

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote, on Monday 5 January 2015 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: C R Moesby: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: L Walker

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary, and four Parishioners

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Munks.

191/2014

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)

There were no questions from the Parishioners present.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members

1. Crime Figures to 31 December 2014.

2. Police Drop-In surgeries would be held at

a. Blackwell Community Centre, 22 January 2015 10.a.m./11.00.a.m.

b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, 23 January 2015 10.a.m./11.00.a.m.

Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members that this was the last Council Meeting that PCSO Stuart Swaby would be attending prior to his

appointment, from February 2015, as a regular Officer in the Nottinghamshire Constabulary

RESOLVED

1. The Council extend its best wishes to PCSO Stuart Swaby on his appointment as a regular Officer with the Nottinghamshire Constabulary
2. PCSO Stuart Swaby be thanked for his attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Road Closure at Doe Hill Lane, Tibshelf.
2. Blackwell Trail - Site Visit had taken place and the majority of outstanding works had been completed, an urgent request was made for the car park at Fordbridge Lane Blackwell to be opened as soon as possible.

Councillor A F Tomlinson requested County Councillor C R Moesby to arrange for an investigation to take place with regard water seeping on to the road at Fordbridge Lane, a serious road traffic accident had occurred at that location resulting in the road being closed.

3. Doe Hill Country Park - County Councillor C R Moesby had been in contact with Morton Parish Council who had resolved not to contribute towards the upkeep of Doe Hill Country Park but Shirland and Higham Parish Council had agreed to contribute £400, Tibshelf Parish Council £1000, Blackwell Parish Council £1000.
4. Following the heavy snow fall on 26 December 2014, Derbyshire County Council Grit Teams had been out been carrying out gritting duties on all primary routes.

Councillor L Walker requested that consideration be given to pressure cleaning drains at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote and County Councillor C R Moesby undertook to pass Councillor Walkers complaints to the relevant Officers at Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department.

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

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 December 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

196/2014

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items to for discussion.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported:

1. Letters of thanks from the Head Teachers, Blackwell/Westhouses Primary Schools for the presentation of the Councils Annual Pantomime held on 1 December 2014.

2. Former Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson, due to business reasons had failed to attend six consecutive Meetings of the Council.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to former Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson for her work carried out on behalf of the residents of Westhouses and the parish as a whole.

3. Following a letter of complaint from the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer regarding the constant negative attitude shown towards him and other Council members at Meetings of the Council by Councillor Leonard Walker, the letter was distributed to all Members of the Council with the Agenda it was :-

RESOLVED by a majority of eight to one:-

1. Councillor Walker does not contact the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer outside Meetings of the Council (by telephone, letter or e-mail)

2. If Councillor Walker requires any specific information he makes a written request detailing the information with a reason for the request to either the Chairman or Vice Chairman who will pass it on to the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer together with a proposed response.

3. If it was necessary for Councillor Walker to meet the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer outside a Council Meeting, the Chairman, Vice Chairman or another Member of the Council must be present.

198/2014

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman advised Council Members that a Committee Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association held on 2 December 2014 it was suggested that the rent of individual Allotments be increased to £22. per year.

It was suggested that an increase in the rent on individual plots to £22 per year would be acceptable, subject to no increase if the rent was paid promptly.

£22 per year unless the rent was paid before 30 April 2015, in which case the current rent of £20 per year would apply.

The Chairman further reported that the next meeting of the Allotment Holders Committee would be held on 3 February 2015.

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

199/2014

HIGHWAYS

The Chairman further reported receipt of a letter from Dennis Skinner MP, which he in turn had received from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department, regarding the weight restriction imposed on Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite.

It was noted from the letter that Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department had completely disregarded the objections raised by both Derbyshire County Council, Blackwell Parish Council and nothing further would be done.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Council Members that he had attended a Meeting with Officers from Derbyshire County Council and Nottinghamshire County Council on 10 December 2014 in an effort to reconcile the differences with regard to the weight restriction at Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite but he indicated that Nottinghamshire County Council were not prepared to compromise over the weight instruction imposition and that Derbyshire County Council Highways Department would be carrying out further traffic surveys in the affected areas of the Parish of Blackwell.

Councillor L Walker requested that consideration be given to the installation of 30 MPH Speed Activated signs in Hilcote and Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor said that he would pass Councillor Walker's request to the appropriate Officers at Derbyshire County Council.

Councillor C R Moesby also reported for information that the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council had been carrying out video recordings of traffic using Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to proposal to remove a well established oak tree at 5 Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

RESOLVED

1. Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as a Member of Bolsover District Council speak with the Planning Officer, Bolsover District

Council to determine if an Emergency Tree Preservation Order could be placed on the oak tree at 5 Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

2. The Clerk write to the Planning Officer, Derbyshire County Council, objecting to any proposals to remove the Oak Tree at 5 Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

The Chairman reported for information that there would be a temporary road closure from 9 March to 8 May 2015 to facilitate water main replacement works on the B6026 Huthwaite Lane /Blackwell Road between Common Road, Huthwaite and Church Hill Old Blackwell.

200/2014

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that Playground reports had been received from the Playgrounds and Open Spaces Warden, Bolsover District Council to 30th November 2014.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council members that he had been in contact with the Chief Executive Officer, Groundwork Creswell, with regard to the Solar Lighting at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses, and had requested that outstanding repair work be carried without further delay.

The Chairman reported for information that a Meeting was to be arranged between representatives of Newton Community Association and Groundwork Creswell with regard to the provision and installation of new Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from solicitors acting on behalf of CISWO with regard to land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote and it was indicated that CISWO did not actually own this land although it had a fiduciary interest in it.

RESOLVED

1. The letter from Solicitors representing CISWO be noted.
2. Enquiries be made with regard to the ownership of land Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

201/2014

FOOTPATHS

Members noted that Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, had already given a report with regard to the Blackwell Trail.

202/2014

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £10374.30 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for 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 2011/817)

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

Following a request from the Chairman

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Council to discuss the Precept for the Financial Year 2015/2016 be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 26 January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

203/2014

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported that he had attended a Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting on 4 December 2014 and the item for discussion was Bolsover District Councils Economic Development and Housing Strategy.

The Chairman gave a comprehensive overview of his response to the Authorities aims and after due consideration

RESOLVED

The Chairman's Statement be approved and submitted to Bolsover District Council.

The Chairman reported for information the next Meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Group would be held on 15 January 2015.

204/2014

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 25/2014 – Pay Roll and HMRC etc.
2. 26/2014 – National Salary Award 2014/2016
3. 27/2014 – Pay Award and Internal Audit etc.

205/2014

QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily. Councillor I J A Newham requested that any contributions for the next Edition of the Councils Newsletter be submitted to him by no later than 31 January 2015. .

206/2014

PLANS

The Chairman reported for information that Planning Application 14/00474/REM - Wheeldon Brothers Ltd, Thurgaton Way, Newton was to be discussed at a Meeting of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council, but the date was still to be determined.

207/2014

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from the Leader of Derbyshire County Council, regarding consultation on the D2 Combined Authority Proposal which stated that from 2January/ 23 January 2015, there would be a Derby and Derbyshire Wide Consultation on the proposal to create a combined Authority. There are five ambitions in the proposed scheme

1. Supporting our People – Skills – creating a 21st Century Guildhall to improve training and links with employment.
2. Shaping our Place - Routes to Work – delivering improvements to public transport networks and transport infrastructure
3. Shaping our Place – Homes - more affordable homes in the right place to meet local needs and create sustainable communities.
4. Supporting our Businesses – securing more and better paid jobs for local people.
5. Financing the Future – Enabling improvement – innovation and creativity in securing increased investment and flexibility to support growth.

The Chairman advised Council Members that he had completed a questionnaire with regard to the Scheme.

RESOLVED that the Questionnaire completed by the Chairman with regard to the consultation on the D2 Combined Authority Proposal be submitted to Derbyshire County Council.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

There were no reports with regard to Doe Hill Community Park.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Chairman reported for information that Mrs T Swallow, Blackwell

had on, 17 December 2014, commenced her duties with Derbyshire County Council as part-time caretaker at the Parish Councils Newton Community Centre.

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

The Clerk reported for information that he had received a letter from Brabners Solicitors, regarding correspondence they had received from the Charity Commission referring to Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, the Clerk outlined his conversation with Brabners Solicitors and it was agreed that the Clerks action be endorsed.

The Chairman reported for information that boiler servicing had been carried out by J Tomlinson Limited at the Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres and he thanked Councillor A F Tomlinson for bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

It was however noted that when the boilers were due for servicing in 12 months time the Council would have find another suitable contractor.

The Clerk reported for information that the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker had on behalf of Derbyshire County Council successfully completed a course with regard to the management of Legionella and of work carried out by the Caretaker at the Councils Community Centres and Sports Pavilion.

210/2014

MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 2 February 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.