

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 March 2016 at 7.00 pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

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

## **249/2015 ALSO PRESENT**

Eleven Parishioners

## **250/2015 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Munks and R A Poulter

## **251/2015 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

**Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell** advised Council Members of his concerns as to why the Parish Council should wish to become Trustees of the former bowling green situated at Primrose Hill, Blackwell. The Chairman advised Mr Clarkson that the Council were concerned at the unkempt state of the land in question and had made an application to become Trustees of the land. The Blackwell Residents Action Group had indicated that it was their wish to turn the former bowling green into an area of natural beauty which the residents at Blackwell could be proud of.

Mr Clarkson also referred to, what he considered, the lack of investment in the village of Westhouses. He was however advised by the Chairman that the Westhouses Residents Action Group were in the process of reorganising themselves and it was hoped that they would be able to move forward and improve the general area of the village.

**Mr J Creswell/Mrs C Brown, Blackwell** advised Council Members of their concerns with regard to planning application number 16/00044/FUL submitted by Bolsover District Council for the erection of five two bedroom houses and one 2 bedroom bungalow.

Both residents said that such a development would be close to their properties and create unnecessary traffic issues.

Mr Creswell and Mrs Brown were advised by the Chairman that any objections they had with regard to the planning application should be submitted in writing to the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council. The Chairman also pointed out to the two residents that should the application be referred to the Planning Committee

for a decision they would be entitled to attend and raise their objections to the proposals.

Mrs Brown queried the disposal of asbestos from the council owned garages that adjoin her property and she was assured by the Chairman that Bolsover District Council did have in place correct procedures for the disposal of any asbestos likely to be found on the site.

**252/2015      POLICE MATTERS**

Council Members noted that there was no Police attendance nor any crime figures to be reported.

**253/2015      COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. County Council Road Show to be held in 2016.
2. The re-siting of Tibshelf Primary/Junior Schools.
3. Child Obesity.
4. Consultation Plans with regard to Children's Centres disadvantaged and disabled services.
5. Possible 2000 jobs to be created on the former Markham Colliery Site.
6. Cut back in rural bus services.
7. Installation of LED lighting on the beacons at the pedestrian crossing, Main Street, Newton.
8. Traffic Survey being carried out at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Further to development at Thurgaton Way, Newton. Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department had expressed concerns with regard to traffic issues at Thurgaton Way and Cragg Lane, Newton.

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

Councillors D G B Bullock and C R Moesby, in their capacity as Members of Bolsover District Council advised Council Members.

1. Rate increase for the District Council for the Financial Year 2016/2017 would be set at 1.95%.
2. Boundary Commission review.

3. Devolution – The Government would make the final decision as to whether or not Bolsover District Council would form part of the North Midlands Combined Authority.

4. Problems surrounding the changes in the refuse collection service by the District Council had now been resolved.

Resolved that Councillors D G B Bullock and C R Moesby be thanked for their attendance and report.

**254/2015**      **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 February 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**255/20/15**      **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

There were no confidential items for discussion.

**256/2015**      **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.

**257/2015**      **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised Council Members that consideration be given to giving each child under the age of 11 years within the Parish of Blackwell a commemorative medal celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The Chairman further advised Council Members that Tower Mint Limited, London were prepared to provide a 32 mm Medal in a bespoke blue card in Perspex case £1.99p each.

**RESOLVED** that the Council purchase 400 Commemorative Medals for children under the age of 11 years to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the cost of each individual medal would be £1.99p

**258/2015**      **ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information the Annual General Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be held on 14 April 2016 at 7.p.m in Newton Community Centre.

**259/2015**

**HIGHWAYS**

Following several complaints from several Council Members it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council with regard to the replacement of the damaged safety barrier outside Newton Primary School.

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that the "Littlemoor Lane" street nameplate had been missing for some time. In his capacity as a Member of Bolsover District Council he would arrange for this outstanding item to be dealt with.

**260/2015**

**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Chairman reported for information that the installation of new play equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton had now been completed but unfortunately vandalism had since occurred.

The Clerk reported for information that no objections had been received by the Charity Commission with regard to the Councils request to become Sole Corporate Trustee of the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

It was also noted that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust who are assisting Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project with regard to creating a Wet Land Area at Pasture Lane, Hilcote, had advised that Planning Permission would be required in order to obtain funding.

The Clerk reported for information that an email had been received from Brabners LLP, Solicitors, confirming that CISWO has advised that the Blackwell scheme did comprise an institute, car park, bowling green and football ground. CISWO had been instrumental in assisting with the transfer of a trusteeship of the land on the opposite side of the road but CISWO had a very clear view about the Trustees concerning Blackwell and Hilcote and currently preferred that the Charity Commission deals with the Trustees.

Following a request from the Chairman, Councillor D G B Bullock, in his capacity as Chair, Newton Carnival Team, advised Council Members that a skip would be "in situ" at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton on 11 March 2016 and the bonfire remains would be cleared away.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Street Scene Co-ordinator, Bolsover District Council, with regard to the Grounds Maintenance Contract for grass cutting at the Playing Fields within the Parish of Blackwell for 2016 in the sum of £3566, 05p plus VAT.

**RESOLVED** that the Council accept the quotation of £3566.05p plus VAT from Bolsover District Council with regard to grass cutting at the various playing fields within the parish of Blackwell.

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

The Clerk reported for information that advice had been given with regard to goal post safety and it was ascertained that the goal posts situated at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Football Field Newton and Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell, conform to current legislation.

**261/2015**

### **FOOTPATHS**

Following a report from Councillor I J A Newham with regard to the monitoring of water samples from the Normanton Brook adjacent to the Blackwell Trail.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Project Officer, Waterside Care, requesting the supply of a testing kit.

**262/2015**

### **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £15530.27p and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to members for their attention:-

- 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 Clerk also reported for information receipt of an email from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils regarding the new opt-In/opt out arrangements that the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Limited is putting into place effective from 1 April 2017.

**263/2015**

### **BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information his recent attendance at a Bolsover Partnership Parish Councils Liaison Meeting at which the main topic for discussion was HS2 Limited.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from the Bolsover District Partnership Team with regard to the Bolsover District Regeneration Framework and that a Public Consultation would be held on 14 April 2016 at the Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton.

264/2015

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 03/20126 – External audit for smaller authorities/transparency fund etc.
2. 04/2016 – Grants /Training events./DALC annual subscription.

265/2015

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

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Web Site was functioning satisfactorily. It was however pointed out by a several Members that photographs of new Members of the Council were required, plus the current telephone numbers for all Council Members for the Newsletter

It was agreed that this outstanding matter be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that the Councils Newsletter was at the printers.

266/2015

**PLANS**

The following plans were submitted and determined as indicated:-

1. 16/00043/RUL – Mr and Mrs S Garrard 115 Alfreton Road, Westhouses – single storey extension to rear of property **no objections.**
2. 16/00077/FUL - Mr D Garrard 170 Alfreton Road, Blackwell – replacement of an existing conservatory with brick built garden room to rear of property – **no objections.**

With regard to planning application 16/00044 FUL, Bolsover District Council – site of Blackwell Hotel Alfreton Road, Blackwell erection of five two bedroom houses and one 2 bedroom bungalow with associated parking and external work.

Council Members supported the concerns of local residents with regard to the proposed development ie close proximity of the development to existing properties and traffic issues.

Councillors D G B Bullock and C R Moseby as Members of Bolsover District Council, declared an interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk also reported for information that planning permission had been granted in the following applications that

1. 15/00526/FUL Mr R Bower 37 Alfreton Road, Westhouses – single storey rear extension (retrospective)
2. 15/00591/FUL Mr D Heathcote, 84 Charnwood Crescent, Newton - single storey extension to the rear and entrance porch to front of property.
3. 16/00023/VAR – Mr P Brundell GRC Limited, Variation of Condition 7

**267/2015**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported for information

1. Receipt of an email from Derbyshire County Council with regard to consultation within the County Council area about the possible reduction of subsidised rural bus services
2. Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council with regard to the Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan.
3. Letter from Ashfield District Council with regard to the Ashfield preferred Approach Local Plan

The Clerk further reported receipt of an email from a local resident with regard to fly tipping at The Ridge, Blackwell, and of action taken by the Clerk in notifying the Environmental Health Department Bolsover District Council and possible legal proceedings against the person concerned with the illegal tipping of rubbish.

**268/2015**

**BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES**

The Clerk reported receipt of emails from Utilitywise for the supply of gas at Blackwell, Hilcote and Newton Community Centres. It was further agreed that further advice be sought and subject to satisfactory answers be given, authority be delegated to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to proceed with the acceptance of the quotation for supply of gas by Utilitywise at Blackwell, Hilcote and Newton Community Centres.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the gas safety reports relating to Blackwell, Hilcote and Newton Community Centres.

The Chairman reported for information that the interior decoration of Blackwell, Hilcote and Newton Community Centres had been satisfactorily completed.

It was agreed the Clerk write to Riley and Co Limited thanking them for completing the work on time and within budget.

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that a local resident had suggested making a seat to be located on the grassed area adjacent to Blackwell Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be deferred until the next Meeting of the Council.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council, Corporate Resource Department, giving details of the Caretaking and Cleaning Contract 2016/2017, for Newton Community Centre would be £11627.28p plus VAT.

The Clerk further reported that the contract price for caretaking and cleaning Newton Community Centre for the year 2015/2016 had been £11234.28p.

Following a short discussion

**RESOLVED** the quotation received from the Derbyshire County Council, Corporate Resource Department for the caretaking and cleaning contract 2016/2017 for Newton Community Centre in the sum of £11627.28p plus VAT be accepted.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor declared an interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon

Following a suggestion from the Chairman

**RESOLVED** that the edges of the steps adjoining the kitchen door at Newton Community Centre be painted white.

**269/2015**

**DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information:

1.A meeting of the Friends of Doe Hill Community Park would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 11 March 2016.

2.The Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel Meeting would be held at Newton Community Centre on 16 March 2016

**270/2015**

**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council which would incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 4 April 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 pm