

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton, on Monday 1 December 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: C R Moesby: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: and L Walker

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ALSO PRESENT

P C Lorna Evans, PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and seven Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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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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PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mrs J Smith, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns regarding the Play Equipment at North Street/South Street Play Area and the possible replacement or repair of the Equipment.

She was advised by the Chairman that this matter would be discussed later on the Agenda.

Mrs A Riley, Newton showed to Council Members a poster regarding dog fouling which had been produced by her two granddaughters Miss's Kayla and Kacey Gilberthorpe. It was agreed that copies of the Dog Fouling Poster be placed on the Councils Notice Board and that Mrs Riley be allowed to put copies of the Notice on and around the Councils Play Areas.

It was also agreed that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to Miss's Kayla and Kacey Gilberthorpe for their initiative.

Mr G Heasman, Newton advised Council Members of his further concerns with regard to the Phase 2 development at Thurgaton Way, Newton by Wheeldon Brothers Limited and handed to Council Members a copy of a

letter signed by 14 local residents requesting that the Planning Application be discussed at the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council.

Councillor Mrs C Munks, in her capacity as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council agreed that she would speak with the appropriate Officer and request that the Planning Application referred to be "called in". It was also further agreed that the Clerk write to the Planning Officer, Bolsover District Council supporting Mr Heaseman in his request that the Planning Application be "called in" and discussed at the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council.

Councillor L Walker, Hilcote told the Council Members that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 November were incorrect, he was advised by the Chairman that should he, Councillor Walker, have any concerns with regard to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November then he should raise the issue when the Minutes for that Meeting were presented for confirmation.

167/2014 BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the Residents Group had:

1. Recently held a very successful Christmas Fayre.
2. Two new Planters had been installed adjacent to the Mining Memorial at Gloves Lane Blackwell; one was the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the other to remember all who served in the Great War.
3. The Village Christmas tree now had its lights lit and they would remain lit each night until 2 January 2015.
4. A Brass Band Concert featuring the Chapeltown Silver Prize Brass Band had been held at Blackwell Community Centre on 29 November 2014, and was very well attended.
5. Senior Citizens of Blackwell had been invited to a Christmas Dinner by the group which would be held on 9 December 2014
6. The children of the village were being treated to a Christmas Party on 13 December 2014 and this would include Party Games, Bouncy Castle and a Disco.

Councillor Newham thanked the local companies who had given assistance with organising the various events.

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

168/2014 HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT

Mr M Greenwood speaking on behalf the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project advised Council Members:

1. Bulb Planting.
2. Approximately 18/20 local residents attended Meetings of the Group
3. Successful Duck Day was held in August 2014.

4. The lighting of the Christmas Tree Lights and Carol Concert to be held on Saturday 5 December 2014.

Resolved that Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project be thanked for his attendance and report

169/2014 **NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Mrs D Willens speaking on behalf of the Association advised Council Members of:

1. Efforts being made to engage with local residents.
2. Film nights to be held the last Wednesday in January, February, March, April, May 2015.
3. The renewing of the planters on Main Street, Newton

RESOLVED that Mrs D Willens be thanked for her attendance and report.

170/2014 **WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP**

The Chairman advised Council Members that Mr D Fowkes, Chair of the Group had been in contact with the Clerk and there was no report to be given.

171/2014 **POLICE MATTERS**

P C Lorna Evans and P C SO Paul Brownlee Derbyshire Constabulary attended the meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 30 November 2014
2. Police Drop-In surgeries to be held at
 - a. Newton Methodist Church 5 December 2014 10 a.m./11 a.m.
 - b. Blackwell Community Centre 12 December 2014 10 a.m./11 a.m.
 - c. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 1 December 2014 10 a.m./11 a.m.

In response to a question from the Chairman, PC Evans advised Council Members that PCSO Stuart Swaby would be leaving the Derbyshire Constabulary having been appointed a regular Officer in the Nottinghamshire Constabulary effective from 6 February 2015.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised the two Police Officers that there had been vandal incidents at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell, and it was agreed that the Police would increase their patrols in that area.

RESOLVED that PC Lorna Evans and P C S O Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary be thanked for their attendance and report.

172/2014 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor C R Moesby attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. The former Tibshelf School was to be demolished.
2. Winter Gritting Services
3. Digitalised Documents related to the Great War were now on the Derbyshire County Council Web-site.
4. New Cabinet Members appointed at County Level.
5. The temporary appointment of Strategic Director for Adult and Children's services.
6. Admissions to Infant/Primary Schools 2015/2016 academic year.
7. Further cuts to Derbyshire County Council Subsidised Bus Services.

There would be a public consultation with regard to this particular proposal.

Councillor A F Tomlinson commented that there was nationwide a reduction in funding for rural services.

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

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 November 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record

Councillor L Walker read a statement to the effect that he objected to the Minutes and claimed that Council Members did not conduct themselves correctly in Public Office.

The Chairman asked Councillor Walker for a copy of his statement but Councillor Walker refused

The Chairman also requested that Councillor Walker provide an alternative wording to his objections to the Minutes but he was unable to do so.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items for discussion.

175/2014

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The Annual Remembrance Day Service held at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 9 November 2014 was well attended.

It was agreed that Councillor I G Cox make appropriate enquiries

with regard to the outstanding Kneeler for St Werburghs Church, Old Blackwell.

2.The Annual Pantomime held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres on 1 December 2014 was attended by pupils from Newton/Blackwell/Westhouses Primary Schools together with various Mother and Toddler Groups and was well received.

3. An Invitation from the Head Teacher, Newton Primary School for
 a. Infants Christmas Concert 8 December 2014 at 2.00 p.m.
 b. Junior Carol Concert at St Werburghs Church 16 December 6, 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the next Committee Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be held on 2 December 2014.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information that no further correspondence had been received via the Local MP from Nottinghamshire County Council with regard to the weight restriction at Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor advised Council Members that he had been in contact with the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, and a Site Meeting had been arranged with the appropriate Council Members and Officers from both Nottinghamshire County Council and Derbyshire County Council, and would be held at Ashfield District Council Offices on 10 December 2014.

Councillor A F Tomlinson commended Councillor Moesby on the action that he had taken.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader of Bolsover District Council, gave Council Members an overview of a consultation from British Telecom regarding the decommissioning of the telephone kiosks situated at Cragg Lane, Blackwell and the junction of Pasture Lane/New Lane, Hilcote and of the transformation into emergency treatment facilities i.e. installation of life saving defibrillators in these kiosks where in rural area ambulance response times could be slow.

RESOLVED that Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for his report.

Several Council Members commented about the accumulation of silt on Alfreton Road, Newton.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Highways Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that attention be given to this particular matter.

178/2014

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported his conversation with the Finance Director, CISWO with regard to the possible transfer of land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote to Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre whereby the Council would become Sole Corporate Trustee of the said land.

The Clerk further reported that there was unlawful occupation of land by a local resident who owned horses.

RESOLVED the Clerk obtain suitable legal advice and possible cost implications for removing the horses at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Clerk reported receipt of a report from the Play Equipment Inspector, Bolsover District Council with regard to Play Equipment at the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell and Members noted that the Inspector had recommended the Climbing Frame be cut below floor level and removed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Play Equipment Inspector Bolsover District Council requesting the Climbing Frame be removed without delay.

The Chairman reported for information that the Newton Community Association had been in contact with Groundwork Creswell and it was anticipated that a Meeting would be held between the Association and Groundwork Creswell in January 2015 to discuss the provision of new Play Equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

The Clerk reported for information that he had been advised that the Solar Lighting at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses was still not functioning correctly.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to Groundwork Creswell requesting that urgent attention be given to the repair of solar lighting at the Councils Tibshelf Road, Playing Field, Westhouses.

The Chairman and Clerk reported that the Annual Report had been received for Play Ground Inspections.

RESOLVED the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk prepare a Report for the repair and possible replacement of Play Ground Equipment at all the Councils Playing Fields and this be submitted to the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2015.

179/2014

FOOTPATHS

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Council Members that a Site Meeting would be held with regard to the Blackwell Trail on 15 December 2015.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £7906.15p 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.
4. List of Direct Debit payments.

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

The Clerk also handed to each Member present a redacted copy of the Accounts for payment.

The Clerk also advised Council Members of the Audit Trail relating to the Councils accounts, i.e. the Chairman/Vice Chairman of the Council inspected the Accounts on a monthly basis and Councillor R A Poulter in his capacity as a Chartered Accountant also assisted with the accounts.

The Clerk also reported for information that employees of the Council salaries, income tax and national insurance payments, was data protected.

The Clerk further reported for information that the CCLA Public Sector Fund Interim report and Financial Statements to 30 September 2014 had been received.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information he would be attending a Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting at Clowne Community Centre, Recreation Close, Clowne, on 4 December 2014 and the item for discussion was Bolsover District Councils Economic Development and Housing Strategy.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 23/2014 – Internal Audit – Locum Clerk etc.
2. 24/2014 – DALC Copyright – Vacancy, Clerk to Dronfield Town Council.

The Chairman reported for information his recent attendance at a DALC Seminar “Connecting Derbyshire”.

183/2014

QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the Autumn edition of the Councils Newsletter had now been distributed to each household within the Parish.

Councillor Newham further reported that contributions for the next edition of the Councils Newsletter was required by 31 January 2015.

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PLANS

The following Plan was submitted and determined as indicated:

1.14/00496/FUL – Mr S Scott 37 Alfretton Road, Westhouses – single storey extension to rear of property – **no objections**

Councillor Mrs C Munks declared a personal interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Assistant Director Schools and Learning Derbyshire County Council with regard to admissions to Infant/Primary Schools – 2015/2016 Academic years.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Banks Mining with regard to the reinstatement of Love Lane at Doe Hill Community Park and of their request to Derbyshire County Council for it to be a public bridal way.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Chairman reported for information that Mrs T Swallow, Blackwell had been appointed by Derbyshire County Council as the part-time Caretaker at Newton Community Centre and it was anticipated that she would be taking up her duties in January 2015.

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

The Clerk reported that J Tomlinson Limited had given notice to the Council that they would no longer service the gas boilers at Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres and the Sports Pavilion, Gloves Lane Blackwell.

RESOLV ED

1. Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council write to J Tomlinson Limited expressing his concerns with regard to this particular matter.
2. The Clerk to source other commercial boiler service companies.

188/2014

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 5 January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2015

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Nick Willens, wished his fellow Councillors and employees the compliments of the season for Christmas and New Year 2015

The Meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.