

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Main Street, Newton on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

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

## **ALSO PRESENT**

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

## **309/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

## **310/2018 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 D Bullock declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, as he is a member of Newton Carnival Team.

## **311/2018 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

**Barry Clarkson** – enquired about the possibility of a Bus Shelter on Alfreton Road, Blackwell near the zebra crossing just after Gloves Lane. There is no shelter at all at the moment. The Clerk said she would enquire with Mr Rob Fryer at Derbyshire County Council to establish if there are any schemes running currently to help Parish Councils with the cost of installing Bus Shelters, and bring the information to a future meeting.

**Jo Page** – asked if Council were aware of where the seat on Alfreton Road, Westhouses has gone, as it has suddenly disappeared. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries. Council were also asked if anything could be done about speeding in the village of Westhouses, and if enquiries could be made into the installation of a Zebra Crossing at a suitable point within the village. The Clerk agreed to enquire with our County Councillor, Clive Moesby about both of these issues.

**Ann Riley** – enquired about what measures could be made to reduce the number of dog walkers accessing the farmer's field off the Newton Link of the Five Pits Trail and leaving via the Play Area at the bottom of North Street. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with the Countryside Rangers at DCC about securing the access to the field off the Trail, and also look into securing the access from the field to the Play Area which is Blackwell Parish Council Land.

**Tony Mellors** – encouraged as many people as possible to attend the public meeting with representatives from HS2 Ltd on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Newton Methodist Church.

**Mr L Walker** – enquired about access onto the Nature Trails for Disabled Buggies. He also enquired about when the Parish Council Office would be open to the public and also when the Accounts would be available for public inspection. The Clerk advised him that it is Councils intention to have both of these completed by early July 2018.

There were no representatives from the Police present, and the Clerk advised Council that the Crime figures on the Police.UK website had not updated since the March figures presented to the May meeting.

**County Cllr Clive Moesby** had sent his apologies due to illness.

**District Cllr Dexter Bullock** reported that crime within the polish community in Shirebrook was taking a huge amount of District Council resources at present. He also reported that a large amount of work is being undertaken to discourage the young from swimming in open waterways, especially in lakes and quarries following recent fatalities. Cllr Bullock was thanked for his report.

### **312/2018 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY018**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were moved by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Newham and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Bullock as a true and correct record.

### **313/2018 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked Council for their thoughts about reviving some past projects which have been stalled due to recent circumstances. The first project to be revived is the plan to plant an Oak Tree in each village within the Parish. Currently only Hilcote has had its tree planted. The Clerk agreed to bring a price for 4 further Oak Trees to the July Meeting. The second project to be revived is the plan to repair and where necessary to replace the perimeter fencing at Newton Community Centre. The Clerk will obtain 3 quotations and bring to the July Meeting. All Councillors present agreed that the above projects are the first to be moved forward.

A letter had been received from Katie Smith from the Newton Carnival Team asking for Council support with a plan to build a superior base for the village Christmas tree, in front of the Community Centre, and also to plant 4 memorial trees along the Village Green in memory of past residents and to commemorate the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Newton Carnival. Council agreed in principal to support both projects and the Clerk would write to confirm that if they are advised at a later date of the costs of both projects, they would consider at that time whether S137 funding could be made available.

### **314/2018 REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

The Clerk updated Council on a number of issues, firstly on progress with the opening of the Parish Office, it was agreed by all that the shelving which is in poor condition could be replaced along with the office chair. The printer/copier had now been ordered on a lease

agreement from Midshire Limited, who offered the most competitive price of the three quotations obtained by Cllr Newham.

Two quotations had been obtained for the refurbishment of the toilets at Blackwell Community Centre following the specification drawn up by Cllr Newham; a further quotation was still awaited and would be brought to the July meeting for consideration. The clerk reported that she is currently updating the Booking forms and Conditions of hire for the Community Centres, and after a full discussion it was agreed to include a cleaning bond of £20 to be retained if the conditions of hire are not met for one off events such as weekend parties. The completed forms would be emailed to all members for consideration once completed.

A further discussion took place around the Council Policy on charging Community Groups for the use of Community Centres for fundraising events. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into the guidelines covering this area and report back to a future meeting. The Clerk informed Council members of recent problems experienced by Luke Taylor when providing a bar service at the community centres. People hiring the hall and booking a bar had on two occasions recently brought their own tea and coffee, resulting on the Bar not taking sufficient money to cover paying his staff. It was agreed that the updated Conditions of Hire stress that when a Bar is booked all drinks whether Alcoholic or not must be bought over the Bar.

The Clerk presented quotations for new Parish Notice Boards to the same specification as the one recently installed in Hilcote, from the supplier used most recently Sign of the Times and also from The Notice Board Company for comparison.

The quotation from Sign of the Times was the most competitive price at £1,366.08 each, this was moved by Cllr Gascoyne seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed by all that three Noticeboards would be ordered, to be located on the corner of Alfreton Road and Primrose Hill Blackwell, Mount Pleasant Newton and Old Blackwell.

### **315/2018 Update from Cllr R Sainsbury on plans for Remembrance Sunday 2018.**

Cllr Sainsbury advised that the plans were now progressing well, the Service would take place at St Werburgh's Church at 11am, led by Rev Sally Mason, and the address would be by Rev Canon Robert Caney. The Wreaths would be laid at Church, and then moved at a later date and laid in all the villages within the Parish. It was requested that an article would be put in the next Newsletter asking Community Groups if they would like to lay a wreath.

### **316/2018 ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported following discussion with Mr Mark Dungworth at BDC, Richard had agreed to clear the overgrown area in readiness for the new fence during w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June, and the new fence would be installed during w/c 18<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Gill advised that volunteers from the Allotment Society were also helping with the clearance and the removal of the old fencing.

### **317/2018 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Cox requested that enquiries are made to look into a yellow raised strip being installed at the Bus Stop on Main Street, opposite the old Post Office which is helpful to the Blind when using the bus service. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with DCC and feedback to a future meeting.

### **318/2018 PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS**

Following a request from a resident at the May meeting the Clerk brought the prices for both installation of new dog waste bins and the relocation of an existing dog bin. The price for a new bin is £687 each, plus the annual fee of £504 for the emptying, and the cost of relocation is £75.

It was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed by all that 3 Dog waste bins be purchased for the village of Westhouses, and the existing bin on Park Mill Drive is relocated. It was also agreed to look into Richard taking on the job of emptying the bins and his salary adjusted to reflect this additional duty.

Cllr Willens informed Council that he has been in touch with Sian Jones at Sport England to establish if a decision has been reached on the Grant Application for Charnwood Crescent. He is awaiting a reply and will update further in July.

Council were advised by Cllr Gascoyne on the poor condition of the Changing Rooms at Blackwell Scanderlands and Charnwood Crescent. The Clerk was asked to price up a deep clean of both facilities and bring the information to a future meeting.

### **319/2018 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL**

Cllr Gascoyne advised that plans were progressing well, a meeting had taken place to discuss funding options. The Clerk agreed to email an Application Form to apply to Council for the £2,500 previously agreed under Section 137 funding.

The Clerk also agreed to provide a contact for obtaining a price for a Feasibility Study to Jo Page or Cllr Gascoyne.

### **320/2018 HS2 – UPDATES**

Council were advised that a follow up Ecological Survey is required at Hilcote. At a past meeting a request was made for a Liaison Committee to discuss Strategy, this will be followed up at the next meeting by Tony Mellors.

### **321/2018 WESTHOUSES WAR MEMORIAL**

The Clerk updated Council on progress on the change of name of Westhouses Playing Fields to Westhouses Memorial Playing Fields. She had spoken to Stephen Claus at Brabners Solicitors and established that a resolution had been drawn up and sent in August 2017 for signature and return. This had never been returned, therefore, a copy of this resolution had been obtained and brought to the meeting as follows:-

**WESTHOUSES PLAYING FIELDS**  
**Registered Charity Number 520419**

**At a meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council sitting as sole corporate trustee of Westhouses Playing Field On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, the Trustee resolved as follows**

## RESOLUTION

In order to facilitate a change of name of the Charity Westhouses Playing Field, to make the following amendment in accordance with the power conferred upon the Trustee by section 280 of the Charities Act 2011, to the Governing Document of the Charity namely a conveyance dated 14 July 1951:

That the title and wherever referred to as Westhouses Playing Field will now be referred to as Westhouses Memorial Playing Field, but not so as to change by way of substitution or otherwise the term Westhouses anywhere in the conveyance where the context is such that this is the description of a place and not the name of the Charity.

**SIGNED**.....  
Chairman

**DATED**...4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The resolution was passed, signed, dated and agreed by all, the Clerk agreed to forward this to Brabners Solicitors immediately.

### **322/2018 WESTHOUSES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Nothing to report.

### **323/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £6,193.51, it was moved by Cllr Willens, seconded by Cllr Gill and agreed by all 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. Council were informed that all payments to Staff and contractors are now set up to be paid by BACS.

### **324/2018 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

Cllr Willens reported that the next meeting is to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, and the Executive Board will meet on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. He further reported that although Mandy Chambers is leaving her Council position she will remain on the Partnership committee on a voluntary basis.

### **325/2018 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC circular 07/2018 which had been emailed to all members on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### **326/2018 QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME**

Members were informed by Cllr Newham that the next Newsletter had been sent to the printers that day, and that he would now be focusing on updating the Website.

### **327/2018 PLANNING REPORT**

One Planning Application was considered as follows; no objections were raised.

Planning Application 18/00286/FUL 19 New Lane, Hilcote, DE55 5HT.  
Proposed 2no 2 Bed Residential Units.

### **328/2018 BLACKWELL, HILCOTE AND NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Members were advised that Megan Bullock has now been appointed to Weekend Caretaker for Blackwell Community Centre in addition to her duties at Newton Community Centre the Clerk has now formalised the current arrangements and the Service Level Agreement had been signed.

Members were advised that the Premises Licence Application for Hilcote Community Centre was now nearing the end of its consultation period and we should receive it before the July Meeting.

Members were also advised that following the advertising by DCC for a replacement for Rita Mann at Blackwell Community Centre, only one application had been received which was of a poor standard. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Kevin Farrow at DCC and ask him to re-advertise the position, and ask him if the Clerk could also circulate the advert within local Community Groups.

Cllr Newham advised that we had been offered a three year fixed deal for our energy contracts with Corona and Total for the Community Centres, it was agreed by all that this is signed.

### **329/2018 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

No updates received.

### **330/2018 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council will be held at Hilcote Community Centre, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 7pm.

### **331/2018 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

None.

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm.**