

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7th July 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: C R Moesby: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury and L Walker.

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ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary, and thirteen Parishioners

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock: I G Cox: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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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)

Miss Katie Owens speaking on behalf of youngsters in Blackwell advised Council Members of her concerns regarding vandalism to the Play Equipment at the Councils Scanderlands Play Area, and also the provision of additional Play Equipment.

The Chairman assured Miss Owens that the Council was aware of persistent problems with vandalism and as when notification was received the Clerk gave instructions to Bolsover District Council for repairs to be carried out.

Miss Owens was also assured by PC Lorna Evans that reports of vandalism were taken seriously by the Police.

With regard to any additional new Play Equipment this would have to be discussed at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2015.

Mr I Farr, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns at what he considered be large numbers of lorries carrying builders rubble to Red Barn Farm, Red Barn Lane, Newton.

He was advised by the Chairman that the Council had not received a Planning Application in relation to any development in Red Barn Lane, but enquiries would be made at the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council to clarify the situation

Mrs J O'Leary, Newton advised Council Members of the ongoing Nuisance caused by a number of youngsters using the Councils Bamford Street Play Area.

It was agreed that the purchase of an additional "No Ball Games" sign to be located at the Play Area.

Miss P Barnes, Newton advised Council Members of her ongoing concerns with regard to HGVs entering Hall Lane, Newton, which had weight restrictions on it.

She was advised by Councillor Clive Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor that there was no further action that Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department could take.

Mr N Kinsey, Westhouses asked if posts could be provided to prevent damage to the grass verge opposite the planter at Alfreton Road, Westhouses..

It was agreed to refer this request to Westhouses Residents Action Group for them to pursue

Mr O Goodison, Blackwell in response to a question from Mr Goodison the Chairman advised him that the Council had not made a request to divert any bus service through Old Blackwell.

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POLICE MATTERS

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members

1. Crime Figures to 30 June 2014.
2. Police Drop-In Surgeries
 - a. 17 July 2014 10 a.m./11,a,m, Blackwell Community Centre.
 - b. 18 July 2014 10 a.m./11 a.m., - Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre.

RESOLVED PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary be thanked for her attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Improvements in road safety – Tibshelf School
2. Strike Action – 10 July 2014 - Fire Brigades Union/Unison.
3. Anniversary of World War 1 – various activities
4. Volunteers required – Safe Guarding Children.
5. Trading Standards – investigations regarding “E” Cigarettes
6. Stainsby Festival – 18/20 July 2014
7. Cuts of £157 million in the County Council Budget by 2017
8. Savings on street lighting
9. Recycling facilities.
10. Fibre optic broadband.
11. Careers Event Chesterfield – 28 September 2014.
12. Review of Support Services
13. Senior Management Review.

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

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held 2 June 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Councillor L Walker stated that Minutes dated 2 June 2014 did not show a Resolution that he had proposed. When asked by the Chairman to suggest an alternative wording Council Walker was unable to respond.

82/2014

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerk reported in view of the confidential nature of the matter concerning a Member of the Council and himself it would be necessary to consider a Resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings)Act 1960 (SI) in order to discuss the item.

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CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information –

The Annual Pantomime (Cinderella) would be held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centre on Monday 1 December 2014 at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. respectively.

Approval was also given for the Council to pay for the provision of a coach to transport children from Westhouses Primary School to Newton Community Centre on 1 December 2014.

Details of a Civic Service to commemorate the anniversary of the

outbreak of the First World War at St. Werburghs Church, Old Blackwell on Sunday 3 August 2014 at 4.00 p.m.

It was agreed that a list a list of suitable invitees be sent to the Vicar, the Reverend Gill Manley.

The Chairman also reported receipt of an Estimate in the sum of £1492.00 from Mansfield Memorials, Sutton in Ashfield to clean and regild the lettering on the War Memorial at Newton.

RESOLVED that the Estimate in the sum of £1492.00 from Mansfield Memorials , Sutton in Ashfield to clean and regild the lettering on the War Memorial at Newton be accepted.

84/2014

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information

1. The matter of access to the boundary hedge at 69 Main Street, Newton had been satisfactorily resolved.
2. The majority of allotment rents had now been collected.
3. The next Meeting of the Allotment Committee would be on 30 July 2014.

85/2014

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Planning Officer, Bolsover District Council stating that a fee of £80 was payable to the District Council for permission to demolish the wooden Bus Shelter at Old Blackwell – this was required as the aforementioned Bus Shelter was situated in a conservation area.

RESOLVED

1. The fee of £80 payable to Bolsover District Council for permission to demolish the bus shelter at Old Blackwell be approved.
2. The estimate of £300 plus VAT from Shelter Maintenance Ltd for the removal of the bus shelter, Old Blackwell be approved (Minute 66/2014 refers)
3. The Clerk reported for information that a letter had been received from British Telecom stating that the telephone kiosk at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses would be repaired and not removed.

86/2014

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that repairs to the defective solar lighting system at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses would be carried out on 10 July 2014.

The Chairman reported for information that consultations for replacement of play equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, were still ongoing. A questionnaire concerning the development had been distributed to all households in Newton with the Parish Newsletter.

The Clerk reported receipt of applications from the following Football Clubs to use Charnwood Crescent Football pitch – Season 2014/2015

- a. Tibshelf Veterans FC
- b. Tibshelf FC

RESOLVED that

- a. Tibshelf Veterans FC
- b. Tibshelf FC

be allowed to use Charnwood Crescent Football Pitch Season 2014/2015 – in the sum of £230 per team.

The Clerk also reported receipt of applications from the following Football Clubs to use Scanderlands Football pitch – Season 2014/2015.

- a. AFC South Wingfield 1993.
- b. Shirland Miners Welfare FC

RESOLVED that

- a. AFC South Wingfield 1993
- b. Shirland Miners Welfare FC

be allowed to use Scanderlands Football Pitch – Season 2014/2015 in the sum of £230 per team.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Environmental Health Officer, Bolsover District Council stating that the Council was withdrawing from the provision of poop scoop bags scheme.

The Chairman advised the Council that following his attendance at the Bolsover Partnership Liaison Committee Group provision of poop scoop bags had been referred back to the Executive Committee, Bolsover District Council for further consideration.

The Clerk reported for information that the Bolsover District Council

Sports Outreach Programme had been successful in the Villages of Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton.

It was agreed to match fund a further ten weeks of the programmes.

87/2014

FOOTPATHS

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor and the Clerk advised Council Members that contractors would be on site week commencing 7 July 2014 to complete outstanding work on the car park at the Blackwell Trail.

It was also reported that a local resident had encountered difficulties with horses walking her dogs on Public Footpath 21.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council.

88/2014

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £14792.62 and it was agreed that these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their 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.

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

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

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported on his attendance at Bolsover Partnership Executive Board Meeting held on 26 June 2014 at which the appointment by Bolsover District Council of a Committee Cohesion Worker for the Shirebrook area. There had also been a presentation by the Chief Executive Officer, Wes Lumley, on the future finances of Bolsover District Council following the withdrawal of the Revenue Support Grant by Central Government. There were also reports on the work of a Commissioning Group, the future of the Local Plan, the changes in arrangements for Public Health and developments with

the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

The Chairman further reported on attendance at a Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 7 July 2014 at which a lengthy discussion took place regarding the closure of Creswell Leisure Centre and expansion of facilities at Clowne.

Also discussed was:-

- a. Proposal to set up a Register of Parish assets.
- b. Meetings of Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Forums would be advertised through the Parish Council Liaison Group as well as through DALC and Parish Clerks.
- c. Review of Parish Council Liaison Group Representation on Partnership Action Groups.
- d. Reconsider the decision by Bolsover District Council to withdraw from the Poop Scoop Scheme.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 10/2014 – DALC Website – Financial Regulations Training - Protocol.

RESOLVED that this Circular be discussed at the next Meeting of the Council on 1 September 2014.

11/2014 – Keeping of documents

12/2014 - DALC Annual Meeting and AGM.

13/2014 – DALC President 2014/2015

14/2014 - Financial Regulation Training Courses

The Clerk also reported that with effect from 21 July 2014 the DALC Office would be relocated to "Aldern House" Baslow Road, Bakewell DE45 1AE telephone number 01629 – 816338.

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QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

The Summer edition of the Newsletter had been delivered and the deadline for items for inclusion in the Autumn edition of the Newsletter was 25 August 2014.

92/2014

PLANS

The following Plan was determined as indicated:

145/20027/FUL – Mrs C Walker, 2 Walker House, Hilcote Lane, Hilcote – conversion of 3 bedroomed ground floor flat to 2 x1 bedroomed flats. **No objections.**

Councillor L Walker declared a pecuniary interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor Mrs C Munks, as a member of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council declared an interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

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BLACKWELL/HILCOTE/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Chairman reported for information:

- a. Two new picnic tables had been delivered to Hilcote Community Centre.
- b. During the absence of Mrs V Wilson, Caretaker, Hilcote Community Centre following major surgery, Mrs D Barton, Hilcote was acting caretaker .
- c.

RESOLVED that a letter wishing Mrs V Wilson a speedy recovery.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the next Meeting of the Doe Hill Community Park Panel would be on 24 September 2014

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RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be at Newton Community Centre , Newton, on Monday 1September 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

In view of the confidential nature of the item to be discussed

RESOLVED that 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 item.

97/2014**Request for Internal Review**

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Councillor Leonard Walker, requesting an internal review against the Clerk for not providing him with copies of the Councils accounts for payment since October 2012

It had made quite clear to Councillor Walker at that time that the accounts would be provided to him as and when time and the Clerks other duties allowed. He was reminded again that the Clerk had other duties to carry out on behalf of the Council which had greater priority.

The Chairman made it clear to Councillor Walker and other Council Members present that the discussion at this Council Meeting held on 7 July 2014 constituted such as internal review and the Members present agreed with this.

The Clerk then handed to Councillor Walker copies of the redacted accounts for payment for February/March/April 2013 – he had previously been given redacted copies of the Councils accounts for payment for October/November/December 2012 and January 2013

At this point in the Meeting the Councillor Walker became abusive towards the Clerk and he told the Chairman that the Clerk should not be present at the Meeting nor should he have been present at any Meeting in the last two years.

Councillor Walker was asked by other Members present at the Meeting why he was malicious and vindictive towards the Clerk, to which Councillor Walker was unable or unwilling to respond

Councillor Walker then criticised other Members of the Council saying that his views were never listened to, he was assured by Council Members that his views had always been listened to.

The Meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.