

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 4th January 2016 at 7pm.

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: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury and B Stocks:

202/2015

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Munks.

203/2015

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST/CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman reminded Council Members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest they had 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.

204/2015

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Councillor S Gill, Blackwell, advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the amount given by the current government in foreign aid of which a proportion could be diverted to help flood defence in all areas affected by the recent rain storms in the United Kingdom.

Councillor Gill was advised by the Chairman that he would raise Councillor Gill's concerns at the next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Parish Council Liaison group which would be held on 11 January 2016.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as a District Councillor, also advised Councillor Gill that he would raise Councillor Gill's concerns at a Meeting of the Labour Group at Bolsover District Council.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote asked Council Members when the Precept Meeting would be held and he was advised by the Chairman that this would be on Monday 18 January 2016 at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre and that in view of the financial matters to be discussed the Public would be excluded from the Meeting.

Mr Walker further advised Council Members that it was his opinion that the Clerk was responsible for Health and Safety Matters with regard to Highways within the village of Hilcote and despite being advised by both

the Chairman and Members of the Council that this was not correct. Mr Walker insisted that he was correct in his assumption.

205/2015

POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman reported for information due to shift patterns there would be no police presence at the Meeting.

The Clerk advised Council Members of the crime figures to 30 November 2015.

206/2015

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Site Meeting had been held with Officers from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, to discuss "Give Way" signs at the railway bridge Midland Terrace, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
2. Traffic Survey would be held late Spring / early Summer at New Lane/ Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.
3. A Meeting was being arranged with the Ashfield M P, Ms Gloria De Piero with regard to the weight restrictions recently imposed by Nottinghamshire County Council, on Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite.
4. With regard to the Blackwell Trail It was anticipated that an agreement had been reached between Hall Developments Limited and Derbyshire County Council with regard to the opening of the car park at the Trail.
5. Westhouses Primary School had received a good "OFSTED Report" which the Members of the Council were pleased to note.
6. The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill, had been amended to allow District and County Councils to potentially force through reorganisation to Combined Authorities without agreement of their neighbours, within a three year window.
7. A Road Traffic collision had occurred at Newtonwood Lane, Newton on 3 January 2016, the car driver of the vehicle involved had swerved to avoid another vehicle and collided with the tree.

Councillor D G B Bullock asked if hedge cutting could be arranged at Newtonwood Lane and it was agreed that the Clerk agreed to write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, requesting that this be carried out.

In response to a question from Councillor B Stocks, County Councillor C R Moesby advised him that a site meeting would be arranged with him to discuss the traffic issues at New Lane/ Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

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

Councillor C R Moesby, (in his capacity as a Member of Bolsover District Council), advised Council Members that a limited number of Council properties were to be built on the site of the former Blackwell Hotel, Alfreton Road, Blackwell.

207/2015

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 December 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

208/2015

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

209/2015

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that letters had been from the Head Teachers of Blackwell/Newton/Westhouses Primary Schools thanking the Council for organizing the Annual Pantomime.

210/2015

ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to allotments.

211/2015

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Senior Technician School Transport, Derbyshire County Council, that the bus stop opposite Blackwell Miners Welfare, Primrose Hill, Blackwell is designated and clearly identified with a Bus Stop Pole and Flag, there had been no reports of students misbehavior or dangerous practice and that the bus stop in question would remain and be used in either directions when passengers indicate their intentions to board or alight a bus service.

The Clerk also reported receipt a letter from the Housing Needs Manager Bolsover District Council in that due to financial constraints etc. it was extremely unlikely that the traffic island at Deamon Street, Blackwell would be adapted for car parking.

Council Members also noted the response from Derbyshire County Council Highways Department on the following:

1. The pavement adjacent to 132/146 Main Street, Newton had been inspected but was not considered in need of immediate repair but none the less the area would be continued to be monitored.

2. Fence Posts at Alfreton Road, Westhouses, Highways Inspectors, Derbyshire County Council had inspected the area and confirmed

that it was on a work programme to be done but at what date was not known.

Councillors B Stocks and I J A Newham expressed their concerns with regard to the imminent transportation of a wind turbine to Twin Yards Farm, Pasture Lane, Hilcote and of the need to remove the planter at the junction of Pasture Lane/New Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Councillor's B Stocks and I J A Newham that the situation would be monitored by Officers from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council.

Councillor C R Moesby (in his capacity as County Councillor), that he had received a letter from the Senior Improvements Officer, Major Projects and Improvements, Highways Department, Nottinghamshire County Council, regarding the proposed introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on the B6014 Fackley Road at Stanton Hill also a 50 mph speed Limit on the B6014 Wild Hill at Teversal. The new speed limits on the B6014 were being proposed following a review of all "A" and "B" roads in Nottinghamshire. The review looked at various factors including accident rates, Traffic flows and average speeds and recommended lower speed limits along the B6014 that are better suited the character of the road.

The existing 30 mph Speed Limit terminal signs at Tibshelf Road, Fackley would be relocated a short distance to improve the visibility of the signs.

212/2015

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from Brabners, Solicitors, stating that they had been in contact with the Charity Commission and would advise the Council in due course, the outcome relating to the Trusteeship of the former Recreation Ground at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Chairman reported for information that he had been in contact with Groundwork Creswell and that orders had been placed for the Play Equipment with regard to Phase 1 of the development at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field at Newton.

213/2015

FOOTPATHS

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

214/2015

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of Accounts for payment totaling £4198.87 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their attention:

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) SI Number 2011/817.

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

Following a report from the Chairman and the Clerk

RESOLVED the Councils Precept Meeting for the financial year 2016/2017 be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Lane, Hilcote, on Monday 18 January 2016 at 7.00 pm.

214/2015

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that the next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting would be held on 11 January 2016.

Following a report from the Chairman with regard to the Regeneration Frameworks for Bolsover District Briefing. It was agreed the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to attend the Briefing to be held at "The Arc", High Street, Clowne, on 14 January 2016 at 2.30 pm

215/2015

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

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1. 26/2015 – LAIS – Housing – CPRE report and Spending Review.
2. 27/2015 – Local Councils Awards Scheme LCAS

Following a request from the Clerk it was agreed the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to attend the annual DALC Spring seminar to be held on 11 April 2016.

216/2015

QUALITYSTATUS – PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information the Councils Web Site was functioning satisfactorily.

The Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that the Councils News Letter had now been delivered and that the deadline for the next edition was 29 February 2016.

217/2015

PLANS

There were no reports with regard to Plans.

The Chairman reported for information that he had been advised that six dwellings to be constructed by "B at Home Developments", were to be constructed on behalf of Bolsover District Council on the former Blackwell Hotel Site, Alfreton Road, Blackwell.

218/2015

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from "INEOS" with regard to possible shale gas operations in the East Midlands.

219/2015

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

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

220/2015

BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that local residents using the Blackwell Community Centre had expressed their appreciation for the minor works i.e. ramps being installed at the entrance to Blackwell Community Centre.

221/2015

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 2 February 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.10 P.M.