

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 6 June 2016 at 7 p.m

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: T Gascoyne: S Gill: C R Moesby:  
A Naylor: I J A Newham and R J Sainsbury.

**55/2016**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

2 Parishioners

**56/2016**

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**57/2016**

## **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.

**58/2016**

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

There were no questions from the residents present.

**59/2016**

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Careers Event to take place at Queens Park Sports Centre, Chesterfield, on 15 September 2016.
2. The provision of School transport by Derbyshire County Council was to continue for the next 12 months.
3. Derbyshire Sport Funding.
4. Means Testing to be brought in with regard to "short break" service. This would affect disabled children.
5. Site visit to Doe Hill Country Park.

6. Grant Scheme towards youth Council which would expire on 1 July 2016. Any organisation wishing to make application should visit the web site [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/grants](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/grants)

7. Possible joint service with the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service with the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

8. Possible phased development of the footpath at Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell an estimated cost was £125,000.

9. Fencing installed adjacent to the railway bridge at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

10. New kitchens to be installed at Blackwell Primary School.

**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 that Councillor K Walker would continue as Chairman of the District Council for the year 2016/2017.

2. Progress Report with regard to the swimming pool/gymnasium currently being built at Clowne.

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

**60/2016**

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 May 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

The Clerk reported in view of the confidential nature of three items on the agenda 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 (S1) in order to discuss the items.

**61/2016**

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information the following:

1. Invitation from the Head Teacher, Westhouses Primary School, for the Chairman and Members of the Council to attend a celebration of HM Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 10 June 2016, It was noted that the Chairman and his wife would be attending the event.

2. Letter of thanks from the Head Teacher, Blackwell Primary School, for the gift of medallions to each pupil of the School to celebrate HM

Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 10 June 2016.

3 The Chairman and his wife had the privilege of attending a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 19 May 2016. This was a result of an invitation organised by the Derbyshire Association of local councils

4. The Chairman appeared on "BBC East Midlands Today" on 1 June 2016 with regard to the possible reduction of the Speed Limit on the M1 during peak hours in order to reduce pollution.

**62/2016**

### **ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information that a complaint had been received regarding bonfires at the Littlemoor Lane Allotment Site but unfortunately the culprit (s) could not be identified.

A reminder had been issued by the Allotment Association to all allotment holders about the rules concerning the lighting of bonfires.

The Chairman also reported that the Allotment Holders Committee had asked the Council to remind Bolsover District Council of the need to repair the fences at the rear of the bungalows on Woburn Close. Apparently tenants of the Council owned bungalows were encroaching on allotments at The Ridge, Blackwell, and dumping rubbish.

The Chairman also reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Allotment Holders Association complaining about inappropriate behavior by an allotment holder and of the manner in which this was handled by the police.

It was agreed that this be discussed as a confidential item.

It was noted that the next Committee Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be held on 28 June 2016 and thereafter on the last Tuesday of each month.

**63/2016**

### **HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported for information that the report for the testing of lamp posts by KIWA Limited, Derby, had been received and was available for Members inspection.

The Chairman also advised Council Members that the floral displays i.e. hanging baskets etc. would be installed week commencing 13 June 2016 by Woolley Moor Nurseries Limited.

**64/2016**

### **PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported for information that the post installation inspection report by IPI Limited for the new play equipment at the Councils

Charnwood Crescent Playing Field Newton had been received and a copy had been forwarded to the Special Projects Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to the release of Section 106 monies currently held by the District Council.

The Clerk was also endeavouring to arrange a Site Visit by a representative of HW Martin Limited with regard to the provision of a quotation for fencing of the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote of which the Council were now the Sole Corporate Trustee.

The Clerk advised Council Members that an application had been submitted to the Land Registry for the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote, to be registered in the Parish Councils name.

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that a successful football tournament for 9 to 11 year olds attended by 92 children sponsored by the Co operative at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses on 25 May 2016 had been a resounding success and Tibshelf Town End School were the winners of the Trophy.

Councillor Gascoyne also advised Council Members that the Parish Caretaker, Richard Walker, had been extremely helpful to him with regard to arranging for the grass at the Tibshelf Road Playing Field being cut which enabled the football Tournament to go ahead.

It was also agreed that the Clerk speak with Mr S Drake, the owner of fields adjoining the Tibshelf Road Playing Field with regard to farm machinery owned by Mr Drake crossing the playing field.

**65/2016**

### **FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk reported for information that a response was awaited from the Rights of Way Improvement Plan Officer with regard to the unadopted footpath at the junction of Demon Street/The Ridge Blackwell.

**66/2016**

### **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts totaling £47 thousand 220 pounds 16 pence and it was agreed 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.
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.

The Chairman also advised Council Members that each Member had been issued with a copy of the Internal Auditors report for the year ended 31 March 2016.

**67/2016**

**BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The Bolsover Partnership Executive Meeting would take place on 9 June 2016.

2. The Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership Meeting would take place on 27 June 2016 and that he, the Chairman, would be attending both Meetings.

The Chairman also reminded Council Members that a Parish and nm Town Council Forum would be held at County Hall, Matlock on 27 June which he would be attending and extended the invitation to other Members of the Council to attend.

**68/2016**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 09/2016 – Internal Auditor List/New Financial Regulations 2016 etc.

**69/2016**

**QUALITY STATUS - PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

With regard to the Councils News Letter Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that he had fractured his hip in a recent accident and requested that other Members of the Council assist with the collection and distribution of the News Letter.

Councillor R J Sainsbury indicated he would arrange to liaise with Councillor Newham for the collection of the News Letter and arrange distribution with other Members of the Council.

The Clerk reported receipt of a Notice issued by an organisation wishing to reopen the Matlock to Buxton railway line.

It was agreed that the notice be published in the next edition of the Councils Newsletter.

70/2016

**PLANS**

1The following Plan was submitted and determined as indicated:-

16/00191/FUL Mr. John Hill 10 Redbarn close, Newton – demolish existing conservatory to rear of property and replace with single storey extension –

**No objections.**

71/2016

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from Fields in Trust suggesting that the Council secure recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the millions of service personnel who lost their lives at the Battle of the Somme in July 1916.

Resolved that the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote and Charnwood Crescent Memorial Playing Fields, Newton be secured recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the memory of the millions of service personnel who lost their lives at the Battle of the Somme in July 1916.

The Chairman referred to Minute 53/2016 from the Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and it was agreed this be discussed as a confidential item.

72/2016

**BLACKWELL/HILCOTE/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

The Clerk reported for information that quotations for the supply and installation of a new gas boiler at Newton Community Centre were still awaited.

The Chairman advised Council Members that a complaint had been received with regard to Newton Community Centre not being cleaned properly following a weekend hire.

**RESOLVED** that this complaint be dealt with as a confidential item.

The Clerk reported for information that approval had been given by Bolsover District Council for the Parish Council to provide a seat on the grassed area adjacent to Blackwell Community Centre that the associated work related to this would be carried out as quickly as possible.

73/2016

**DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that fencing at Doe Hill Community Park was still be repaired.

74/2016

**MEETING**

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Clerk was scheduled to have knee replacement surgery at Kings Mill Hospital on 28 June 2016, and suggested that the next Meeting of the Council be postponed until 11 July 2016.

Resolved that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 11 July 2016 at 7.pm.

**“IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: RESOLVED THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (S1) IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS”.**

75/2016

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from the Secretary, Newton & Blackwell Allotments & Leisure Gardeners Association regarding inappropriate behaviour by an allotment-holder towards another allotment-holder, and of the action taken by the Police in dealing with the matter.

Following a short discussion

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk speak with the Officer concerned and request that an Incident Number be given with regard to the complaint of inappropriate behaviour of an allotment-holder towards another allotment-holder.

76/2016

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

The Chairman and Clerk outlined a Grievance which had been raised by a Council Employee against a Member of the Parish Council. (Minute Number 53/2016 refers)

Following a discussion thereon

**RESOLVED**

1. A vote of confidence in the Employee concerned be passed in respect of the exemplary manner in which they carry out their duties on behalf of the Council.

2. Should there be any further cause for concern raised by any Council Member regarding any Council Employee, or request for

particular work to be undertaken, this should be referred to the Clerk as the Employees Line Manager.

**77/2016**

**NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Chairman referred to a complaint raised by the Caretaker regarding the standard of cleanliness of Newton Community Centre following hire by individuals at the week-end.

**RESOLVED** that for any future bookings of any of the Councils Community Centres a reminder be given to the hirer (s) to ensure that the Centres are left in a clean and tidy condition.

**The Meeting concluded at 8.30.pm.**