

# **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 3 March 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury, B Stocks: A F Tomlinson and L Walker.

## **265/2013 ALSO PRESENT**

PC Lorna Evans, PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and four Parishioners.

## **266/2013 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, I G Cox, C R Moesby and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

## **267/2013 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST/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.**

## **268/2013 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Mr J B Price and Councillor L Walker, Hilcote, repeated earlier requests to remove the Speed Humps located at New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote but were advised by the Chairman that after taking advice from the Police

no action would be taken by Derbyshire County Council with regard to the removal of the said Speed Humps.

**269/2013 POLICE MATTERS**

PC Lorna Evans and PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 28 February 2014.
2. The next Police Drop-In Surgeries would be held at:
  - a. Blackwell Community Centre 13 March 2014 10 a.m./11a.m.
  - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 14 March 2014 – 10 a.m./11 00 a.m.
  - c. Newton Methodist Church – 5 April 2014 10 a.m./11 a.m.

The Officers further advised that the Mobile Police Station would be visiting the Parish of Blackwell on 13 March 2014 between 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

They also advised Council Members that the Community Panel Meeting would be held at Tibshelf Village Hall 10 March 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

**RESOLVED** that PC Lorna Evans and PCSO Paul Brownlee be thanked for their attendance and report.

**2702013 COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

The Clerk advised Council Members that due to illness County Councillor C R Moesby was unable to be present at the Meeting.

**271/2013 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 February 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**272/2013**      **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

The Clerk reported that in view of the confidential nature of the matter concerning a Report from the Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council it would be necessary to consider a Resolution to exclude the Public and Press from the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (S1) in order to discuss the items.

**273/2013**      **BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL STREET SPORTS  
DIVERSIONARY OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2014**

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Mrs Jenny Carter, Senior Sport Development Manager, Bolsover District Council, who advised Council Members of a Sports Activity Programme which would involve youngsters from the Parish of Blackwell.

Mrs Carter further advised Council Members that such an Activity Programme would be for ten weeks and it was anticipated that for the Parish of Blackwell this would commence week beginning 5th May 2014 and Members suggested that Blackwell and Hilcote be one venue and Newton and Westhouses be the other venue.

Mrs Carter gave a positive response to the number of questions that were raised by Council Members who all expressed their hopes that the Programme would be successful.

It was agreed that a leaflet promoting the programme be included in the Parish Newsletter which was about to be distributed to every household in the Parish.

**RESOLVED** that Mrs Jenny Carter, Senior Sport Development Manager, Bolsover District Council be thanked for her attendance and report.

**274/2013 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reminded Council Members that, along with his wife, he would be attending the Bolsover District Council Civic Service on Sunday 23 March 2014.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager Bolsover District Council an Invitation from Councillor Ken Walker, Chairman, Bolsover District Council to Members of the Council to a Charity Fashion Show/Sale which would be taking place to raise funds for his chosen charities at The Arc, High Street, Clowne, on 28 April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. The cost of the tickets was £5.00 each.

**275/2013 ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported for information that he had placed an order with Glasdon Products Limited, Blackpool for the purchase of a suitable Memorial Seat in respect of the late Councillor Walter (Sam) Haynes and the seat would be installed at Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

The Chairman reported for information that the next Committee Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would take place on 19 March 2014.

The Chairman further reported that the issue with regard to the boundary at 60 The Ridge, Blackwell had been referred to the Legal Department, Bolsover District Council for them to investigate.

**276/2013 HIGHWAYS**

The Chairman reported for information that notification had been received from Derbyshire County Council of an emergency temporary road closure at Alfreton Road, Newton, from 12 February 2014 and this was due to a collapsed sewer.

The Clerk reported for information that he had circulated a list of all Parish Council owned Grit Bins situated within the Parish of Blackwell to Council Members

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members that a pothole had occurred at Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell and it was agreed that the Clerk notify Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

**277/2013**      **PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported receipt of the Play Area Inspection Reports from the Playgrounds and Open Spaces Warden, Bolsover District Council, and that there no major items in need of repair. It was, however, suggested that the Parish Caretaker, where necessary, paint the appropriate metal work on Play equipment.

**278/2013**      **FOOTPATHS**

Following a report from Councillor I J A Newham with regard to the public bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting urgent action be taken with regard to the repair of the Public Bridleway at Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

Following a report from the Clerk it was agreed that the Clerk liaise with the local Council Member with regard to the relocation of the Dog Waste Bin at Park Mill Drive, Westhouses.

**279/2013**      **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of Accounts for payment totalling £7,761.13 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their inspection:

1. Copy of the Councils Banks Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Councils Audit Form confirming the Councils current financial position.
3. Copy of the Councils Bank Statement.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts Regulations (England 2011) (SI) number 2011/817.

**RESOLVED** that a vote of thanks be given to Councillor R A Poulter for assisting the Clerk with the preparation of the Accounts.

**280/2013**

**BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information that:

1. The next Meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison would be held on 20 March 2014.
2. Local Strategic Partnership Business and Employment Committee Action Group would be held on 20 March 2014.

**281/2013**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following Derbyshire Association of Local Council Circulars:

1. 04/2014 – Repeal of Section 150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 – this would abolish the need for two Council Members signatures to appear on all cheques for accounts for payment.

Following a report from the Clerk

**RESOLVED** the Council continue to have two Council Members signatures on cheques for payment.

**282/2013**     **QUALITY STATUS PARISH/ TOWN COUNCIL  
SCHEME**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information the Councils Website had been expanded to include the facilities available at Blackwell/Newton/Hilcote Community Centres.

He further reported that the Councils Spring Newsletter was currently with the printers and delivery to him was anticipated to be 7 March 2014.

**283/2013**     **PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1.14/00061/FUL – Mr T Wilkinson, 206 Alfreton Road, Blackwell – Erection of double garage to rear of and porch to front of property – **no objections.**

2.14/00065/OUTMAJ – Wheeldon Bros Ltd – land to rear of 25- 53 Alfreton Road, Newton. Residential development of up to 45 dwellings including associated infrastructure and garaging accessed from Thurgaton Way and including a new pedestrian access link between 53 and 55 Alfreton Road, Newton.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Councillor Mrs C Munks as a Member of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council requesting that this planning application be “called in”

Councillor Mrs C Munks declared an interest in the foregoing Planning Applications and took no part in the discussion and decisions thereof.

**284/2013**     **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for discussion.

**285/2013**     **DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information on:

1. A Site Visit with the Landscape Manager, H J Banks Limited and the preparation of a restoration catalogue.
2. Improved draining work had been carried out at the aforementioned location.
3. The next Meeting of the Doe Hill Community Park Liaison Committee would be held on 9 April 2014.
4. Concrete blocks situated at Love Lane, Tibshelf had been moved by what appeared to be a 4 x4 vehicle and that the police had been notified.

**286/2013**     **BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

The Clerk reported receipt of an estimate from NE and MS Electrical for the installation of a PIR operated water saver on the urinals at Newton Community Centre in the sum of £162.00.

**RESOLVED**

1. The Estimate of £162.00 for the installation of a PIR operated water saver on the urinals at Newton Community Centre by NE and MS Electrical be accepted.
2. A request be made to NE and MS Electrical for a similar device to be provided at Blackwell Community Centre.

Following from a report from the Clerk with regard to the provision of a hot water boiler at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres.

**RESOLVED** that this matter be disc used at the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 7 April 2014.



**287/2013**     **HILCOTE MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There were no reports with regard to the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre.

**288/2013**     **MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 April 2014 at 7.00 p.m. and would incorporate with the Annual Parish Meeting

**IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960 (S1) IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE ITEM.**

**289/2013**     **MONITORING OFFICERS REPORT BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The Chairman advised Council Members that a letter had been received from the Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council stating quite clearly that a Member of the Council was in breach of the Parish Councils General Conduct Agreement

**RESOLVED**

1. The report from the Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council be noted.
2. The Council Member concerned be issued with a formal warning that if there was inappropriate conduct towards the Clerk the Member would no longer be heard and would be excluded from the Meeting in accordance with Standing Order 2B.

It was further **RESOLVED** that there be an Agenda Item for the Meeting to be held on 7 April 2014 with regard to the adoption of the Code of Conduct by Bolsover District Council which the Parish Council would also accept and incorporate the Parish Councils General Code of Conduct Agreement.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.