

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: C R Moesby: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: L Walker and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, PCSO John Cathcart, Derbyshire Constabulary and two Parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Stocks.

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 DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

235/2013

PRECEPT 2013/2014

In response to questions from Council Members the Clerk advised that the following items were still outstanding (Minute 224/2012 refers).

1. Provision of two additional Grit Bins £500.
2. Memorial Seat to former Councillor Sam Haynes £500
3. Installation of computer kiosk at Blackwell Community Centre £500.
4. Contribution to replacement of Play Equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing Fields - £6000.

Council Members agreed that the Clerk investigate the possibility of sourcing a seat made from recyclable materials.

236/2013

PRECEPT 2014/2015

RESOLVED that a Precept of £118,000 be levied on Bolsover District Council for the financial year 2014/2015

Following suggestions from Council Members and consideration of projections for items of routine expenditure it was agreed that the following items of expenditure be approved for the financial year 2014/2015

1. Provision of new cooker, Blackwell Community Centre £750.
2. Provision of hot water boilers at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres £2000.00
3. Replacement Entrance/Exit Signs Alfreton Road, Blackwell £774.
4. Provision of new Goal Posts – Scanderlands Football Pitch £1600.
5. Upgrade Council Computer £750.
6. Parish Plan £100.

Councillor A F Tomlinson suggested that assistance in helping produce a Parish Plan might be forthcoming from the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council.

7. Section 137 payments:
 - a. St Werburghs PCC – Churchyard maintenance £800. Councillor I G Cox and R J Sainsbury declared an interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.
 - b. Bolsover District Council- Sport Outreach Programme £720.
 - c. Bolsover District Council – Community Save a Life £100.
 - d. Bolsover District Council – Poop Scoop Bags £100.

Councillors Mrs C Munks and A F Tomlinson declared an interest in items “b” “c” and “d” and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

- e. 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War - refurbish War Memorial – Civic Service – provision of Kneelers for St Werburghs Church, Hilcote/Newton and Westhouses Methodist Church - £1000.

- f. Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project – request for financial assistance.

Following a short discussion Council Members agreed that the Council request Woolley Moor Nurseries Ltd to fill with suitable compost, plant with flowers and maintain the planters (2) to be located at New Lane, Hilcote and the Council be responsible for the cost up to a maximum of £500.

- g. Doe Hill Community Park – maintenance contribution £1000 – this being payable subject to similar contributions from Tibshelf Parish Council, Morton Parish Council, Shirland and Higham Parish Council.
- h. It was agreed that the floral displays including lamp post testing be on an extended three year contract.

8. Parish Maintenance

Following a suggestion from Councillor R A Poulter it was agreed that £10,000 be allowed for possible Parish maintenance.

9. Blackwell, Hilcote and Newton Community Centres.

It was agreed that the hire charges for Blackwell, Hilcote and Newton Community Centre from 1 April 2014 be as follows:

1. Mother and Toddler Groups – Old Peoples Clubs Youth Club etc. £5 per hour.
2. Other users - £10 per hour.
3. Privates functions – Wedding Receptions/Birthday Parties etc – all day £100.
4. Commercial users £20 per hour.

Members noted

- a. Newton Community Centre there was a minimum hire charge of £30 for Saturday/Sunday
- b. In the event of an emergency at Normanton Lodge Care Home, Mansfield Road, South Normanton – the residents would be moved temporarily to Hilcote Miners Welfare and

Community Centre. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the owners with regard to the possibility of an annual retainer of £100 being paid.

10 Review of Employees Salaries

The Chairman reported for information

- a. Two part time employees paid in accordance with the UK Living Wage.
- b. The Part Time Parish Caretakers paid in accordance with Derbyshire County Council pay scales.
- c. The Clerk paid in accordance with the agreement reached with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services viz LC2 Scale Point 26 Pro rata

11 Reserves

Following a suggestion from the Chairman it was agreed to increase the Councils reserves by £10000 for possible major projects in the future.

The Meeting concluded at 9.05 p.m.