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 for list of Direct Debit Payments.

The Clerk also reported for information that Notice of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016, had been received from the Councils External Auditors, Grant Thornton LLP.

16/2016

### **BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information receipt of an email from Bolsover District Council with regard to the Bolsover District Regeneration Framework an invitation to a public exhibition and Settlement Workshops which would be held at the Postmill Centre Market Street, South Normanton, on Thursday 14 April 2016, the public exhibition was 12 noon to 7.00 p.m. The Settlement Workshop was 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and was for all villages and hamlets surrounding South Normanton.

17/2016

### **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following Derbyshire Association of local Councils Circulars.

1. 06/2016 – Governance and Accountability for smaller authorities in England etc.
2. 07/2016 – Training Circular.

The Clerk also reported for information that the DALC Spring Seminar would be held at St Johns Church Centre, Walton Back Lane, Walton, Chesterfield on Monday 11 April 2016.

18/2016

### **QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Web Site was functioning satisfactorily.

The Chairman also reported for information the Councils Newsletter had been delivered and the dead line for the Spring Edition of the Newsletter was 31 May 2016.

19/2016

**PLANS**

The following plan was submitted and determined as indicated.

1. 16/00043/FUL - Mr. R Day 68 Alfreton Road Newton – Two storey extension to rear of property - **no objections**.

The Clerk also reported for information that planning permission had been granted to the following application –

16/00043/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. A Garrard 115 Alfreton Road, Westhouses – single storey extension to rear of property.

Councillor R A Poulter declared a personal interest in the foregoing planning application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

20/2016

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported for information the Waterside Care Agreement with “Keep Britain Tidy Organization” had been signed by both parties and the Waterside Care Welcome Pack etc. was awaited.

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of a letter from the Pensions Regulator advising that the duties with regard to the Council and its Employees would commence on 1 April 2017.

The Clerk also reported receipt of an e mail from INEOS Upstream for a presentation on onshore shale gas operating business to be held at the Speedwell Rooms, Inkersall Road, Chesterfield, on Monday 9 May 2016 at 10 a.m.

21/2016

**BLACKWELL/HILCOTE/ NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from Utilitywise advising that quotations had been sought from a number of suppliers for the provision of gas supplies at the Blackwell, Hilcote, and Newton Community Centres, and that Total Gas and Power Limited had offered the best quotation.

The Chairman reported for information that a further break-in had occurred at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote, on 14 March 2016 and that the Police were carrying out investigations.

With regard to the provision of a seat adjacent to the Councils Blackwell Community Centre. It was agreed that Councillor I J A Newham submit a report to the next Meeting of the Council.

23/2016

**DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information of a meeting of the Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel held on 16 March 2016.

Councillor Newham gave an overview of the items discussed at the Meeting:

1. Progress with Friends of Doe Hill Country Park.
2. Maintenance of the Park.
3. Costs/fund expenditure and management of the Park.
4. The views of members of the Advisory Group.

It was noted the next Meeting of the Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Group would be held on 14 September 2016.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his report.

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**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016/2017.**

Monday 9 May 2016	Hilcote Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 6 June 2016	Blackwell Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 4 July 2016	Newton Community Centre 7 p.m.
August 2016	<b>No Meeting</b>
Monday 5 September 2016	Hilcote Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 3 October 2016	Blackwell Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 7 November 2016	Newton Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 5 December 2016	Hilcote Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 9 January 2017	Blackwell Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 6 February 2017	Newton Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 6 March 2017	Hilcote Community Centre 7 p.m.
Monday 3 April 2017	Blackwell Community Centre 7 p.m.

25/2016

**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 9 May 2016 at 7 pm, and would incorporate the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**The Meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.**