

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 6 January 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury:
and A F Tomlinson:

206/2013

ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Stuart Swaby and six Parishioners.

207/2013

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, I G Cox, C R Moesby, B Stocks, L Walker and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

208/2013

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.

209/2013

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mrs J Siddall, Hilcote advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to the large number of heavy goods vehicles travelling along Hilcote Lane/New Lane, Hilcote and again requested consideration to be given to the removal of Speed Humps at these two location.

Mrs Siddall was advised by both the Chairman and Member of the Council that the Speed Humps had been put in at the specific request of residents of Hilcote and it was extremely unlikely that Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department would accede to any request for the Speed Humps to be removed.

For information the Chairman advised Mrs Siddall of a response that he had received from the Traffic Management Officer, Derbyshire Constabulary stating that the presence of physical traffic calming, traffic coming in the village of Hilcote was the best deterrent for speeders of course and the noise no doubt from empty wagons rattling over these Speed Humps sometimes was the compromise.

It was further suggested to Mrs Siddall that if she wished to pursue her complaint then she should take the matter up with the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members that the Stop sign at the junction of Primrose Hill/Alfreton Road, Blackwell had been damaged in a road traffic accident.

It was agreed that the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council give attention to this particular matter.

Mrs J Smith, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns that cattle had escaped from a field adjoining the Councils Play Area and Allotments at North Street/South Street, Newton that she had been unable to ascertain who the owners of the cattle were.

It was agreed the Clerk make appropriate enquiries to try and ascertain ownership of the offending cattle.

Miss S Clarke, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to hedge cutting which occurs twice a year at the Councils Allotment Site, North Street/South Street and also at the adjoining the Children's Play Area.

The Chairman advised Miss Clarke that her comments had been noted.

210/2013

POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary **attended** the Meeting and advised Council Members of the crime Figures to 31 December 2013 and the next Police Drop-in Surgeries would be held at:

1. Blackwell Community Centre - Thursday 16 January 2014
10 a.m./11.00 a.m.
2. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre – Friday 17
January 2014 10 a.m./11 a.m.

PCSO Brownlee also advised Council Members that two Community Speed Watch Events would be taken place at New Lane, Hilcote on 10 January 2014 between 2.30 p.m./3.30 p.m. and Monday 13 January 2014 between 9.00 a.m./10.a.m.

RESOLVED that PCSO Paul Brownlee be thanked for his attendance and report.

211/2013

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

The Clerk advised Council Members that due to illness County Councillor C R Moesby was unable to attend the Meeting.

212/2013

J TOMLINSON LIMITED, BEESTON

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Mr J Trainor, Operations Manager, J Tomlinson Limited, who outlined problems that had been discovered whilst carrying out the Service Contract for cooking facilities at;

1. Blackwell Community Centre.
2. Hillcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre.

Mr Trainor advised Council Members that the cooker installed at Blackwell Community Centre – a Moorwood Vulcan Commercial Cooker when tested showed ambient air results above 2800 ppm carbon dioxide and there was no make up of air and that ventilation/extraction equipment was required.

The inspection had taken place on 18 December 2013 and the Clerk advised Council Members that following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council he had given immediate instructions for appropriate ventilation equipment to be installed at Blackwell Community Centre.

Mr Trainor suggested to Council Members that in order to eliminate further difficulties in the future consideration be given to the provision of a new gas cooker and gave details of two recommendations.

Bearing in mind the relatively low level and short duration of usage he felt that the installation of a domestic unit which is not subject to the same level of regulation would be appropriate.

With regard to Hillcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre when the cooking facilities were inspected on 18 December it was ascertained that ventilation to the kitchen area was required and the Clerk, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council had given instructions that the work be carried out immediately and currently this was in hand.

RESOLVED:

Mr J Trainor, Operations Manager, J Tomlinson Limited be thanked for his attendance and comprehensive report and for the supply and installation of a new gas cooker at Blackwell Community Centre be discussed at the Precept Meeting to be held on 20 January 2014.

213/2013

MINUTES

RESOLVED the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 December 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

214/2013

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Chairman reported, in view of the confidential nature of the matter concerning:

- a. Public Sector Deposit Funds.
- b. The Clerks salary

It would be necessary to consider a resolution to exclude the Public and Press from the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (SI) in order to discuss the items.

215/2013

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information receipt of letters of thanks from the Head Teachers from Blackwell Primary School/Westhouses Primary School for the Councils Annual Pantomime which was held on 2 December 2013.

The Chairman also reported that the revised Standing Orders had been given to Council Members and that a formal resolution adopting the proposed Standing Orders would be placed before the Council at its next Meeting on 3 February 2014.

216/2013

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that a Committee Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association taken place on 11 December 2013 at which consideration had been given with regard to Allotment Rents to be charged for 2014.

RESOLVED that rents currently charged at all the Councils Allotment Sites be discussed at the Precept Meeting of the Council to be held on 20 January 2014.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that the next Committee Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would be held on 12 February 2014.

Councillor R A Poulter declared an interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Following a request from Councillor I J A Newham

RESOLVED that the uncultivated Allotment Plots at the Councils Allotment at The Ridge, Blackwell be mowed prior to the planting season 2014.

217/2013

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Highways Agency advising that renewal work to the central reserve barrier between Junctions 28 and 31 M1 Motorway was currently under way. A copy of this letter had been passed to all Members of the Council.

Council Members expressed concerns with regard to proposals for a

managed Motorway system between junctions 28/35A M1 Motorway reducing the speed limit from 70 mph to 60 mph to meet with European Union Pollution Targets and to be enforced from 7 a.m. to 7. p.m.

These proposals were at a consultation stage but Members expected the measures to be fully implemented and understood that they were likely to be in force for several years.

218/2013

PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that Mr I Stimpson, Development and Community Manager, Groundwork Creswell had not had his contract renewed by Groundwork Creswell for 2014 and that Ms Sue Rogers, Landscape Architect at Groundwork Creswell would be dealing with the proposed new Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field at Newton.

The Chairman further reported that the hoped for improvement in the weather, remedial repair work would be carried out to Solar Lighting at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field at Westhouses.

219/2013

FOOTPATHS

Councillor R A Poulter reported for information of the improvement work that had been carried out to the pavement at the junction of Primrose Hill, Church Hill, Hilcote Lane, Blackwell.

220/2013

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £5,350.71 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their inspection,

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

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

The Chairman reminded Council Members that the Precept Meeting would be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

221/2013

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that at the Parish Councils

Liaison Meeting held on 5 December 2013. A Presentation entitled "Call to Action" had been given by the Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group.

The Chairman further reported that the Bolsover Partnership Executive Board Meeting would be held on 9 January 2014 and the next Meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Group would be held on 27 January 2014.

223/2013

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 21/2013 – December Drop In Surgery/Erewash Physical Activities Survey.
2. 22/2013 - DALC Drop in Surgery/Clerk Induction Training.

224/2013

QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Councils Web site was functioning satisfactorily and that the Councils Winter News Letter had been distributed to all households within the Parish prior to the Christmas break.

225/2013

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated.

1. CD5/1213/135 – Derbyshire County Council – construction of new multi-use Games Area (MUGA) on existing School Hard Play Area – Blackwell Primary School – **no objections.**

Councillor A F Tomlinson and I J A Newham declared a personal interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

2. Submission of the Bolsover District Local Plan independent examination.

Following a short discussion thereon it was agreed that at the Precept Meeting to be held on 20 January 2014 consideration be given to the production of a Parish Plan to run in tandem with the District Council Local Plan.

Councillor A F Tomlinson declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

3. 13/00517/OUT) – Mr I Lancashire Land to the rear of

Littlemoor Farm, Littlemoor Lane, Newton – renewal of outline Planning Permission for the erection of four dwellings **no objections**.

226/2013

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Chairman, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project giving details of past and future projects of the Group.

RESOLVED that the letter from the Chairman, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project be discussed at the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 3 February 2014.

227/2013

BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported that gale damage had been sustained to the main external doors at Blackwell Community Centre on 5 December 2013 and following urgent consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council new external doors had been fitted to the Centre.

The Clerk also reported for information that the new Part Time Caretaker for Newton Community Centre Mr S Stevenson, would be commencing his duties on 17 January 2014.

228/2013

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Banks Mining with regard to the reinstatement of Love Lane at Doe Hill Community Park.

Following a short discussion,

RESOLVED that the Council support the reinstatement of Love Lane at Doe Hill Community Park as a bridle way.

It was further agreed that the Clerk remind Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as a County Councillor to arrange a Liaison Meeting between Blackwell/Tibshelf/ Morton/Shirland and Higham Parish Councils with regard to the future maintenance of the Park.

229/2013

HILCOTE MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

There were no reports with regard to Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre.

230/2013

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 3 February 2014 at 7.0 p.m.

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

RESOLVED THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (SI) IN ORDER TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

231/2013

PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUNDS

Following a short discussion with regard to the Public Sector Deposit Funds

RESOLVED that £40,000 be deposited in to the Public Sector Deposit Fund.

232/2013

CLERKS SALARY

Following a report from the Chairman

RESOLVED that the Clerks Salary be discussed at the Precept Meeting of the Council to be held on 20 January 2014.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.