

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 2 March 2015 at 7pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: C R Moesby: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: and L Walker

**237/2014**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

Three Parishioners.

**238/2014**

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

**239/2014**

## **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.

**240/2014**

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

**Mr B Clarkson Blackwell** advised Council Members of a number of pot holes on Fordbridge Lane, Black well and he was advised by Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor to contact Derbyshire County Council Highways Departments dedicated line with regard to dealing with pot holes which is 01629 533190.

**Councillors B Stocks and L Walker** also expressed concerns with regard to a number of pot holes on Hilcote Lane and New Lane, Hilcote and they were further advised by Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor to contact the Derbyshire County Council Highways Department 01629 533190 to report the complaint.

**241/2014**

## **BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUUP**

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members:

1. The Coffee Shop was open as usual on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and on Tuesday morning, a local butcher is in attendance at the Community Centre whereby residents can purchase meat and meat products.
2. A pie and Pea Supper would be held on 14 March/25 April 2015 all starting at 7 p.m.
3. A nearly new and jumble sale would be held on 28 March 2015 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
4. Brass Band concert featuring Chapeltown Silver Prize Band would be held on 11 April 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

All the events mentioned would be taking place at Blackwell Community Centre.

Councillor Newham further advised Council Members that the group hope to arrange a litter pick in the not too distant future.

He also indicated that a resident of Blackwell had expressed an interest in organising a regular Tea Dance combined with Ballroom Dance tuition and currently canvassing of residents was taking place to see if there was any interest.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his attendance and report.

**242/2014**

**HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT.**

Mr M Greenwood of the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project advised council Members planters recently purchased by the Group were to be placed at the approved locations and that it was anticipated that further bulb planting would take place in Autumn 2015.

**RESOLVED** Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project be thanked for his attendance and report.

**243/2014**

**NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association.

Advised Council Members:

1. Film Nights currently being held at Newton Community Centre.
2. The Planters at Main Street, Newton were to be removed and new replacements be provided.
3. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting would be held at Newton Community Centre on 7 March 2015.
4. A New Notice Board was being provided by the Association and would be located on the exterior of Newton Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that Mrs D Willens, Secretary Newton Community Association be thanked for her attendance and report.

244/2014

**WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP.**

The Chairman advised Council Members that Mr D Fowkes of the Westhouses Resident Action Group was unable to attend the Meeting and the only problems he was able to report via email to the Clerk was continued difficulties caused by the inadequate signage for the low bridge at Tibshelf Road and speeding motorist through the village of Westhouses.

245/2014

**MR T GASCOYNE - T J COACHING**

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Mr Tony Gascoyne of T J Coaching who gave an overview of the sporting provision that his company provided to Primary and Secondary Schools within the parish of Blackwell.

Mr Gascoyne also highlighted Sports Development and that a scheme of sporting activities for children from the age of 5 to 16 years could be involved in i.e. a multi sports facility.

In response to a question from Council Members Mr Gascoyne advised that there were two adults who would supervise any sports development provided and full insurance had been obtained and they were also cleared with the Disclosure and Barring service.

**RESOLVED** that Mr Gascoyne be thanked for his attendance and report.

246/2014

**POLICE MATTERS**

The Chairman advised Council Members that due to a change in shift pattern, there was no Police Officer present at the Meeting however a report had been received from PC Lorna Evans detailing

1. Crime Figures to 28 February 2015.
2. Police Drop In Surgeries would be held at:
  1. Newton Methodist Church 7 March 2015, 10 a.m./11a.m.
  2. Blackwell Community Centre 19 March 2015, 10.a.m./11 a/m.
  3. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 20 March 2015, 10 a.m./11.a.m.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members that he had no report to give.

248/2014

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 February 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to Minute No

233/2014 being amended to read "The Chairman and Clerk also reported receipt of an email from" .....

**249/20/14**

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

There were no confidential items for discussion.

**250/2014**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman and Councillor A F Tomlinson reported for information that Mr M Harris, Absolute Video, "The Blackwell History Project", that filming had now been completed until after the May elections and that the Film in its present form was currently being edited and a shorter version of the project would be forwarded to the Clerk in due course.

**251/2014**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information that the next Committee Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be held on 3 March 2015 and the Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held at Blackwell Community Centre in mid April 2015.

**252/2014**

**HIGHWAYS**

The Chairman and Clerk reported that a further inspection had been carried out at the bus shelter located at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote and the engineer had reported that the shelter was now getting to the point where it needed to be demolished and there were quite a few bad cracks in the concrete and it was leaning over. The cost to remove and dispose of the shelter would be £350 plus vat.

**RESOLVED**

1. Standing Order at 7a be suspended.
2. The Clerk arrange with the contractors for the removal of the bus shelter in the sum of £350 plus VAT.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from North Midland Construction PLC giving details of construction works to be carried out at the Gloves Lane Sewage Pumping Station. Blackwell.

The work would commence on 9 March 2015 with an anticipated completion in October 2015.

**RESOLVED**

1. The letter from North Midland Construction PLC be noted.
2. The Clerk write to the Project Engineer, North Midland

Construction PLC reminding him that the access to the Pumping Station was via a public bridleway and this needed to be kept clean at all times also that there was a Children's Play Area adjoining Gloves Lane.

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from BCN Consultancy (Chesterfield Borough Council) requesting names for the next phase of the Thurgaton Way development at Newton.

The suggested names was

- a. Tomlinson Way.
- b. Carnarvon Way
- c Great Central Way.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk notify BCN Consultancy (Chesterfield Borough Council) of the proposed names.

Councillor A F Tomlinson and Mrs C Munks declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

**253/2014**

### **PLAYING FIELDS**

Following a lengthy discussion with regard to the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Brabners LLP, Solicitors, Liverpool confirming that the Council were willing to take over the trusteeship of land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor Mrs C Munks declared a non-pecuniary interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon

2. Councillor A F Tomlinson in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council advised Council Members that he had written to the Chief Executive Officer, Groundwork Creswell expressing his concerns with regard to the non-active solar lighting at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

The Chairman reported for information that a Meeting had been arranged with Groundwork Creswell and Newton Community Association on 6 March 2015 and possible sources of additional funding with regard to the possible purchase of new Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from the Street Scene Co-ordinator Officer, Bolsover District Council, with regard to Grounds Maintenance works at various play areas within the Blackwell Parish Council area and for gang mowing 13 cuts to field and 6 cuts to

perimeter at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses, Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, South Street Playing Field, Newton. Bamford Street Play Area Newton, New Street Play Area, Hilcote, Scanderlands Playing Field/Football Pitch, Blackwell, the charge would be £3,530.75p plus VAT. There had been no increase in the annual charge which was levied for the financial year 2014/2015.

**RESOLVED** that the quotation for Groundworks Maintenance work at various play areas within the Blackwell Parish Council area in the sum of £3,530. 75p. plus VAT be accepted.

The Chairman also reported for information that Play Equipment Reports had been received from the Play Grounds and Open Spaces Warden, Bolsover District Council with regard to the Play Equipment at the Councils various play areas, the number of minor items had been raised and instructions had been given for outstanding work to be completed.

Councillors A F Tomlinson and Mrs C Munks declared an interest in the two foregoing items and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

**254/2014**

### **FOOTPATHS**

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor reported for information that a Meeting had been arranged with Officers from Derbyshire County Council on 3 March 2015 with regard to the Blackwell Trail. A further report would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council on 13 April 2015.

**255/2014**

### **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £6,232.76p 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 2011/817.) The Clerk also handed to each Members present a redacted copy of the Councils for payment.

At this point in the Meeting, Councillor L Walker, stated that because of hearing difficulties he was leaving the Meeting.

**256/2014**

### **BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information on his recent attendance at a Bolsover Partnership Executive Meeting at which the Combined Authority Proposal had been discussed.

The Chairman further reported on his attendance at a Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting held on 23 February and amongst the items for discussion was an update on with regard to the future of Creswell and Langwith Surgeries and Action on Stroke Month (May) and the promotion thereof.

**257/2014**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1.04/2015 Internal Audit/Elections 2015.

2.05/20215 DALC Subscription Rates and Training.

The Clerk also reported that the DALC Annual Spring Seminar would be held on 26 March 2015 and it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to attend.

**258/2014**

**QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily, Councillor Mrs C Munks also advised Council Members that Bolsover District Council were promoting a Customer Information Service and a link to that website from the Councils Web Site would be allowed.

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that there had been a delay in the printing the Councils News Letter but it was hoped this would be available for delivery week commencing 16 March 2015.

**258/2014**

**PLANS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a copy letter from the Planning Officer, Bolsover District Council to Hallmarkwind Limited with regard to Planning Application 14/00390 - Wind Turbine, Twin Yards Farm, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell which the Planning Officer had suggested to the applicant to see if they would be willing to agree to providing some form of community benefit to the village of Hilcote.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a Planning Application 15/00057/FUL – Mr A Holmes, 16 North Street, Newton – change of use of site of new garage to mixed use for domestic use and parking of classic cars and erection of a garage to house classic cars.

**no objections.**

**260/2014**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Senior Sport Development Officer, Bolsover District Council giving details of the District Council Street Sports Diversionary Outreach Programme 2015/2016.

**RESOLVED**

1. The letter from the Senior Sport Development Officer Bolsover District Council be noted.
2. Mr T Gascoyne, Blackwell be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Council on 13 April 2015 to outline his proposed programme of Multi Sport Facilities within the Parish of Blackwell.

Councillors A F Tomlinson and Mrs C Munks declared an interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Head of Election Service, Bolsover District Council giving details with regard to the forthcoming District and Parish Council Elections to be held on 7 May 2015.

**261/2014**

**DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information:

1. The next Meeting of the Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel Meeting would take place at the Pavilion Meeting Room, Shetland Road, Tibshelf on 11 March 2015.
2. Volunteers were required to form the Friends of Doe Hill Community Park.

**262/2014**

**BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Area Facilities Manager Derbyshire County Council with regard to their caretaking and cleaning contract 2015/2016 at Newton Community Centre and the new contract price was £11,234.16p.

**RESOLVED** that the Caretaking and Cleaning Contract 2015/2016 Newton Community Centre in the sum of £11,234.16p from Derbyshire Council be accepted.

The Clerk reported for information that he had been in contact with a suitable boiler servicing company with regard to the Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres and the Sports



Pavilion, Scanderlands Playing Field and he would give a further report to the next Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman and the Clerk advised Council Members of the recent difficulties encountered with regard to the provision of bar facilities at the Councils Community Centres and as an urgent interim measure Mr L Taylor, Blackwell a Personal Licence Holder had been authorised to provide bar facilities at the respective Community Centres when needed.

**RESOLVED** that the action of the Chairman and Vice Chairman with regard to the provision of bar facilities be approved.

**263/2014**

**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 13 April 2015 at 7.00 p./m and would incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.