

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 5th February 2018 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

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

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ALSO PRESENT

Seventeen parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox and A Naylor.

234/2017

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.

235/2017

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mrs S Wass, Newton expressed concern that a number of litter bins/dog waste bins had been removed from within the village of Newton.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council requesting that the missing litter/dog bins be replaced as soon as possible.

Mr I Taylor, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to dog fouling at Thurgarton Way, Newton and Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor said that he would provide appropriate signs for Mr Taylor.

Mr Taylor also expressed concerns with regard to the poor state in various places of the Five Pits Trail at Newton and Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Mr Taylor that he would discuss the matter with the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council.

Mr Taylor further advised Council Members of a number of rumours within the village of Newton that indicated Section 106 monies from the Thurgarton Way Development was likely to be spent on villages outside the parish.

He was assured by the Chairman that as and when the Section 106 monies became available these would be utilised for the improvement of the play equipment at North Street, South Street, Newton.

Ms J Page, Westhouses advised Council Members that there was still copious amounts of litter along Tibshelf Road, Westhouses and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council requesting that a clean-up operation be implemented as soon as possible.

She further advised that the Westhouses Community Team had been in touch with the coach operator, Stagecoach, with regard to the possible of re-routing of service 56 and Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Ms Page that he would discuss the matter further with the appropriate officer at Derbyshire County Council.

Ms Page further advised Council Members of residents concerns with regarding indiscriminate driving by motorists along Alfreton Road, Westhouses. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the local beat officer to ascertain what action, if any, had been taken with regard to this matter.

Mr T Mellors/Mr G Heaseman, Newton advised Council Members of their concerns with regard to the HS2 Ltd Spur Line and the manner which representatives of HS2 were treating local residents, particularly in the village of Newton.

Following a suggestion from Mr Mellors, it was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council to discuss HS2 Ltd Spur be convened.

Councillor D G B Bullock reported for information that despite his property not being close to the proposed HS2 Spur Link, the value of his property had reduced by approximately 10% in the last six months.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members that the 30 MPH sign at Primrose Hill, Blackwell was not working. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that attention be given to this particular matter.

Councillor T J Gascoigne, Blackwell advised Council Members that there had been an instance of vandalism to the derelict Blackwell Miners' Welfare and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the appropriate officer, Bolsover District Council requesting that urgent attention be given to the possibility of boarding up the premises to prevent further acts of vandalism.

236/2017

POLICE MATTERS

Council Members noted that there was no police attendance at the meeting.

Councillor I J A Newham had however produced a graph showing the crime figures that had occurred within the Parish of Blackwell from December 2014.

237/2017

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. He was currently in discussion with the Street Lighting Engineer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to poppies being affixed to lamp posts throughout the Parish of Blackwell to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Conclusion of WW1.
2. His efforts to contact the police with regard to speeding motorists at Alfreton, Newton/Blackwell.
3. Amendments to lamps on various street lighting columns within the Parish of Blackwell.
4. Fracking was noted that current plans for fracking involved an area of land situated in North Nottinghamshire.
5. A small amount of money was available to local voluntary groups.

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

238/2017

COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK

Councillor D G B Bullock in his capacity as a Member of Bolsover District Council advised Council Members of problems regarding Council owned refuse wagons being unable to properly access Sherwood Street, Newton.

It was agreed that Councillor Bullock contact the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council with regard to the use of a smaller refuse wagon to ensure that waste bins at Sherwood Street were emptied at the appropriate time.

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

239/2017

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th January 2018 and Precept Meeting held on 22nd of January 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

240/2017

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerk advised Council Members that there were two items for confidential discussion and it was agreed that these be discussed at the conclusion of the Council Meeting

241/2017

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that former Councillor Mrs C Munks had missed six consecutive meetings of the Council.

RESOLVED that this be discussed as a confidential item at the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

242/2017

HS2 LIMITED

The Clerk reported for information that an Ecology Survey would be carried out on land adjoining Pasture Lane in connection with HS2 Limited on 8th February 2018.

243/2017

ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to allotments.

244/2017

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information that notification had been received from Derbyshire County Council with regard to the LED Invest to Save Project and this was currently being carried out.

A number of Councillors expressed concern with regard to the indiscriminate parking by motorists at New Street, Hilcote and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the local beat officer requesting attention be given to this particular problem.

245/2017

PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that a report was still awaited from Groundwork, Creswell with regard to the proposed outdoor gym at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Council's solicitors with regard to the football pitch/cricket pitch at the former Blackwell Miners' Welfare, Primrose Hill, Blackwell outlining proposals from the Charity Commission for the Council to take over the trusteeship of the football pitch/cricket pitch.

RESOLVED

1. The letter be noted.

2. That the Clerk write to the Council's solicitors confirming acceptance of the Charity Commissioners proposals with regard to the trusteeship of the football pitch/cricket pitch at the former Blackwell Miners' Welfare, Primrose Hill, Blackwell.

Following a suggestion from Councillor T J Gascoigne.

RESOLVED that Westhouses Playing Field, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Council to be held on 5th March 2018.

246/2017

FOOTPATHS

Councillor B Stocks speaking on behalf of the Help Group outlined proposals for the possibility of providing two hanging baskets either side of the Mining Memorial Wheel at the junction of New Lane, Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

RESOLVED that

1. Councillor Stocks' report be noted.
2. The Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting permission for the appropriate licence to enable two hanging baskets to be located adjoining the Mining Memorial Wheel at the junction of New Lane, Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

247/2017

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totalling £5,423.88 and it was agreed that these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members of the Council for their inspection:

1. Copy of the Council's Bank Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Council's Audit Form confirming the Council's current financial position.
3. Copy of the Council's Bank Statement.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England 2017) (SI Number 2011/817).

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

248/2017

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that at a recent meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Parish Councils' Liaison Group the main item for discussion was Exercise For All.

He further reported that a meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Executive Committee would be taking place in the near future and the main item for discussion was the cessation of activities by the Community Voluntary Partners Group.

249/2017

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the following DALC circular.

1. 103/2018 – Data Protection Bill and GDPR etc.

Following a suggestion from the Chairman it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils to ascertain whether or not a Data Protection Officer had been appointed.

250/2017

QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

1. The Chairman reported for information that the Council's website was functioning satisfactorily.
2. Councillor I G A Newham advised Council Members that contributions towards the Spring Edition of the Council's Newsletter were required by 12th February 2018.

251/2017

PLANS

There were no plans for discussion.

252/2017

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence for discussion.

253/2017

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the dog bin at the Doe Hill Community Park was full to overflowing and it had been ascertained that it was Banks responsibility to empty same and therefore contact would be made by the group to arrange for the bin to be emptied.

254/2017

BLACKWELL/NEWTON/HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

Following a report from Councillor T J Gascoigne with regard to the provision of a multi-purpose room at Westhouses Primary School.

RESOLVED that the members of the steering group be Councillors D G B Bullock, C R Moesby and R A Poulter.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from Mrs K Mitchell, Blackwell Youth Club, advising that the Stay Awake project by members of the Youth Club would take place on 20th April 2018.

255/2017

DEFIBRILLATORS PARISH OF BLACKWELL

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that he had been in contact with Mr M Hagan, Community Heartbeat Trust, with regard to the provision of a telephone box to house a defibrillator and that a price was still awaited.

256/2017

MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 5th March 2018 at 7pm.

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (S1) IN ACCORDANCE TO DISCUSS THE ITEM.

257/2017

FORMER COUNCILLOR MRS C MUNKS

The Chairman advised Council Members that former Councillor Mrs C Munks had missed six consecutive meetings of the Council and was therefore no longer a member of the Blackwell Parish Council.

The Clerk also advised Council Members that he had been in contact with the Legal Department, Bolsover District Council and that the appropriate notice for vacancy for a Councillor would be posted on the Council's notice boards.

258/2017

BLACKWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported for information that he had spoken with a member of the caretaker of Blackwell Community Centre, Mrs R Mann, and it was likely that she would be absent from work for a further four weeks.

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm.