

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 6 July 2015 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox; S Gill; C R Moesby; A Naylor; I J A Newham; R A Poulter and B Stocks.

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ALSO PRESENT

Six Parishioners

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, T J Gascoyne, Mrs C Munks and R J Sainsbury.

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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)

Mr L Walker, Hilcote, requested that he be sent copies of the Agenda, Minutes and a redacted copy of the Accounts for Payment. This was agreed by Council Members.

Mr Walker claimed that the Chairman had failed to respond to an email requesting a copy of the letter that the Chairman had received from the Information Commissioner regarding various complaints that Mr Walker had made. The Chairman assured Mr Walker that he had been sent a copy of the email that he had received from the Information Commissioner. He apologised to Mr Walker for the delay in replying to Mr Walker's request as it had been sent when he, the Chairman, was abroad on holiday. Mr Walker then said it was incorrectly addressed to his wife. (The reply had been sent to Mrs Walker's email address but addressed to Mr Walker in the same way as his original request)

Mr Walker then advised the Chairman and Council Members that the co-option of Councillors I G Cox and T J Gascoyne had been carried out in an incorrect manner. He was assured by the Chairman that the proper legal procedures had been followed but Mr Walker responded by shouting at

the Chairman that he was going to report the Chairman and Members of the Council to the Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council, and various other bodies including the Ombudsman.

Councillor C R Moesby declared an interest at this point as he is a Member of the Standards Committee at Bolsover District Council.

The Chairman advised Mr Walker at this point in the Meeting that he had his allotted three minutes but Mr Walker continued to shout saying that he had a number of other matters that he wished to raise. The Chairman requested Mr Walker to be quiet whereupon Mr Walker said he would not be quiet.

Following a further outburst from Mr Walker it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Mr Walker vacate the Meeting. Mr Walker said that he would not leave the Meeting and he continued to be abusive towards the Chairman, Council Members and members of the public.

The Chairman requested Mr Walker to reconsider his position and leave the Meeting, Mr Walker refused.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to contact the Police with a request for their attendance to remove Mr Walker from the Meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.10 p.m.

The Clerk contacted Derbyshire Constabulary with a request for Police attendance. This was agreed and an Incident Number 617 was given.

The foregoing was dealt with in accordance with the Councils Standing Orders:-

2. Disorderly Conduct at Meetings

a. No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a Meeting or behave offensively or improperly. If this Standing Order is ignored the Chairman of the Meeting shall request such person(s) to moderate or improve their conduct.

b. If the person(s) disregard the request of the Chairman of the Meeting to moderate or improve their conduct, any Councillor or Chairman of the Meeting may move that the person be no longer heard or excluded from the Meeting. The Motion if seconded shall be to put to the vote without discussion.

c. If a Resolution made under Standing Order (2b) above is ignored the Chairman of the Meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the Meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the Meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.10 p.m. to await the arrival of the Police.

Two Police Officers arrived at 7.25 p.m. and escorted Mr Walker from the Meeting.

The Meeting recommenced at 7.30 p.m.

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POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman advised Council Members that due to holidays there was no Police attendance at the Meeting however, a report had been received and Members noted the crime figures to 30 June 2015.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members of the following:

1. Progress report regarding the Blackwell Trail.
2. Telephone/doorstep scams.
If any resident was concerned with regard to such matters they should contact the Derbyshire County Council Trading Standards Department.
3. Derby/Derbyshire Combined Council.
4. Additional bus stop to be provided at Tibshelf School.
5. Pilot Holiday Meals scheme during the School Holidays 2015.
6. Improvements to lighting etc. at the Zebra Crossing Main Street, Newton.
7. Meeting with Officers from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council regarding Traffic Surveys at New Lane and 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:

1. He had been appointed to the Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council.
2. "Morrisons" were not proceeding with the development of the Sherwood Lodge building at Bolsover and the property was currently for sale.
3. New Swimming Baths to be provided at Clowne.

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

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Councillor I J A Newham speaking on behalf of the Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. The first of the Tea Dances would commence on a fortnightly basis on 7 July 2015 at Blackwell Community Centre between 2.00 p.m. and 4.0 pm.
2. Efforts were being made by the Group to find a greengrocer to complement the presence of the butcher on Tuesday mornings at the Community Centre.
3. The Group were contemplating holding two events in the future.
 - a. An Antique Valuation Event hosted by local valuers – Bamfords.
 - b. In conjunction with the Allotment Association a recording of Gardeners Question Time to take place at Blackwell Community Centre.
4. The six planters around the village and flower beds around the trees on Alfreton Road had been planted with summer bedding plants and the Group thanked the Woolley Moor Nurseries for their help with this.
5. The regular Tuesday and Thursday morning Coffee Shop was as popular as ever.

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his attendance and report.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT.

Councillor B Stocks, speaking on behalf of the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project advised Council Members:

1. The Group had been in contact with Woolley Moor Nurseries with regard to the planting of the new planters which had been installed at various locations within the village of Hilcote.
2. The Duck Day would now take place on August 8 2015.

RESOLVED that Councillor B Stocks be thanked for his attendance and report.

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Newton Community Association.

Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association, advised Council Members:

1. Film Nights would recommence at Newton Community Centre in September 2015.
2. New Notice Board at Newton Community Centre was available for community use.
3. All Planters within the village of Newton had now been planted.

4. An additional Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at the Newton Fields Development to combine with the existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at Alfreton Road, Newton
5. Improvements to the Associations web site.

RESOLVED that Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association, be thanked for her attendance and report.

WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mr C Frost speaking on behalf of the Westhouses Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. That the Solar Lighting along the footpath at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses that only two lights were lit. Concerns regarding motorists speeding along Alfreton Road and Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
2. Cut back the overgrown hedgerow adjacent to the bus stop Alfreton Road, Westhouses. The Clerk assured Mr Frost that this matter was already in hand.
3. The derelict state of the former BRSA Club at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

RESOLVED that Mr Frost, Westhouses Residents Action Group be thanked for his attendance and report.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 June 2015 and the Special Meeting of the Council held on 29 June 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Council Members:

1. The Annual Pantomime provided by Chaplins Entertainment and this year would be "Jack and the Beanstalk" and would be held at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres on 7 December 2015.
2. The Annual Armistice Service would be held at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 8 November 2015.
3. The "Kneeler" provided by the Council to Hilcote Methodist Church, which unfortunately had now closed, had been retrieved and a discussion would take place at the September 2015 Meeting of the Council to decide which of the other Churches, Chapels etc. within

the Parish of Blackwell the “Kneeler” would be placed.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the Memorial Seat to the late Walter “Sam” Haynes had now been installed at Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

The Chairman also advised Council Members that the next Committee Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would take place on 21 July 2015.

Councillor I G Cox advised Council Members that there was still a number of bags of rubbish adjacent to the litter bin at Littlemoor lane Allotments and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Parish Caretaker with a view for them to be removed.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported:

1. Receipt a letter from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council advising that they were unable to consider installing a one way traffic system at High View South Normanton.
2. A letter from the Co-ordinators Old Blackwell Neighbourhood Watch, regarding the provision of a weight restriction at Cragg Lane.

RESOLVED

1. The letter be noted.
2. A copy of the letter sent to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council for them to respond.
3. Street Lighting testing had been carried out by Kiwa CMT Ltd for the annual hanging basket display.

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to a fence protruding on to Alfreton Road, Westhouses and it was agreed the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting them to investigate the matter.

Councillor S Gill advised Council Members of concerns raised by residents of Central Drive, Blackwell with regard to motorists speeding thereon and Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, suggested that there may be the possibility of a 20 mile an hour speed limit being installed at that location.

98/2015

PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information a recent Site Meeting held between representatives of Newton Community Association, Groundwork Creswell and a potential contractor with regard to the installation of new Play Equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing

Field at Newton.

The Clerk advised Council Members that only two solar lights were working along the footpath at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

RESOLVED

1. The Clerk write to Groundwork Creswell requesting urgent attention be given to this matter.
2. An invitation to the Chief Executive and Assistant Contracts Manager, Groundwork Creswell to attend the September 2015 Meeting of the Council to discuss the Solar Lighting System at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

Councillors A Naylor and B Stocks expressed concerns with regard to land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Senior Solicitor, Bolsover District Council drawing his attention to what might be unauthorised access to the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following applications from football teams for the Season 2015/2016 to use the Councils Football Pitches at

1. Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

- a. Tibshelf Veterans Football Club.
- b. Tibshelf Football Club.

2. Scanderlands Football Pitch, Blackwell.

AFC Wingfield

RESOLVED

That permission be granted to

- a. Tibshelf Veterans Football Club and Tibshelf Football Club to use the Councils Charnwood Crescent Football pitch for the season 2015/2016
- b. AFC Wingfield to use Scanderlands Football Pitch, Blackwell for the season 2015/2016.

The pitch charges be increased to £250 per season.

It was also agreed that the pitch charges for the season 2016/2017 be discussed at the Councils Precept Meeting to be held in January 2016.

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FOOTPATHS

Councillor I G Cox requested that consideration be given to the Parish Caretaker using the new brush cutter to clear the footpath between Littlemoor Lane and Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £16,375.52 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their inspection

1. Copy of the Councils 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.

101/2015

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Executive Board would be held on 16 July 2016.
2. Councillor Ms Ann Syrett had been appointed Vice Chair of the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 15/2015 – The employment of the Clerk and Council Staff - Grave matters - a guide to managing cemeteries and closed church yards etc.
2. 16/2015 – Grants and Funding Circular – Building Better Opportunities, Big Lottery Fund, Land Fill Communities Fund “Sita” etc.
3. 17/2015 - General Circular - Smaller Authorities Transparency fund -Clerk RFO vacancy, Dethic, Lea and Holloway Parish Council.

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QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Council Web Site was functioning satisfactorily. Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the Newsletter had now been delivered to all households within the Parish of Blackwell.

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PLANS

The Chairman reported receipt of the following Planning Applications which was determined as indicated

1. 15/00262/FUL – Mr A Smith, 106 The Ridge, Blackwell – 2 storey extension to rear of property – **No objections.**
2. 15/00269/ VAR Wheeldon Brothers Limited variation of condition 6 of planning permission 14/474/REM for alternative scheme of boundary treatments land to the rear of 27 to 53 Alfreton Road, Newton. **No objections.**
3. 14/00498/FUL – Ms D Marshall-Curtis 72 Charnwood Crescent, Newton – erection of orangery to rear of property – **No objections.**
4. 15/003134/DISCON Wheeldon Brothers – land to the rear of 27 – 53 Alfreton Road, Newton – discharge condition 15 footpath/cycle link surfacing to a adoptable standard lighting and lighting design details designs so as not to cause undue glare to residential amenity at adjacent property provision of 1.8m boundary detail either side of the footpath landscaping and barrier detail at Alfreton Road - **No objections.**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Global Renewable Construction Limited with regard to a proposed solar array area at Twinyards Farm, Berristow Lane, Hilcote requesting the Councils comments thereon.

RESOLVED. No objections be raised

1. to the proposed solar array area at Twinyards Farm Berristow Lane, Hilcote, by Global Renewable Construction Limited.
2. The Clerk ascertained what, if any community benefit could be obtained for the Village of Hilcote
3. A suggested presentation of the proposed scheme to the residents of Hilcote.

It was noted that Derbyshire County Council had submitted a planning application for a new kitchen block at Blackwell Primary School – **no objections.**

Councillors C R Moesby and I J A Newham declared a personal

interest in the foregoing application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

105/2015

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Collection Planning and Performance Manager, Royal Mail Derbyshire Collection Centre, advising that Royal Mail would not be providing an additional Post Box within the village of Newton.

A number of Council Members expressed concern with regard to the Presentation by Absolute Video Blackwell History Project, but they were assured by Councillor I J A Newham that a restriction had been placed on Absolute Video by Bolsover District Council in that the items presented on the video could only relate to the village of Blackwell.

Members, however, noted that as additional material had been obtained and the project was now being expanded to include the whole of the Parish of Blackwell in an extended video.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillors C R Moesby and I J A Newham were endeavoring to arrange a meeting with regard to the Doe Hill Community Park.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported that unknown persons had been depositing waste without permission in the Councils waste bin at Newton Community Centre.

The Clerk had questioned the Parish Caretaker with regard to this matter who had indicated that any person wishing to deposit rubbish in the waste bin at the Community Centre could do so late on a Monday after he had finished his litter collection at the Councils various playing fields.

The Clerk reported for information a letter of thanks from Mrs. Karen Mitchell, Blackwell Youth Club, for use of the Blackwell Community Centre in connection with 24/25 April 2015 the "Stay Awake" fund raiser the sum of £700 plus was raised for Club Funds and that the annual car wash and summer fair held on 28 June 2015 had raised £1040 for Youth Club Funds.

The Clerk reported receipt of two estimates for the proposed tank disconnection at Newton Community Centre - to supply and fix all materials to disconnect two large storage tanks in the roof space and connect eight toilets and eight wash hand basins in ladies and gents toilets to all mains water pressure.

1. Alfreton Plumbing and Heating Services £1050.00

2. H N Broadbent, Leabrooks £1190.00

RESOLVED that the estimate for the proposed tank disconnection at Newton Community Centre to supply and fix all materials to disconnect two large storage tanks in roof space and connect eight toilets and eight wash hand basins in the ladies and gents toilets to all mains water pressure in the sum of £1050.00 from Alfreton Plumbing and Heating Services be accepted.

The Clerk reported a request from the Head Teacher, Newton Primary School for use of the car park at Newton Community Centre for approximately six weeks from the start of the Autumn Term. The reason for the request was that a new boiler and heating system was being installed at the School and it was likely that the contractors would be taking up most of the car parking space at the School for their materials etc.

RESOLVED that the request from the Head Teacher, Newton Primary School for use of Newton Community Centre car park for approximately six weeks from the start of the Autumn Term be approved.

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MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 September 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.