

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Main Street, Newton on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I Newham (Vice Chairman), N Willens, R Poulter, R Sainsbury, S Gill and B Stocks.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) 9 members of the public.

513/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Naylor, I Cox, C Moesby and T Gascoyne.

514/2019 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.

Cllr Gill declared an interest in Agenda Item 19 as he was the Applicant of a Planning Application, Cllr Willens declared an interest in Agenda Item 17 as he is a Member of the Executive Board of DALC.

515/2019 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

The following topic was raised by a member of the public:-

A member of the public again raised objection to a resolution passed at a previous Council Meeting and the subsequent letter he had received. He asked that the Council write to his Solicitor regarding this issue. This request was declined and Council stated that if his Solicitor first writes to us, we would reply to any points raised.

County Cllr C Moesby – Not present, apologies received.

District Cllr D Bullock – Nothing to report.

Crime figures for January 2019 were noted by all. The public were urged to always report every incident to the Police 101 number.

516/2019 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019.

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 4th March 2019 were moved by Cllr Newham, seconded by Cllr Gill and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

517/2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported to members that the Clerk had, had a meeting with Martin Fagin of the Community Heartbeat Trust. The total cost for the three Red Telephone Boxes will be

£12,900 for which the Clerk will make a funding application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The cost of the Defibrillators for all three boxes totals £7565 plus annual support. The amount previously budgeted for is £5000, it was moved by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Newham and agreed by all that the additional £2565 is approved to allow this project to move forward.

The Chairman read out an email from Cllr Naylor, stating that he will not be seeking re-election in May due to a change in work commitments, and saying what an honour it had been to serve alongside other Council members for the last 4 years. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Cllr Naylor.

It was further reported that the Wooden Bus Shelter in Old Blackwell had been professionally inspected and unfortunately, it is completely rotten, all panels and the roof. It would not be good use of Council funds to replace the Shelter, as it is no longer used. The Clerk was asked to get prices to replace the shelter with a Bench and two flower troughs and bring these to a future meeting.

518/2019 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk provided an update on current projects:-

The Clerk confirmed the locations with Council for the Lamp Post Hanging Baskets, and advised that she would arrange for the testing to be carried out for this year's displays, and review prices for this Summer's Hanging Basket contract.

It was moved by Cllr Newham, seconded by Cllr Sainsbury and agreed by all that the Clerk appoints Mrs Jo Taylor as Internal Auditor for the year end accounts 2018/2019, the Audit will be carried out on Monday 15th April 2019.

519/2019 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT UNDER S137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Newton Community Association - £2760.10 – Third Party Contribution towards Insulation under the replacement floor at Newton Community Centre – Moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Poulter and agreed by all.

Westhouses Residents Action Group – application deferred to next meeting as prices not yet received.

520/2019 HS2

Nothing to report.

521/2019 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

Council members were advised that the Funding Application to Viridor Waste Management Ltd had been successful and we had been awarded £27,601.00. It was moved by Cllr Sainsbury, seconded by Cllr Gill and agreed by all to award the work to Fieldview Joinery whose quotation was also the funders preferred quotation priced at £33,101.00. It was also moved by Cllr Sainsbury; seconded by Cllr Bullock and agreed by all that the floor had the Kingspan under floor insulation at a cost of £2399.00.

The Clerk advised members that she had not yet sought quotations for the improvements to the Lounge furniture at Blackwell Community Centre, but would attempt to bring there to the next meeting in May 2019.

522/2019 HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report.

523/2019 RECREATION AREAS/PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS

Council were advised that the Humidifiers are still on site drying out the water damage at Scanderlands Pavilion. Once this is completed the repairs can begin. This work had been awarded to Boydens Builders in Chesterfield by the Insurers.

As requested by Council the Clerk confirmed that the repairs to the top boundary fence at Scanderlands was the responsibility of Blackwell Parish Council, one quotation had been received, the Clerk agreed to bring a further two quotations to the next meeting.

The Clerk clarified the legal position regarding any building or vehicles allowed on the three Council owned Recreation Grounds. The Clerk was asked to speak to the legal team at Bolsover District Council for clarification around vehicles being allowed temporary access for events such as Village Carnivals.

The Clerk presented a sketch of a proposed layout for the new Play Equipment for the South Street recreation area, which had been provided by Mr Matt Connelly from BDC, It was moved by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Willens and agreed by all that this is used as a template for quotations.

The Clerk was asked to approach Matt Connelly for a price for the repainting of the Play Equipment at Hilcote recreation ground.

524/2019 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL

Council were advised that a cheque for £1390.03 had been received from Westhouses Community Association representing unused S137 monies, along with a letter updating on progress with the project.

525/2019 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised Council members that the Allotment Rents 2018/2019 had now been received in full.

Council were advised that the gate posts at Newton Allotments need replacing, the Clerk agreed to look into this further, and bring a price to the next meeting.

Cllr Gill asked the Clerk to pass on his thanks for the excellent job done on the Hedge cutting to the Parish Ranger.

526/2019 PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Nothing to report.

527/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, FINANCIAL REPORT & STAFF HOLIDAYS

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £34,067.12 it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Newham and Resolved that these be authorised for payment.

The Clerk also provided the Current Account Bank Balance of £45,345.46 as at 29.03.2019, a Bank Reconciliation, and interest earned February 2019 on the Public Sector Fund Account of £33.25 to members of the Council for their inspection.

The Clerk also advised that the VAT reclaim for the period 1st January 2019 – 31st March 2019 totalling £2,128.98 is ready for submission. The Clerk also advised Council members that the Parish Ranger was on leave until Monday 15th April 2019.

528/2019 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Willens advised that he had attended the recent Parish Council Liaison Meeting where there had been a Presentation on Mental Health in Young People. He had also attended the Executive Board Meeting on Thursday 7th March 2019, where Chief Superintendent Rachael Osborne had given a very informative presentation during which she had offered to attend Parish Council Meetings in her area, the Clerk agreed to look into this.

529/2019 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC Circular 04/2019 which had been emailed to all members on 25th March 2019. It was approved to pay the enhanced DALC Subscription as shown on the Accounts for Payment for 2019/2020.

530/2019 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

It was agreed by all that the target date for the next Parish Newsletter is end May 2019.

531/2019 PLANNING REPORT

All applications and decisions on this month's report were discussed; the Clerk was not asked to make any comments this occasion.

532/2019 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Cllr Newham advised Council of a resident who had been seen with his car and trailer removing Flytipping from the Car Park of the Country Park.

533/2019 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Blackwell Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7pm, at Hilcote Community Centre. This would be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by The Annual Parish Council Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council.

534/2019 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Chairman thanked all Council Members for all their hard work over the past four years, especially Cllr Willens for all his years of hard work and commitment to the Parish Council and his attendance at various meetings on behalf of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed

Date