

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I Newham (Vice Chairman), C Moesby, R Poulter, T Gascoyne, N Willens, R Sainsbury.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) and a huge number of members of the public.

469/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Gill, B Stocks and I Cox.

470/2019 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 C Moesby declared an interest in Agenda Items 6 and 15 as he is a member of Bolsover District Council, Cllr Gascoyne declared an interest in Agenda Item 19. Cllr Poulter declared an interest in Item 19, and Cllr Bullock declared an interest in Agenda Items 6 and 15 as he is a member of Bolsover District Council.

471/2019 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Several topics were raised by the members of the public including the following; **HS2 Ltd**, The response from Victoria Young was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write back, and ask for confirmation once the site of the Robin Hood Pub has been secured, and also to confirm when the purchase of the Cottage known locally as “Kitty’s Cottage” has been completed and that it has been properly secured.

Several residents from the village of **Westhouses** raised a number of concerns about the **Community Room Project** including access to the Feasibility Study questions and the Plans. As this is not a Parish Council project the Chairman suggested that the organisers arrange a Public Meeting within the Village, where the questions can be answered and information shared.

County Cllr C Moesby reported on a recent meeting he had attended with Derbyshire Police, how the changes will affect Safer Neighbourhood Policing in our area and the proposed increase to the Police Levy within Council Tax Charges for our residents.

Crime figures for November 2018 were noted by all. The clerk was asked to email PC Barry Bacon and PCSO Paul Brownlee and ask them to attend a future Parish Council Meeting to provide some background to the increased number of Crimes in our Parish.

472/2019 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th January 2019.

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 7th January 2019 were moved by Cllr Sainsbury, seconded by Cllr Gascoyne and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

473/2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman updated members that the Commemorative Oak Trees are planted, the Brass Plaques have been made and are being mounted on wood, and will be installed over the next week at the four locations.

The Clerk was asked to contact Martin Fagin of the Community Heartbeat Trust to chase up the revised quotation and the necessary paperwork to progress that project.

It was also agreed that the Wooden Bus Shelter in Old Blackwell is in poor condition, the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for its refurbishment.

474/2019 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk provided an update on current projects:-

A decision from Viridor on the Funding Application for Newton CC is still awaited.

The Clerk presented a schedule of Summer Activities, for the Active Communities Programme which had been put together with costings, with the support of Wayne Hatton of BDC. The members were happy with the proposal but asked if Quick Cricket could be added. The Clerk advised members that she had carried out a review of the Grounds Maintenance Contract with Richard Camps from BDC to find areas where savings could be made. The Clerk also advised Council members that she will be attending a DALC training course on Local Elections on Tuesday 12th February, and also Finance for Local Council Clerks – Year End Audit on Monday 4th March.

475/2019 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT UNDER S137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None.

476/2019 HS2

In addition to the update provided in Public Speaking, Council were further advised that the drilling which has been taking place in the Hilcote area, is not being carried out by HS2 Ltd. The rumours around Wind Turbines being installed along the HS2 line, is being followed up by Cllr Clive Moesby.

477/2019 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

The Clerk advised Council that an enquiry had been received by a Local group who teach Ring Craft to Show Dogs, no objections were raised, members were happy for this to be arranged at Blackwell Community Centre. Council were also updated that the feature wall at Blackwell Community Centre was nearing completion, and that an intercom system had been installed connecting the front door and the Parish Office.

478/2019 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Moesby advised Council Members that the paint spill on the top of Primrose Hill is being followed up the DCC. The Double Yellow Lines are now completed on Primrose Hill and are enforceable. The Yellow Beacons on the crossing at Main Street Newton are now repaired.

Cllr Poulter enquired about the possibility of a footpath on Fordbridge Lane, Cllr Moesby advised that this is in the Capital Programme; however with funding being as tight as it currently is, it is unlikely to be installed in the near future.

479/2019 RECREATION AREAS/PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS

Council were advised that Cllr Moesby had carried out a site visit with the Highways Team from DCC to Gloves Lane Bridleway 31 going towards, Tibshelf Bridleway 4 to inspect the overgrown hedges, this work is now in the Capital programme and he will follow it up. The Clerk advised that a Planning Enforcement Officer had been to inspect the overgrown Conifer Trees at Oak Tree Road, Hilcote, and will contact again with an update in due course. Cllr Moesby further reported that the boggy area on the Newton Link of the Five Pits Trail would be addressed in the Spring.

480/2019 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL

No further updates to add to those raised in Public Speaking.

481/2019 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Poulter advised Council that a number of break-ins had occurred at the Blackwell Site. He further agreed to chase up payment of the Allotment Rents for 2018/2019.

482/2019 PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

The HELP group in Hilcote had requested funding support for their preparations for the Village in Bloom competition 2020, the Clerk agreed to pass on the appropriate forms to Cllr B Stocks.

483/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, FINANCIAL REPORT & STAFF HOLIDAYS

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £11,597.36 it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Newham and Resolved that these be authorised for payment.

The Clerk also provided the Bank Balances, a Bank Reconciliation, and interest earned on the Public Sector Fund Account to members of the Council for their inspection.

The Clerk also advised that she had submitted a VAT reclaim for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018 totalling £12,674.09. The Clerk also advised Council members that she intends to use the last three days of her annual leave on March 20th, 21st and 22nd.

484/2019 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Willens provided an update on the recent Executive Board meeting which included positive changes to the Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Teams.

485/2019 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC Circulars 01 & 02 2019 which had been emailed to all members on 17th January 2019.

486/2019 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Council were advised that the Winter 2019 Edition of the Parish Newsletter was completed and would be sent to the Printers the following morning.

487/2019 PLANNING REPORT

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

488/2019 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Council were thanked for the S137 Grant of £1000.00 and advised that it would be spent on grounds maintenance around the Pond area.

489/2019 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Blackwell Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th March at 7pm, at Blackwell Community Centre.

490/2019 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Security issues around the Parish Office and the Community Centres were discussed and a future course of action agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Date