

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 2nd June 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

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

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ALSO PRESENT

Two Parishioners.

52/2014

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox, R A Poulter, B Stocks and A F Tomlinson.

At this point in the meeting Council Members noted that Councillor Walker was sitting in the area where residents attending the meeting normally sit.

The Chairman requested Councillor Walker to sit with the Members of the Council to which Councillor Walker responded that he wished to disassociate himself from Members of Blackwell Parish Council.

The Chairman advised Councillor Walker that following legal advice from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils that if he (Councillor Walker) continued to remain in the area where residents normally sit Councillor Walker would not be allowed to speak after the agenda item 'Public Speaking'. Councillor Walker quickly moved to sit with other Members of the Council.

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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.

54/2014

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell requested up to date information with regard to the Blackwell Trail. He was advised by the Clerk that Derbyshire County

Council 'Greenways' Team would shortly be starting work on the car park at Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.

Councillor L Walker advised Council members that the Clerk should not be allowed to speak at Council Meetings. He was reminded by the Chairman that the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer / Legal Officer / Proper Officer of Blackwell Parish Council it was his responsibility to advise Council members of any matters affecting agenda items.

55/2014

POLICE MATTERS

Members noted that no representative of the Police was in attendance but the crime report to 31st May 2014 had been received.

Members also noted that the next police 'Drop-in' Surgeries would be:

1. Blackwell Community Centre – 19th June 2014, 10.00am – 11.00 am.
2. Hilcote Community Centre – 20th June 2013, 10.00am – 11.00am.
3. Newton Methodist Church – 5th July 2014 10.00am – 11.00am.

56/2014

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

The Chairman welcomed back County Councillor Clive Moesby who had recently been in hospital for eye surgery.

County Councillor Moesby thanked Council members for their best wishes.

County Councillor Moesby advised Council members.

1. The Tour de France Cycle Race would be passing Holme Moss Summit on 6th July 2014 – the cyclists would be heading for Sheffield.
2. Following the introduction by Nottinghamshire County Council Highway Department of a 7.5 ton weight restriction at Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite, a traffic survey would be carried out by Derbyshire County Council Highways Department on the 'B' classified roads through Hilcote/Newton/Blackwell/Tibshelf.
3. Installation of Road Safety Amber Flashing Lights at Doe Hill Lane, Tibshelf (adjacent to Tibshelf School).
4. Consultation period to 9th August 2014 regarding the curtailment of Mobile Library Services.

5. Possible additional street lighting throughout the Derbyshire County Council area.
6. Review of Childrens Services until 17th June 2014.
7. Derbyshire Celebrating 2015.
8. Creation of 208 jobs – Junction 29A (Markham Vale).

Following a request from Councillor L Walker, County Councillor Moesby said he would speak with officers of the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council regarding pressure cleaning of the drains at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

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

57/2014

BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council members of:

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Group had been held and the following officers had been elected:
 - a) Chair – Ian Newham
 - b) Vice Chair – Mrs Jayne Cooper
 - c) Treasurer – Paul Street
 - d) Secretary – Mrs Katherine Childs
2. Pie and Pea Supper and Bingo session to be held at Blackwell Community Centre on Saturday 7th June 2014.
3. The planters and flowers to be replanted with summer bedding plants.
4. Ideas requested to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Commencement of Hostilities of World War One.
5. The recent Brass Band Concert held to celebrate the anniversary of the completion of the Mining Monument had been resounding success.
6. The group continue to operate the snack bar at Blackwell Community Centre on Tuesday / Thursday mornings. This coincides with the opening of the Post Office at the Centre.

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

58/2014

HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT

Mr M Greenwood advised Council members:

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Group had been held and Mick Davis was the new Chairman and Mr Greenwood was the Vice Chairman.
2. Four new members had been recruited.
3. Further bulb planting would be carried out in autumn 2013.
4. Thanks to the generosity of a local farmer, land had been acquired for the purposes of planting a Christmas tree at the junction of Pasture Lane / New Lane, Hilcote.
5. The Annual Duck Day would take place on 16th August 2014.

RESOLVED that Mr M Greenwood be thanked for his attendance and report.

59/2014

NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens, Secretary Newton Community Association advised Council members.

1. A series of successful film nights had been held and these had concluded in April 2014.
2. Repair and plant summer bedding plants in the planters within the village of Newton.
3. A meeting has been held with representatives of Groundwork Creswell with regard to new play equipment being installed at the council's Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.
4. The Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held at the George and Dragon Public House on 23rd June 2013.

RESOLVED that Mrs D Willens be thanked for her attendance and report.

60/2014

WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Chairman of the Council advised Council members that the Chairman of the Westhouses Residents Action Group had been in contact with the Clerk advising him that there was no report from the group.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th May 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

63/2014

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Council members of Minute 236/2013 with regard to 100th anniversary of the Outbreak of World War One.

RESOLVED that the Clerk

1. Be authorised to purchase four 3 inch deep Kneelers from Jacksons of Hebden Bridge - £58.50 each plus post and packing. The Clerk advised Council members that Councillor I G Cox had been in contact with him stating that four parishioners had indicated a willingness to do the stitching required on the kneelers.
2. Contact Skanta Memorials, Sutton-in-Ashfield for a quotation to clean and re-gild the lettering on the War Memorial at Newton.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Councillor R J Sainsbury advised Council members that he had spoken with the local vicar who had agreed that a civic service be held at St Werburgh's Parish Church on Sunday 3rd August 2014 at 4pm. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Outbreak of World War One.

Councillor Sainsbury also advised that members of St Werburgh's Parish Church would provide light refreshments after the service.

It was also agreed that the Clerk contact Mr D G B Bullock, Chair, Newton Carnival Team with regard to the hire of a marquee to be used for serving the refreshments.

64/2014

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from a resident whose garden adjoins the Council's Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

The resident had expressed concerns with regard to hedge cutting at their property.

RESOLVED that the Chairman as the Council's representative on

the Allotment Association Committee discuss the resident's concerns with the Chairman of the Allotment Association with a view to resolving the outstanding issue.

65/2014

HIGHWAYS

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Council members that majority of road signage in connection with the 7.5 ton weight limit on Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite was not in place. There were still a few outstanding issues and Councilor Moesby stated that he would arrange a site meeting with Officers from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council.

The Clerk reported receipt of an estimate of £300 plus VAT from Shelter Maintenance Ltd for removal of the dilapidated bus shelter at Old Blackwell.

RESOLVED that the estimate of £300 plus VAT from Shelter Maintenance Ltd for the removal of the dilapidated bus shelter at Old Blackwell be accepted subject to the Conservation Officer, Bolsover having no objections.

66/2014

PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information his meeting with representatives of Newton Community Association and Groundwork Creswell with regard to the provision of new play equipment at the Council's Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

Following a discussion on the proposals it was agreed a questionnaire be circulated to all residents of Newton asking for their comments on the proposed new play equipment.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Groundwork Creswell advising the Council that an order to replace defective solar lighting at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses had been placed with the manufacturers.

67/2014

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Ranger Service, Derbyshire County Council advising the Parish Council that a response had been from the Derbyshire County Council 'Greenways' Team stating work on the Blackwell Trail proposed car park at Fordbridge Lane was likely to commence at the beginning of June 2014 and would last for two weeks.

Following a report from Councilor I J A Newham regarding damage

caused by vehicles owned by Network Rail on the public bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell (Tibshelf end).

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Network Rail requesting that damage caused by vehicles owned by Network Rail on the public bridleway, Gloves Lave, Blackwell (Tibshelf end) be repaired as soon as possible.

68/2014

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £6201.52 and it was agreed that these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to members for their inspection:

1. Copy of the Council's Bank Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Council's Audit Form confirming the Council's current financial position.
3. Copy of the Council's bank statements.

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

Following a short discussion the Council's new Financial Regulations were approved.

Approval was given by Council members for the Chairman to sign the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2014.

Councillor L Walker requested that the Clerks monthly salary, income tax and National insurance contributions be disclosed to him.

He was reminded by the Chairman that information regarding the Clerk's salary etc was Data Protected and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 would not be disclosed to Councillor Walker.

67/2014

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information the next meeting of the:

1. Bolsover Partnership Executive Board would be on 26th June 2014.
2. Parish/Town Council Liaison Committee would be on 7th July 2014.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

There were no Derbyshire Association of Local Councils circulars.

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QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information that the Council's website was functioning satisfactory and that in absence of the Vice Chairman who would be away on holiday the Chairman would arrange for the distribution of the Council's newsletter.

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PLANS

There were no plans for discussion.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for discussion.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that along with Councillor C R Moesby they would be arranging a meeting with Moreton / Tibshelf / Shirland and Higham Parish Councils regarding the Doe Hill Community Park.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

There were no reports regarding Blackwell / Hilcote / Newton Community Centres.

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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 7th July 2014 at 7pm.

The Meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.