

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre Newton on Monday 6 February 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

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

221/2016

ALSO PRESENT

17 Parishioners

222/2016

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Munks and I J A Newham

223/2016

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.

224/2016

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mrs S Hadfield, Westhouses advised Council Members. there had been instances of fly tipping at Tibshelf Road Westhouses and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council for the offending rubbish be cleared away.

Mrs Hadfield also referred to a litter problem at Bolden Terrace Westhouses but she was advised by the Chairman that this was an un-adopted road and it was suggested that the Police be contacted with regard to monitoring the situation there as it would seem that the litter was being dumped by various youth motorists parking in that locality.

Mrs D Ozenbrook, Westhouses, advised Council Members that the fencing at the picnic area at Midland Terrace, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses, had been broken it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council, who are the owners of the area requesting that appropriate repairs be carried out.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell, asked Council Members what the future would be with regard to the former bowling green opposite Blackwell Miners

Welfare should the Council become Sole Corporate Trustee of that area of land.

He was advised by Councillor T J Gascoyne that discussions had taken place at a meeting of the Blackwell Residents Action Group and it was possible that the area would be utilised for community use.

Mr G Watson, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the amount of dog faeces within the village of Newton and it was agreed the Clerk obtain "YUK" signs to be handed out to local residents.

Mr Watson also suggested that in light of malicious damage .which had occurred at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton that CCTV be installed.

He was advised by the Chairman that his complaint would be investigated and a further report would be submitted to the Council.

Mr T Mellors, Newton gave Council Members an overview of the public Meeting held. at Newton Community Centre on 4 February 2017 with regard to objections by local residents to HS2 cutting through the village of Newton.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Mr Mellors that he would try and ascertain the views of Derbyshire County Council with regard to the HS2 spur railway line but he was aware that Sheffield City Council had objected to a railway station being provided at Meadowhall instead preferring the existing station within Sheffield.

Mr G Heaseman, Newton expressed similar views to Mr Mellors and he was advised by the Chairman that the Council would be formulating a formal resolution objecting to the HS2 spur railway and this would be submitted before the deadline for public consultation on 9 March 2017

225/2016

POLICE MATTERS

Council Members noted that there was no Police attendance at the Meeting.

226/2016

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members that he had no "County" report to give.

227/2016

COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK

Several Members complained about the increase in dog fouling within the Parish of Blackwell, Councillor D G B Bullock in his capacity as a District Councillor advised Council Members that Boston Borough Council had recently sought to obtain a "Public Spaces Protection Order"

It was agreed the Clerk contact Boston Borough Council to ascertain additional information with regard to the said "Public Spaces Protection Order", once a response had been received write to the Solicitor to Bolsover District Council asking what action, if any, the District Council was taking with regard to current legislation about dog fouling.

RESOLVED that Councillor D G B Bullock be thanked for his attendance and report.

228/2016

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017 and the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

229/2016

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerk reported that there was a confidential item for discussion, to receive quotations for the provision of fencing on land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

230/2016

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman reported for information receipt of the Bolsover District Council, Councillor Code of Conduct, a copy of which had been circulated to all Council Members.

The Chairman reminded Council Members to abide by the Councils Code of Conduct.

231/2016

HS2 LIMITED

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Dennis Skinner MP in which he had requested the Transport Minister to review the HS2 Spur line.

In a discussion on the subject of HS2, Members of the Council repeated their conviction that the construction of the HS2 spur link between Hilcote and Stonebroom to cater for two shortened trains per hour in each direction travelling at normal speed (i.e. not High Speed) did not justify the financial and, more importantly, social cost involved. At an earlier meeting on 6th January 2017 it had unanimously approved a formal resolution **"This Council is opposed to the construction of the proposed spur link between the planned High Speed 2 Main Line East of Hilcote and the existing Erewash Valley Line West of Morton. In its place the Council propose the use of the full length of the Erewash Valley Line from the proposed East Midland Hub Station at Toton to its junction with the Midland Main Line near Clay Cross. (This stretch of line is not heavily used, is fairly straight and capable in parts of four tracking.as proposed the spur would cut the**

Parish of Blackwell in half, cause considerable hardship during the ten years of construction and permanently alter the nature of the villages in the Parish)”

This resolution had been passed to our constituency Member of Parliament who had raised the matter with the Secretary of State for Transport in the House of Commons in the form of a question: “Will the Secretary of State reject the new proposal of a spur line from HS2 in the constituency of Bolsover between Hilcote and Morton? Not only will it cut the Blackwell Council in two but it will destroy scores of houses in the village of Newton. Will he have a look at the letter I have sent him in order to pacify the people of Blackwell about this mad idea?” The Secretary of State had replied “Of course I will. I have taken a close interest in the eastern leg and I have been up and down most of the route myself. I am very keen that we deliver the economic benefits but that we do so in the way that works best for local communities. I am happy to take a look at the issue that the hon. Gentleman has raised.” He had not advised whether this spur link was one of the parts of the proposed route most of which he had visited personally that he had in fact visited.

Members repeated their assertion that, if a route through Chesterfield to Sheffield Midland Station were to be adopted instead of the originally proposed route via a station at Meadowhall, the whole length of the Erewash Valley Line from Toton to Clay Cross should be used. It was assumed that in the long run it would cost less to electrify the whole stretch from Trent Junction, where the Nottingham and Derby lines split, to Clay Cross than to build the spur link. This would also have additional benefits for the whole of the East Midlands region. It was also noted that Meadowhall offered advantages to passengers to and from the whole of South Yorkshire except the City Centre itself in terms of parking, ease of access and similar considerations.

It was agreed that the Chairman should formulate a formal response along the lines of the above to HS2 as part of the Consultation process.

232/2016

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the next Meeting of the Allotments Committee would take place .on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

233/2016

HIGHWAYS

In answer to a question from Councillor B Stocks, Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised him that the new steel bollards to be located on the grass verge at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote, the work order had now been issued by the

Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council.

234/2016

Playing Fields

The Chairman reported receipt of an email from Groundwork Creswell with regard to the provision of play equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field and it was suggested that Groundwork Creswell produce a single revised bill to enable them to go out to tender and advise contractors that they would need them to hold a price for approximately six months and also they would be seeking external funding.

RESOLVED The Clerk write to Groundwork Creswell requesting they go out to tender for the provision of additional Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field.

235/2016

FOOTPATHS

There were no reports with regard to footpaths.

236/2016

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totalling £5529.15p, and it was agreed these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Council 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) (2011/817)

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

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of the Price and Yield report to 26 January 2017, from the CCLA Public Sector Fund.

237/2016

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information his recent attendance at a Bolsover Partnerships Executive Board Meeting.

He further reported on his attendance at a Bolsover Partnership and Parish Council liaison Meeting held on 23 January 2017 at which the Bolsover District Council Councillor Code of Conduct was discussed.

238/2016

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the following .Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular.

1. 02/2017 - Subscription charges/Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities etc.

A copy of the Circular had been sent to all Council Members

239/2016

QUALITY STATUS

The Chairman reported for information that;

1. the Councils website was functioning satisfactorily - following a suggestion from Councillor R A Poulter it was agreed that a link to the HS2 Limited website be formulated.

2. Contributions for the Spring edition of the Councils Newsletter were required by Councillor I J A Newham by 21 February 2017.

240/2016

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated

1. 16/00626/FUL – Mr D Thomas, 96 The Ridge, Blackwell – erection of porch to front of property – **No objections**

Councillors T J Gascoyne and S Gill declared an interest in the foregoing planning application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

2. 17/00022/FUL Mr and Mrs D Greaves, 14 Sidings Way, Westhouses – proposed ground floor and first floor extensions to existing dwelling – **No objections.**

241/2016

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence for discussion.

242/2016

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Banks Mining advising that they had submitted an application to Derbyshire County Council for a Creation Order for Public Bridleway at Love Lane, Doe Hill.

Councillor C R Moesby declared an interest in the foregoing letter and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

243/2016

BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

There were no reports with regard to Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Centre's.

244/2016

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 6 March 2017 at 7.pm.

“IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED RESOLVED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (S1) IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM”.

245/2016

FENCING – LAND PASTURE LANE HILCOTE

The Clerk reported receipt of two quotations for the provision of fencing on land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote

1.S.L.A.B.S Ltd.....£2850.00.

2.H W Martin (Fencing) Ltd.....£3749.41p. plus VAT.

Following a short discussion,

RESOLVED that the quotation for the provision of fencing on land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote received S.L.A.B.S Ltd in the sum of £2850.00 be accepted

Councillors T J Gascoyne and B Stocks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and left the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

The Meeting concluded at 8.35.pm