

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 1 June 2015 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: S A Gill: C R Moesby: A Naylor: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury

57/2015

ALSO PRESENT

4 Parishioners

58/2015

PRESENTATION TO FORMER CONCILLOR ALAN TOMLINSON

The Chairman speaking on behalf of Council Members, presented to former Councillor Alan Tomlinson a "Tantalus" which was in recognition of his forty years dedicated service to the Council.

Former Councillor Tomlinson thanked Council Members for their generous gift and said that he had enjoyed being a Member of the Council and noted how the Council had moved forward during his Term of Office. He further commented that the Council was in good hands and despite Government cut backs in public spending etc., he was confident that the Council would continue to move forward.

A round of applause was given to former Councillor Tomlinson.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Munks and B Stocks.

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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.

61/2015

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mr L Walker advised Council Members that the drains at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote had not been pressure cleaned.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, said that he would investigate the matter and would advise Council Members accordingly.

62/2015

POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman advised Council Members that due to illness there was no Police attendance at the Meeting, however, a report had been received and Members noted the Crime Figures to 31 May 2015.

Members also noted that the Police Surgery dates were currently being looked at and would be advised times/dates and locations at the June 2015 Meeting of the Council.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

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

1. Child Safety Awareness [www.child Safety Week.org.uk](http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk).
2. Temporary road closures in the village of Tibshelf.
3. 120 new nursery spaces www.Derbyshire.gov.UK/ChildCare.
4. Additional funding for road repairs.
5. Fostering Fortnight commencing 13 June 2015
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/fostering.
6. Special education needs (Children).
7. Blackwell Trail. The Highways Access Officer was due to inspect the car park area with a view to the car park being opened during June 2015.

County Councillor Moesby also advised Council Members that County Councillor Mrs Anne Weston had been elected Leader of Derbyshire County Council.

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

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COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK

Councillor Bullock, in his capacity as District Councillor, advised Council Members that Councillor Mrs Ann Syrett had been elected leader of Bolsover District Council and that Councillor Ken Walker was Chairman for the year 2015/2016.

RESOLVED that Councillor D G B Bullock be thanked for his report.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 May 2015 were 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 that a copy had been received from Absolute Video with regard to the Blackwell History Project and this had been circulated to all Members.

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that he had been in contact with Martyn Harris, Absolute Video, who had produced the video who in turn had advised Councillor Newham that further material had been received with regard to the project but additional funding would be required to add this to the existing video.

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Council be arranged and Martyn Harris, Absolute Video, be invited to attend.

The Chairman advised Council Members that currently there were two vacant seats on the Council and in accordance with Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council could co-opt two Members to fill the outstanding vacancies.

The Chairman further advised Members that four applications had been received from local residents:

1. Mr A Cooke.
2. Mr I G Cox
3. Mr T Gascoyne
4. Mr L Walker.

After a short discussion

RESOLVED that Mr I G Cox and Mr T Gascoyne be Co-opted to serve as Members of the Parish Council.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor I G Cox to the Meeting

68/2015

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the next Committee Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would be held on 9 June 2015.

Councillor I J A Newham suggested that the Allotment Committee give consideration to a BBC Gardeners Question Time being held at one of the Councils Community Centre's.

The Clerk reported for information that one estimate had been received for the concrete slab to locate the Memorial Seat to the late former Councillor Walter "Sam" Haynes had been received in the sum of £260.

After a short discussion it was agreed that a further estimates be sought and that delegated authority be given to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to proceed with the installation of the concrete slab.

69/2015

HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported for information that the hanging baskets would be installed by Woolley Moor Nurseries Limited during week commencing 8 June 2015.

In response to a question from Councillor R J Sainsbury, Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor undertook to investigate the drainage problems adjacent to 159 Alfreton Road, Newton.

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council members that the grass verge at the junction of Fordbridge Lane, Primrose Hill, Blackwell was in need of cutting

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council, requesting that the grass verges at the junction of Fordbridge Lane and Primrose Hill Blackwell, be cut as soon as possible.

70/2015

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that Solicitors acting on behalf of CISWO was still awaiting a report from the Charity Commission with regard to land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Clerk also advised Council Members that a report had been received from Groundwork Creswell stating that the Solar Lighting at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses, was now functioning satisfactorily.

The Chairman advised Council Members of correspondence received from Groundwork Creswell with regard to the installation of new Play Equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton and handed to each Council Member a copy of the revised Plan showing the equipment to be provided.

RESOLVED that the Plan be accepted.

The Clerk reported for information there had been a spate of vandalism to Play Equipment at New Street Playing Field, Hilcote but the damaged equipment had now been repaired.

The Clerk also reported that "PAT" testing had been carried out at the Sports Pavilion Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell.

71/2015

FOOTPATHS

Members noted that Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor had already given his report with regard to the Blackwell Trail in his County Council report.

72/2015

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of Accounts for payment totaling £6316.11 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 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 No 2011/817)

The Clerk also handed to each Member present a redacted report of the Accounts for payment.

73/2015

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from Partnership Manager Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership with regard to nominations for the Parish Council Liaison Group.

RESOLVED that Councillors N J B Willens and I J A Newham be nominated the Parish Councils representatives on the Bolsover Partnership Parish Council Liaison Group.

The Chairman further reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Executive Committee would take place on 11 June 2015 and that the next Parish Council Liaison Group Meeting would take place on 6 July 2015.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 14/2015 DALC Website NALC Co-Option Legal briefing note electronic meetings summonses etc.

Following a report from the Clerk

RESOLVED that the Council Subscription of £848.48 to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (which would include costs

of any training courses and up to a maximum of three Councillors) be paid.

In response to a question from Councillor I J A Newham, the Chairman and Clerk advised him that the Council would be applying for Quality Award Level under the Local Council Ward Scheme organised by the National Association of Local Councils.

75/2015

QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Council Website was functioning satisfactory. Councillor I J A Newham also advised Council Members that the art work etc. would be submitted to the printers on 15 June 2015.

76/2015

PLANS

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

1. 15/00240/DETHH – Mrs J Creswell- Wareing, 95 The Ridge, Blackwell – Single storey rear extension to the property – **no objections.**

77/2015

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported for information receipt of a letter following a complaint by a local resident to the Information Commissioners Office and in light of the comments received from the Commissioner contained thereon

RESOLVED the Councils Standing Orders be revised.

Letter received from Derbyshire County Council offering free one to one cycle training to people aged 18 years or over who live, work or study in the Bolsover District Council area.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham and C R Moesby advised Council Members that they would be arranging a Meeting with regard to the Doe Hill Community Park as soon as possible.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported for information that "PAT" testing had been carried out at the Councils Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres.

Following a report from Councillor S Gill

RESOLVED that the question about replacement floor tiles at Blackwell Community Centre be discussed at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2016.

80/2015

MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 July 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.