

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: N Willens, I Newham, R Poulter, S Gill, T Gascoyne, A Naylor, C Moesby and I Cox.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) six members of the public.

332/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Stocks, R Sainsbury and C Munks.

333/2018 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.

Cllr T Gascoyne declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, as he had provided one of the Quotations for the Perimeter Fence at Newton Community Centre. Cllr Moesby declared an interest in Items 8 and 11 as he is a Councillor with DCC who are replacing Rita Mann at Blackwell Community Centre, and also involved in the project to develop the Community Room at Westhouses School.

334/2018 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mr L Walker – asked for clarification on which authority is in control of the Nature Trails around Derbyshire, and also about access onto them for Disability Scooters and Golf Buggies. Mr Walker was advised that Derbyshire County Council is responsible for the Nature Trails in our area, and that single seated Disability Scooters are allowed access and Golf Buggies which usually are able to seat more than one person are not allowed access.

Pam Stocks – enquired who is responsible for cutting back the brambles around the Electricity Substation at the bottom of Tibshelf Road, Westhouses. The Clerk advised that this was Bolsover District Councils responsibility and that she would request that this matter is actioned.

There were no representatives from the Police present, the Clerk had circulated the April Crime figures with the Agenda, there had been 9 reported crimes in April and these were noted.

County Cllr Clive Moesby advised that the grant money towards the installation of bollards around the Red Telephone Box which will house the Defibrillator had been issued. Cllr Moesby was then thanked for his report.

335/2018 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY **4TH JUNE 2018**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 4th June 2018 were moved by Cllr Gascoyne, seconded by Cllr Newham and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

336/2018 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three quotations were presented to Council for the perimeter fence at Newton Community Centre. Two companies had quoted for the complete replacement of all the fence panels whilst the third company has quoted to replace 7 panels and only replace the coping toppers on the others. Council requested that the Clerk contact the two companies who had quoted for the complete replacement to requote for repair also, the Clerk was given the authority to proceed with the company providing the best price. The Quotations for the Oak Tree for each village had not yet been obtained and will be brought to the September Meeting.

The Chairman requested the permission of Council to promote the Sponsorship of the Lamp Post Poppies at Newton Carnival, this was agreed by all.

337/2018 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk updated Council members and members of the public on several actions from the last meeting; that the name of Westhouses Playing Fields is now formally changed to Westhouses Memorial Playing Fields with the Charity Commission. The 50/50 scheme with Derbyshire County Council for the purchase of Bus Shelters is still available and that the matter of a new Shelter for Alfreton Road, Blackwell will be raised again at the Budget Meeting in the Autumn. The missing bench from Alfreton Road, Westhouses had been followed up by the Clerk with Bolsover District Council, and it had been removed as it was loose, and discussions are taking place with residents to establish a preferred location for its reinstallation.

The Clerk also advised Council of correspondence from Brabners Solicitors regarding the Recreation Ground at Blackwell Miners Welfare, and that the widening of the scope of the existing Charity to include trusteeship of this land by Blackwell Parish Council is progressing well.

Council authorised the Clerks attendance on a DALC Training Course on 31st July 2018.

338/2018 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk confirmed that the new fence at the Allotment Site will be installed on Monday 9th July 2018.

339/2018 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

Council were advised that it is the opinion of three separate professional floor specialists that the wooden flooring at Newton Community Centre requires complete replacement. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain options and prices for this and bring to a future meeting.

Council were informed that the Premises Licence for Hilcote Community Centre had been granted and would be received in due course.

Council were also informed that the vacancy following the retirement of Mrs Rita Mann was currently being re-advertised on the DCC Website, in public buildings and locally. The example of the revised Booking Forms and Conditions of Hire were discussed and after a few alterations, it was agreed that these would be used with immediate effect. It was further agreed that prices for new tables for the Community Centres would be obtained before the Budget Meeting for 2019/2020, and a walk-around of the Parish Council assets would also take place before this meeting.

340/2018 HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report.

341/2018 PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS

The Clerk had contacted several local cleaning companies and struggled to find one prepared to take on the task of Deep Cleaning the Changing Rooms at Charnwood Crescent, Newton and Scanderlands, Blackwell due to the size of the task. One quotation from Rainbow International was presented to Council, to use a hot water extraction method to scrub, deep clean and sanitise the whole building, and remove the graffiti from the exterior of Charnwood Crescent for £1400 + VAT. It was moved by Cllr Naylor seconded by Cllr Bullock and Resolved to accept the quotation. It was further agreed to ensure that both changing rooms are supplied with basic cleaning equipment and the teams encouraged to take better care in the future. A regular cleaning program will be assessed and implemented for the future at both locations.

It was agreed by all that the Dog Agility Classes provided by Jack Wilkinson at Westhouses can continue into next year.

342/2018 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL

The steering group had held a meeting and an agreement in principle with DCC to release the required land on a long term lease for a peppercorn rent, was discussed and is underway. The next meeting will take place in September 2018.

343/2018 HS2 – UPDATES

HS2 caseworkers have been allocated and progress is now being made. The new maps are now published and HS2 surgeries with Victoria Young are to be set up. Concerns were raised about what will happen to the Land on which the Compounds are being built once they are no longer in use.

344/2018 WESTHOUSES WAR MEMORIAL

The Planning Application for the War Memorial has now been submitted to Bolsover District Council and the decision is awaited.

345/2018 WESTHOUSES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.

346/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £8,351.09, it was moved by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Poulter and Resolved that these be paid.

The Clerk also provided the Bank Balances and a report on staff holidays planned to members of the Council for their inspection.

The following items Update of 2017/2018 Audit and Bank Signatory changes were postponed to Confidential Items.

347/2018 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Willens reported that he will be unable to attend the next meeting.

348/2018 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC circular 08/2018 and 09/2018 which had been emailed to all members on 14th June and 28th June 2018 respectively.

349/2018 QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME

Members were informed by Cllr Newham that the Summer issue of the Newsletter had been circulated to all residents, and that the contact details and Minutes on the Website have now been updated.

350/2018 PLANNING REPORT

The following **Planning Applications** were considered as follows:-

18/00296/FUL Mrs S Castledine, The Barn, Gloves Lane, Blackwell
Installation of a domestic heating Oil Tank. **More information requested on this application before comment made.**

18/00292/FUL Mr R Berry-Hopkins, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses
To Create a War Memorial on the Grass Verge in front of the Hedge on Tibshelf Road, Westhouses. A York Stone upright slab on a stone topped concrete foundation, of overall max size, 2.4m L x 1.2m W x 0.9m H. Base 2.4m L x 1.2 W x 0.10 D, on a concrete foundation. **No Objections.**

Decisions – 18/00145/FUL Mr & Mrs Clarke, 148 Alfreton Road, Newton, DE55 5TR,
Extension of existing single storey property to form two storey property. Two storey front and rear extensions. **Granted**

18/00242/FUL Mr & Mrs Taffe, 8 Priory Way, Newton, DE55 5TB
Proposed single storey side extension. **Granted**

351/2018 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

No updates received.

352/2018 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council will be held at Blackwell Community Centre, on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7pm.

353/2018 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Council members were advised that the Clerk had met with Mrs Jo Taylor, Auditor on Monday 25th June at the Parish Office to go through the year end accounts for 2017/2018. She confirmed that the Accounts are now in a position to be able to carry out a formal year end Audit, which will take place on Monday 9th July 2018. Council members were informed that the Audit Report for 2017/2018 will not be positive on some of the points checked due to the problems experienced during the previous Clerk Mr Radford's illness last year.

353/2018 A It was Resolved to approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement this was moved by Cllr Naylor, seconded by Cllr Poulter and agreed by all.

353/2018 B It was Resolved to Certify that for the year ended 31st March 2018 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be. This was moved by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Willens and agreed by all.

353/2018 C It was moved by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Gascoyne and Resolved to remove Mr Jeff Radford who passed away in March 2018, and Cllr Paula Wilkinson who is no longer a Councillor with Blackwell Parish Council from the Council mandate with Co-operative Bank PLC.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed **Date**