

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 7 December 2015 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: T J Gascoyne: S Gill: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury and B Stocks

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, C R Moesby, Mrs C Munks, A Naylor and R A Poulter

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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)

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell expressed concern that school children were not using the designated bus stop on Primrose Hill, Blackwell and were being picked up by the school bus outside Blackwell Miners Welfare where the highway is marked with double yellow lines.

It was agreed the Clerk write to County Councillor C R Moesby drawing his attention to this particular problem.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote advised the Chairman that none of Councillors present at the Meeting had been elected competitively to serve on the Council.

Mrs B Leishman, Newton asked Council Members if they had any knowledge with regard to surveyors carrying out various surveying duties on land at Cragg Lane, Newton.

She was advised by Council Members that it was a strong possibility that training was being carried out.

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POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman reported for information:

1. Due to shift patterns there were no Police presence at the meeting.
2. The new Police Inspector recently appointed for the Parish area was Inspector Sally Anne Nicholson.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

The Clerk reported for information that County Councillor C R Moesby had been involved in a road traffic action and would not be present at the Meeting.

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information:

1. A successful Annual Christmas Fayre had been held at Blackwell Community Centre on 14 November 2015.
2. Children's Christmas Party would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 12 December 2015 this was for children up to 11 years of age.
3. The Over-60's Annual Christmas Dinner would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 15 December 2015.

Councillor Newham advised Council Members this would be his last report on behalf of the Group as he was stepping down as Chairman with effect from 31 December 2015.

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

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT.

Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project, advised Council Members:

1. Christmas tree located at the junction of New Lane, Pasture, had been illuminated on 5 December 2015, and the Annual Carol concert was held at that location with approximately 150/200 local residents attending.
2. Land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote – a Meeting had been arranged with representatives from the Derbyshire Wild Life Trust and also the Water side Care Trust to discuss the future of the land.

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

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association, advised Council Members of activities undertaken by the Association:

1. Film Nights at Newton Community Centre.
2. Website to be provided which would encompass all Voluntary Groups within the village of Newton.
3. Approximately 1000 daffodils planted at various locations within the village.

RESOLVED that Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association be thanked for her attendance and report.

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WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

There was no representative present from the Westhouses Residents Action Group.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 October 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:-

1. The Annual Remembrance Day Service held at Newton Community Centre on 7th November 2015 and was well attended.
2. The Annual Pantomime held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres 7th December 2015 for the Blackwell/Newton/Westhouses Primary Schools and was very successful.
3. The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from the Collection Planning and Performance Manager Royal Mail Derby stating that the Post Box had been permanently removed from outside the "Spa Shop", Alfreton Road, Blackwell, as he considered there were adequate postbox facilities nearby.

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ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to allotments.

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HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported that in the absence of County Councillor C R Moesby there was no report to give with regard to the poor condition of the pavement outside 132/146 Main Street, Newton.

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the fence posts on land owned by Dennis Rye Limited at Alfreton Road, Westhouses was still protruding out on to the highway.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Department. Derbyshire County Council requesting that urgent action be taken with regard to the removal of the fence posts protruding on to the highway at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

Following a report from the Chairman with regard to the possible introduction of waiting restrictions at the junction of Littlemoor Lane/Newton Wood Lane, Newton, Councillor I G Cox advised Council Members that he had spoken with the occupier of a property at this location and had requested that the occupier to remove a car and van belonging him to enable traffic to proceed along this stretch of highway without any impediment.

Councillor Cox further advised Council Members that the occupier was quite receptive to his request and in fact one of the vehicles had now been removed.

RESOLVED that Councillor I G Cox be thanked for his report.

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from a resident of Hilcote Lane, Hilcote stating that the Clerk was the Councils Health and Safety Officer and was therefore responsible for Health and Safety issues regarding highways within the Parish. The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk was not responsible for Health and Safety issues with regard to highways within the parish of Blackwell and it was the responsibility of the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council.

Following a request from Councillor B Stocks,

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Highways Department Derbyshire County Council requesting a Site Meeting with the appropriate Officers and County Councillor C R Moesby to discuss traffic issues at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Following a request from Councillor T J Gascoyne,

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Director of Housing, Bolsover District Council, with regard to parking issues at Deamon Street, Blackwell and the use of the traffic island for the parking of vehicles.

190/2015

PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that an application had been made to the Tesco Community Grant Programme for funding towards Phase two of the development Scheme at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, and would involve the installation of outdoor gym equipment etc.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Brabners Solicitors, with regard to land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote and the Council becoming Trustee of the said land.

RESOLVED

The Council acknowledge receipt of the e-mail from Brabners Solicitors and agreed that the Clerk reply as follows:-

1. The Council are satisfied with the contents with the scheme i.e. 7.850 acres of land former recreation ground, Pasture Lane, Hilcote.
2. The Council have a Notice Board in the village of Hilcote plus one at the Hilcote Miners Welfare and there would be no problems posting the appropriate Notice thereon.
3. The Council are not aware of any objections from local residents to the scheme.
4. The Council are not aware of any person who might claim possessory title in respect of this land.
5. The Council become Sole Corporate Trustee for the former recreation ground at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

Following a report from the Chairman,

RESOLVED that Mrs. N Heathcote, Newton be paid an ex-gratia payment of £100 for the opening and closing of Bamford Street Play Area from 1st October to 20th October 2015 during the absence of the Councils Parish Caretaker, Mr. R Walker.

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FOOTPATHS

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £11,313.06p, and it was agreed that 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.
4. List of Direct Debit Payments.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England 2011) (SI No 2011/817)

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

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter written on behalf of the National Association of Local Councils Society of Local Council Clerks and the Association of Drainage Authorities advising that they had set up a company to procure audit services of behalf of Parish/Town Councils and that the letter officially invited the Council to become "an opted in" authority to this scheme.

Following a report from the Clerk it was agreed that the Council become an "opt in" authority to the new audit regime.

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of an Interim Short report from the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that he had attended a Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Group on 9 November 2015.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 25/2015 LAIS Documents/Transparency Fund.

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QUALITY STATUS PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to the Councils website and her request that the Councils Code of Conduct and Declaration of Member's Interest be registered on the Councils Web Site.

Following his conversation with the Solicitor/Monitoring Officer Bolsover District Council, it was agreed that a link be provided from

the Councils Website to the Bolsover District Councils website on which the Councils Code of Conduct and Declaration of Members Interest was shown

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that the Winter Edition of the Councils News Letter would be available for delivery with effect from the 10th December 2015.

Councillor Newham further reported that the dead line for the next News Letter would be the 29th February 2016.

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PLANS

The following plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. 15/00508/FUL –Blackwell MOT Centre - Workshop Extension to side and front of existing unit
Units 1 – 2 Primrose Business Park, Whites Lane,
Blackwell – **no objections.**
2. 15/00526/FUL – Mr Richard Bower 37 Alfreton Road, Westhouses
– single storey rear extension (Retrospective Application)
– **no objections.**
3. 15/00571/FUL – Mr and Mrs P Hadfield 200 Alfreton Road
Blackwell single Storey extension to rear of property - **no objections.**
4. 15/00618/ TCON5. Mr R J Sainsbury St Werburghs Church,
Church Hill Old Blackwell Works to trees in conservation
Area including crown lifting, removal of dead wood,
rebalancing topping and felling (as per tree assessment
survey TR/SW/656) - **No objections.**

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

5. 15/00591/FUL. Mr David Heathcote, 84 Charnwood Crescent,
Newton – Single storey extension to rear and entrance
porch at front – **no objections.**

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information that he had received a letter of confirmation from the Information Commissioners Office with regard to a request made by a resident of Hilcote in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported:

1. Quotation for installation of wall mounted hot water boiler at Newton Community Centre.

1 One quotation had been received from NE & MS Electrical in the sum of £552 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation for the installation of a wall mounted hot water boiler at Newton Community Centre received from NE & MS Electrical in the sum of £552 plus VAT be accepted.

2. Quotations for the complete interior decoration of Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres.

a. Riley and Company Limited, Sutton in Ashfield - £8445 plus VAT.

b Lane/Sheppard Contract Decorators, Mansfield - £10981.55p plus VAT.

c Pauls Decorative Services, Mansfield - £13805.

d Diamond Painting and Decorating Contracts Limited - £14855.

RESOLVED that the quotation in the sum of £8445 plus VAT received from Riley and Co Limited, Sutton-in-Ashfield, for the complete internal decoration works at Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres be accepted.

Councillor S Gill and the Clerk reported for information that ramps at Blackwell Community Centre had been satisfactorily installed.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Head Teacher, Newton Primary School, requesting use of the Councils Newton Community Centre, as a secondary site in case of fire at the school.

RESOLVED that the request from the Head Teacher, Newton Primary School, to use the Councils Newton Community Centre, as a secondary site in case of fire, be approved.

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

199/2015

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK.

Councillor I J A Newham requested that consideration be given to priority "Give Way" signs being installed at the railway bridge, Midland Terrace, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting that consideration be given to providing priority "Give Way" signs at the railway bridge, Midland Terrace, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

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MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at, Newton Community Centre. Newton, on Monday 4 January 2016, at 7.00 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2016

The Chairman of the Council wished his fellow Councillors, Clerk and Employees the compliments of the season for Christmas and New Year 2016.