

# **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 5 June 2017 at 7pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: T J Gascoyne: S Gill: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter and R J Sainsbury:

**Prior To the commencement of the Meeting Council Members held a minutes silence in memory of the persons killed in the recent Manchester and London terrorist attacks.**

**55/2017**

### **ALSO PRESENT**

8 parishioners.

**56/2017**

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox, C R Moesby and B Stocks.

**57/2017**

### **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)**

**1. Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell** advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to non repair of the manhole cover on the highway at Primrose Hill, Blackwell and it was agreed that the Clerk write to Severn Trent Water Authority requesting that urgent attention be given to this repair being carried out.

**2. Mr I Taylor, Newton** advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to

a. Vandalism in the village of Newton namely the bus shelter and telephone Box situated on Alfreton Road.

- b. the number of heavy goods vehicles passing through Newton.
- c. Lack of road sweeping at Thurgaton Way, Newton.
- d. Pot holes on the footpath at the Five Pits Trail.

Mr Taylor also commented on the lack of Police presence at Council Meetings and it was requested that an Officer attendance be requested at the July Meeting of the Council.

**3. Ms J Page, Westhouses** referred to Minute 33/2017 and advised Council Members that the fund raising referred to in that Minute should have been towards the multipurpose building proposed for Westhouses Primary School.

She further advised Council Members that the Positive Westhouses Residents Action Group had been in contact with the Social Enterprise Exchange for possible funding.

**4 .Mr T Mellors, Newton,** advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the number of heavy goods vehicles using Cragg Lane/Alfreton Road, Newton and produced a number of photographs showing the difficulties encountered by such vehicles in manoeuvring at that particular road junction.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting action be taken by the County Council to minimise the number of heavy goods vehicles using Cragg Lane/Alfreton Road, Newton.

**Councillor Mrs C Munks, Hilcote,** thanked Council Members for their understanding during her recent absences from Council Meetings due to ill health.

**59/2017**

### **POLICE MATTERS**

Council Members noted there was no police presence at the Meeting, however Councillor I J A Newham had researched the Derbyshire Constabulary Web Site and handed to Council Members a copy of the crime figures for the Parish of Blackwell to 31 March 2017.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

The Chairman advised Council Members that County Councillor C R Moesby was away on holiday and there was no County Council report to be given.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK**

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members

1. The new Chairman of Bolsover District Council was Councillor Tom Munro.

2. A presentation had been given on budget reviews and it was anticipated that further cut backs in Council Services would be necessary.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor D G B Bullock be thanked for his attendance and report

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**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 May 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

The Clerk reported that there were no confidential items for discussion.

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**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information.

1. The provisional date for the Councils Annual Pantomime (this year would be "Aladdin") and would be held on Monday 4 December 2017.

2. St Werburghs Parish Church, Old Blackwell was presenting the Shirland Welfare Brass Band in Concert on Saturday 17 June 2017 4pm/6 p.m.

The Chairman advised Council Members that along with his wife they had decided to downsize their living accommodation and would be moving to Sheffield to be near their family some time during Autumn

2017.

Councillor Willens indicated that he would remain a Member of Blackwell Parish Council until the elections in May 2019 but suggested to Council Members that they may wish to consider whether or not he remain Chairman of the Council until May 2018.

It was agreed that the foregoing suggestion be discussed as a confidential item at the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.

**64/2017**

**HS2 Ltd**

There were no reports with regard to HS2 Limited.

**65/2017**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information

1. A Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association had been held on 30 May 2017.

2. The Family Fun Day planned at the Littlemoor Lane Allotment Site for September 2017 had been cancelled

**66/2017**

**HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the Legal Support Officer Bolsover District Council, stating that a request had been received from Newton Carnival Team for a proposed temporary rolling road closure to facilitate the Blackwell and Newton 19<sup>th</sup> Village Carnival parade on Saturday 8 July 2017.

**RESOLVED** that no objections be made to the request from Newton Carnival Team for a proposed temporary rolling road closure to facilitate the Blackwell and Newton 19<sup>th</sup> Village Carnival Parade to be held on Saturday 8 July 2017

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from Morton Parish Council with regard to a joint meeting concerning Speed Watch Activities and it was agreed the Clerk write to Morton Parish Council advising that Blackwell Parish Council was interested in a joint meeting to discuss speed watch proposals.

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**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on behalf of Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project for the approval for the provision of two interpretation boards at Royal Oak Meadows, Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

**RESOLVED** that no objections be made to the application by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on behalf of Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project for the provision of two interpretation boards at Royal Oak Meadows, Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Chairman reported for information that he had been advised by Groundwork Creswell that the lowest tender for the provision of outdoor gym facilities at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton had been received from "Crestra" in the sum of £47,000.00.

Groundwork Creswell were now seeking funding for the project and to make application to Sport England.

An email had been received from Westhouses Residents Action Group to use the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field for a community Picnic etc. on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**RESOLVED** that subject to appropriate Public Liability Insurance being in place, no objections be made to the request by Westhouses Residents Action Group to use the Councils Tibshelf Road playing field for a community picnic etc.

A further request had been received from Westhouses Residents Action Group that the Council to give consideration for the Group to provide more benches and large planters on the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field West houses.

The Group also requested that the playing field be renamed Westhouses Memorial Playing Field.

**RESOLVED** that Westhouses Residents Action Group be advised that further consideration would be given to their request for the provision of additional benches and planters and the renaming of the Playing Field as and when firm proposals from the Group were received by the Council.

Following a report by Councillor T J Gascoyne with regard to vandalism which had accord to the litter bins at the Councils Scanderland Playing Field Blackwell.

**RESOLVED** that two replacement litter bins be provided at the Councils Scanderland Playing Field, Blackwell.

Councillor D G B Bullock requested that the Council give consideration to the provision of a dog waste bin at the entrance to Charnwood Crescent Playing Field Newton.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk ascertain the cost of providing a dog waste bin at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field Newton.

**68/2017**

**FOOTPATHS**

There were no reports with regards to footpaths.

**69/2017**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £14,493.21p and it was agreed that these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Council 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 2017) (2011/817).

The Clerk handed to each Member present copy of the redacted accounts for payment.

The Clerk also reported that a dividend statement had been received from the Public Sector CCLA Fund.

The Clerk also presented the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the Annual Return for submission to the external Auditor.

The Clerk also reported receipt of the Internal Auditors Report and there were no matters arising.

The Clerk reported for information that notification had been received from the External Auditor with regard to the new Rights of Inspection which stated that journalists now had the right to inspect the accounts (it was still only electors who could raise questions and objections with the External Auditor)

**70/2017**

**BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information that

1. The next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Executive Board would be held on 6 July 2017.

2. The Bolsover Partnership Parish Council Liaison Group would be held on 17 July 2017.

**71/2017**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the following DALC circular

1. 07/2017 – DALC Spring Seminar feedback/Transparency Fund/Good Councillor Guide 2017 etc.

It was agreed that each Council Member be furnished with as copy of the Good Councilor Guide 2017.

**72/2017**

**QUALITY STATUS PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman reported for information.

1. The Councils website was functioning satisfactorily.

2. Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the Summer edition of the Councils Newsletter would be with the Printer on 6 June 2017.

**73/2017**

**PLANS**

The following plan was submitted and determined as indicated.

1. 17/00239/FUL Mr S Castledine, The Barn, Gloves Lane, Blackwell – construction of a rural workers dwelling and associated development following temporary siting of rural workers dwelling (mobile home) granted under reference 13/00328/FUL – **NOT**

**APPROVED.**

The Clerk also reported for information that planning application 17/00134/FUL – Mr G Worrell, 18 Church View, Blackwell, installation of a chimney to serve wood burner had been approved by Bolsover District Council.

**74/2017****CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported for information that the Councils Solicitors were progressing the matter of the trusteeship of the Cricket Pitch/Football Pitch at Blackwell Miners Welfare.

The Clerk further reported that he was still awaiting a report from the Engineers Department, Bolsover District Council regarding the boundary wall adjacent to the Cricket Pitch/Football Pitch at Blackwell Miners Welfare.

The Clerk also reported a conversation he had with a resident from Sidings Way at Westhouses with regard to a fire which had occurred at Westhouse Farm, Alfreton Road, Westhouses, and he was advised by Councillors D G B Bullock and T J Gascoyne that the owner of the field where the fire occurred adjoining Westhouse Farm, had been carrying out a recycling business and because of the severity of the fire Bolsover District Council Environmental Health Department, had refused to allow any further recycling to be carried out on the site and the owner had been suitably warned.

**75/2017****DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that a Protest Meeting had been held at Doe Hill Community Park objecting to the proposed route of the HS2 Spur Link which would pass through the Park.

**76/2017****BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that a meeting would be held on 23 July 2017 with regard to the provision of a multipurpose room at Westhouses Primary School and it was anticipated that County Councillor C R Moesby would be attending and possibly assist with securing funding for the project.

Councillor T J Gascoyne also advised Council Members of the poor condition of some of the furniture in the lounge area at Blackwell Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the question of refurbishing the lounge area at



Blackwell Community Centre be discussed at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2018.

The Clerk advised Council Members that he had received proposals from Utility Wise with regard to water charges at each of the Councils Community Centre's.

**RESOLVED** that no action be taken with regard to the water charges currently levied at Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres.

**77/2017**

**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 3 July 2017 at 7 pm.

**The Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.**