

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 6 March 2017 at 7.pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors T J Gascoyne: S Gill : C R Moesby: A Naylor : R A Poulter : R J Sainsbury and B Stocks..

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ALSO PRESENT

12 Parishioners

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock and Mrs C Munks.

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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)

Mrs L Duncombe- Moore, Westhouses, advised Council Members of fly tipping at Midland Terrace Tibshelf Road, Westhouses and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council with regard to having the rubbish etc. removed

Mrs Duncombe-Moore also asked what the possibility was of being provided with litter picking accessories, the Chairman suggested to her that she contact the Secretary, Newton Community Association, who would give appropriate advice on Mrs Duncombe-Moore's request.

Mr and Mrs G Heaseman, Newton, requested clarification from Council Members that Members present had all submitted objections to the HS2 spur line and they were assured by Members present that this had been completed.

The Chairman also advised Mr and Mrs Heaseman that the Councils objections to the HS2 spur had also been submitted.

Mr T Mellors, Newton expressed concern that .Wheeldon Brothers Limited had appealed against the decision by Bolsover District Council not to allow further development at Thurgaton Way, Newton and he was advised by the Chairman that he, the Chairman would be seeing the Planning Officer at Bolsover District Council on 9 March 2017, and he would report back to the Council his conversation with the Planning Officer.

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POLICE MATTERS

Council Members noted that there was no Police attendance at the Meeting.

251/2016

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members

1. Of a temporary road closure at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses - 25/28 April 2017 between 2200 hours and 0600 hours each night, to facilitate brickwork repairs to the railway bridge at Tibshelf Road Westhouses.
2. Derbyshire County Council elections would take place on 4 May 2017 prior to which there would be a six week “**Purdah**” period commencing on 27 March 2017 “**Purdah**” is the pre-election period specifically the time between an announced election and final election results the time period prevents Local Government from making announcements about any new or controversial initiatives which could be seen to be advantageous to candidates or parties in the forthcoming elections

County Councillor C R Moesby then read out to Council Members a prepared statement from Derbyshire County Council with regard to the HS2 project.

“HS2 is a Government project. Local authorities and other interested parties can make representations and seek to influence the plans, but decisions about the scheme rest with the Government.

Derbyshire County Council has welcomed the economic benefits of the scheme. It is expected that HS2 will bring additional jobs to the East Midlands. Indeed the boost to the region’s economy is expected to be greater than in any other region in the country.

However the County Council is aware that the project will also have serious adverse effects and that some communities close to the route will be affected both during construction and after the line is opened. Whilst seeking to maximise the economic benefits for Derbyshire the County Council has consistently pressed to HS2 to minimise the adverse effects on people’s homes and local authorities. The County

Council wants to see any harmful effects reduced mitigated or removed completely.

The County Council has also pressed HS2 to ensure that local people have as much information as possible, for example by securing additional consultation events. The Authority has also taken the lead in establishing a regional group to focus on the steps that can be taken to mitigate the worst effects of the scheme.

The County Council is especially concerned about the impact of the proposed “spur” linking the main HS2 route near Hilcote with the existing Erewash Valley Line near Stonebroom. The proposal emerged last year as part of a package of measures to realign the route through North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire.

In responding to the current consultation Derbyshire County Council is asking HS2 to consider its proposals for a spur at this location. It is thought that there may be scope to provide a link between HS2 and the Erewash Valley Line near Toton where the lines are next to each other. This would avoid the need for the spur altogether.

The County Council does not have access to the information nor the resources to understand the full implications of this. It will therefore ask HS2 to do a report, compare the relative costs and benefits of these and any other potential options in terms:

- a. Capital and operating costs**
- b. Environmental impact**
- c. Engineering feasibility**
- d. Journey times**
- e. Impact on existing rail services**
- f. Opportunities and impact of electrifying Erewash Line in Toton**
- g. Disruption during construction.**

The County Councils underlying aim is to achieve the best deal for Derbyshire in terms of maximising the benefits, minimising the adverse effects. It believes this is best achieved through constructive dialogue with HS2. The current consultation ends on 9 March 2017 but the County Council will continue to engage with HS2 to achieve the best possible outcome”.

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

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COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK.

The Clerk reported that due to work duties Councillor D G B Bullock was unable to attend the Meeting.

253/2016

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 February 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

254/2016

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

255/2016

CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that a copy of "Hansard" House of Commons (HS2 Newton Spur) Report had been handed to each Member present.

The Chairman also reported receipt of an invitation from the Chairman, Bolsover District Council, to attend the District Councils Civic Service on Sunday 7 May 2017 at Holy Trinity Church Drive, Shirebrook .at 3.p.m.

RESOLVED The Chairman and his wife be authorised to attend the Bolsover District Councils Civic Service on Sunday 7th May 2017 at Holy Trinity Church, Church Drive, Shirebrook at 3 p.m.

The Chairman further reported for information that a new residents group had been formed in Westhouses, called Positive Westhouses Residents Group.

256/2016

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:-

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 25 April 2017.
2. An Open Day /Family Fun Day would be held at Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton on 9 September 2017.

Councillor R A Poulter that the litter bin at Littlemoor Lane Allotments required emptying and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Parish Caretaker with regard to emptying same.

257/2016

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a notification from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, of a temporary 30 mph speed limit on B6025 Alfreton Road, Westhouses from 27 February 2017 to 18 March 2017, this was to facilitate the construction of a

new access road to the sewage works.

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the Senior Engineer Bolsover District Council with regard to the supply and erection of a new bus shelter at Main Street/New Street, Newton and there was a possibility of 50% funding from Derbyshire County Council.

Following a discussion by between Council Members it was agreed that a site visit be arranged before any definite indication was given with regard to the supply and erection of a new bus shelter.

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members that sunken/damaged manhole covers at Alfreton Road, Blackwell, had not been dealt with despite a safety cones being in place around the hazard

RESOLVED The Clerk write to the Highways Department. Derbyshire County Council requesting an investigation be carried out With regard to the sunken/damaged manhole covers at Primrose Hill, Blackwell.

258/2016

PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor B Stocks advised Council Members that site works was progressing satisfactorily on the former recreation ground at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor T J Gascoyne declared an interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion thereon.

The Chairman reported for information that tenders had been invited by Groundwork Creswell for the provision of an outdoor gym at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton and a further report would be submitted to the Council in due course.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Street Scene Coordinator, Bolsover District Council for grounds maintenance (Grass Cutting) for 2017) at all the Parish Councils playing fields in the sum of £655.21 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation received from Bolsover District Council for Grounds Maintenance (Grass Cutting) at all the Parish Councils playing fields in the sum of £3655.21 plus VAT be accepted.

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

259/2016

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk advised Council Members of his conversation with an Enforcement Officer, Boston Borough Council with regard to Public Space Protection Order/ Dog Control Orders, copies of which had been forwarded to the Solicitor, Bolsover District Council requesting written confirmation that the District Council in have Dog Control Orders in place.

260/2016

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £5332.21p and it was agreed 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 Council 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 reported receipt of a dividend statement to 28 February 2017 from the CCLA Public sector fund.

The Clerk and Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members of correspondence received from the Pensions Regulator with regard to the provision of a pension scheme for the Councils employees and the Automatic Enrolment Staging date .was 1st April 2017.

The Government supported the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) and following a short discussion thereon it was agreed that this scheme be adopted.

261/2016

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that the Bolsover Partnership Executive Committee Meeting had taken place on 2 March 2017 and gave an overview of the items discussed.

The Chairman further reported that there would be a Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Parish Councils Liaison Group and would take place on 20 March 2017 and among the items to be discussed was:-

1. Dog Fouling.

2. HS2 Ltd

262/2016

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. O3/2017 State of Rural Services in England 2016.

A copy had been circulated to all Council Members

Following a request from the Clerk it was agreed that the Council pay the enhanced fee for Group 1 courses to be held by DALC for the period April 2017 to March 2018.

The Chairman advised Council members that the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Spring Seminar would be held at Lumb Farm, Ripley on 27 April 2017. at a cost of £45 to Member Councils which would include lunch

RESOLVED The Chairman Vice Chairman and Clerk be authorised to attend the Derbyshire Association of local Councils Spring Seminar to be held at Lumb Farm, Ripley, on 27 April 2017.

263/2016

QUALITY STATUS - PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils website was functioning satisfactorily.

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the Spring Edition of the Councils Newsletter was currently with the printers.

264/2016

PLANS

The Chairman and Councillor B Stocks advised Council Members that they would be attending the Planning Committee Meeting, Bolsover District Council to be held on 8 March 2017 when it was anticipated a decision would be made with regard to Planning Application 1600513/FUL Ms M Wilson – change of use of land to provide a three pitch traveller site, on land West of “Bareen” bungalow and North of “Hilcote Farm”. Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

The following plan was submitted and determined as indicated
1 17/00057OUT Mr Ian Lancashire renewal of outline planning permission 13/00517/OUT for the erection of four dwellings land to

the rear of Little Farm Littlemoor lane Newton

NO OBJECTIONS.

Council Members noted that planning application 16/00481/OUT Borders Mission Circuit - demolition of former Methodist church and construction of up to three dwellings, Berrister Winning Methodist Church, New Street, Hilcote, the planning application had been withdrawn

Councillor C R Moesby declared an interest in the foregoing planning application and took no part in the discussion thereon.

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Council Members also noted that Wheeldon Brothers Ltd, Planning Application 15/00653/OUT, residential development of up to 80 dwellings including means of access from Cragg Lane, Newton, on land between Priory Way/Weavers Court/Strutt Close and adjoining the east side of Cragg Lane an appeal had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Clerk reported for information that the following planning applications had been approved by the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council.

1. 16/00567/REM – Mr A Hogard, “Homestead Farm”, 10 Alfreton Road, Newton – conversion of outbuilding to form dwelling and erection of 2 dwellings with access from Manor Close.
3. 16/00626/.FUL Mr D Thomas, 96 The Ridge, Blackwell – erection of porch to front of property.

265/2016

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Bolsover District Council, with regard to the Heritage Lottery Fund grant opportunity which advised that the Heritage Lottery fund opportunity had made £2 million available this year for Communities looking to explore, conserve and share local heritage of the first world War, grants were available for between £3k and £10k.

The Clerk further reported receipt of a letter from the Joint Streetscene and Waste Manager, Bolsover District Council, advising that the recycling banks facilities throughout the Bolsover area operated by

1. Berryman.
2. Scope
3. Savanna

4. Plant Aid.

5. ERCL.

had all been withdrawn by 24 February 2017.

266/2016

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the next meeting of the Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel would take place on 13 March 2017, and would be held at Blackwell Community Centre.

Councillor Newham also advised Council Members that there had been further incidents of fly tipping in the car park at the Doe Hill Community Park and it was agreed the Clerk write to the Streets Service Manager requesting that the rubbish be removed.

267/2016

BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported that for a considerable period of time problems had been encountered closing the shutter door at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, there had however been difficulty in getting suitable Contractors to carry out the work and the Clerk was able to report that he had been in contact with Shutter Door Systems Limited who had given a quotation of between £450 and £500 to fit a new motor to the shutter door at the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Shutter Door Systems Limited, to fit a new motor to the shutter door at Hilcote Community Centre, in the sum of £450/£500 be accepted.

The Clerk further reported that holiday cover was required at Hilcote Community Centre from 26 April 2017 to 4 May 2017.

Following a short report from Councillor B Stocks it was agreed that Ms Tanya Hutchinson, Hilcote, provide Caretaking duties for that period of time.

Following a report from the Chairman it was agreed that no charge would be levied to the HS2 Spur Protest Group when using the Councils, Newton Community Centre.

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that he had spoken with Residents Groups at Westhouses and that there was a possibility of land being made available at Westhouses Primary School for the provision of a multi-use building within the grounds of the School.

It was agreed that this be an Agenda item at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 3 April 2017.

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

Following a report from the Chairman,

RESOLVED that the HS2 (spur link) Action Group be allowed to use Newton Community Centre free of charge.

268/2016

MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council would be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 3 April 2017 at 7.pm, and would include the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 8.30.pm.

