

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I Newham (Vice Chairman), C Moesby, T Gascoyne, N Willens, R Sainsbury, S Gill and B Stocks

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) PCSO Paul Brownlee and 10 members of the public.

491/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Naylor, R Poulter and I Cox.

492/2019 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 C Moesby declared an interest in Agenda Items 11 as he is a Bolsover District Council Member and 19 as he is a Neighbour of a Planning Applicant, Cllr Bullock declared an interest in Agenda Items 10 as he is Chair of Newton Carnival Team and 11 as he is a member of Bolsover District Council.

493/2019 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Several topics were raised by the members of the public including the following;

A member of the Public raised an objection to a letter recently sent to him by the Parish Council, and advised Council that he has raised this with his Solicitor, the Police and his Member of Parliament.

A resident who lives on Chapel Close reported that a litter pick had been carried out on the old Bowling Green and Toilet Block, which had recovered a huge number of Alcohol bottles and cans, along with Drug accessories, the Clerk was asked to contact District Council and CISWO for support with this issue.

County Cllr C Moesby reported that the new Bus Shelter on Alfreton Road, Blackwell is now completed. His funding pot for local Community Groups is all spent for this financial year. Council were advised of the percentage increases for all categories which make up Council Tax Bills, and dates and locations for the prospective new Councillor meetings.

Crime figures for December 2018 were noted by all. PCSO Paul Brownlee provided some background information about how reported Crimes are categorised. PCSO Brownlee was thanked for attending the meeting and for the useful information, he then left the meeting.

494/2019 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2019.

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 4th February 2019 were moved by Cllr Willens, seconded by Cllr Gascoyne and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

495/2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman updated members that the Commemorative Oak Trees all now have their Brass Plaques mounted on wood installed, and this project is now completed. The Clerk had been in touch with Martin Fagin of the Community Heartbeat Trust, the quotation had been finalised and returned to Martin with the completed Project Assistance forms.

496/2019 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk provided an update on current projects:-

A request to plant two Poplar Trees at the top of Glinton Avenue, just behind the School Boundary Wall had been received and a price obtained which was £45 each plus delivery, planting and VAT. It was moved by Cllr Sainsbury, seconded by Cllr Gascoyne that the trees are purchased and that the Children of Blackwell Primary School are involved in the planting.

The Clerk advised Council that she was preparing to get the Lamp Post Testing carried out for this year's Hanging Baskets, and asked that Councillors advise her as soon as possible if any changes to last year's locations are needed.

497/2019 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT UNDER S137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Westhouses Residents Action Group - £256.00 – 2 Village Planters + 2 Memorial Planters Moved by Cllr Gascoyne, Seconded by Cllr Stocks and approved by All.

Hilcote Environmental Leisure Group - £256.00 – Toward the Costs of Village in Bloom Application. Moved by Cllr Sainsbury, Seconded by Cllr Gascoyne and approved by All.

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – Declined.

Derbyshire Army Cadet Force – Declined.

498/2019 HS2

A copy of an open Letter written by the local Stop HS2 Group was given to Council and the request for Council to give their support to it was approved by all.

499/2019 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

Council were advised that the Clerk was to meet a representative from Viridor at Newton Community Centre the following day to discuss the Funding Application before it was presented to the Steering Group for the final decision.

The Clerk informed Council that she had submitted an Application for a Small Action Grant from DCC for £500.00. The money will be spent upgrading the Crockery at the Community Centres if the grant is approved.

A request from Blackwell Youth Club for more storage space was presented to Council, the Clerk was asked to find out whether the small garage previously used by the Playgroup could be made available to the Youth Club.

The condition of the lounge furniture at Blackwell Community Centre was discussed and the Clerk was asked to get Quotations for new Sofa's and Carpet.

Council were advised that a Car had reversed into a concrete post at Newton Community Centre and snapped it at the bottom and damaged the fencing panel. K P Morris had been asked to carry out the necessary repairs.

500/2019 HIGHWAYS

The Clerk advised that a request for a Rolling Road Closure on Saturday 13th July, for Newton Carnival Parade had been received; no objections were made to this.

An update was given on the complaint made to Planning Department regarding the overgrown Conifer Trees and dilapidated Fencing at a property on Oak Tree Road, Hilcote. An Untidy Garden Order is to be sent by Planning Department stating concern over the condition of the Unsafe Fence which could cause harm to persons using the footpath alongside the property. They will let the Clerk know if a response is received.

501/2019 RECREATION AREAS/PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS

Council were advised that the Tender from Bolsover District Council for the Grounds Maintenance Contract 2019 had been received total £3,619.00, a saving of £134.90 on last year, it was agreed by all that this is accepted.

Council were updated on progress with the Insurance Claim for the Water Damage at Scanderlands Pavilion.

The Clerk was asked to look into Boundary Ownership on the Title Deeds for Scanderlands Pavilion following a recent dog attack, caused by a Dog on the adjoining Land escaping onto the recreation field.

502/2019 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL

Council were reminded that the Public Meeting was to be held on Tuesday 5th March, at Westhouses Primary School at 7.30pm.

503/2019 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Gill was asked to chase up the Rents with the Allotment Committee.

504/2019 PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

A request from Westhouses Community Association to hold the Village Carnival on the Memorial Playing Field on Saturday 15th June as approved by all.

Cllr Stocks advised Council that the Grand Opening of the Royal Oak Meadows is to be held on Saturday 10th August 2019.

505/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, FINANCIAL REPORT & STAFF HOLIDAYS

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £9,902.04 it was moved by Cllr Sainsbury, seconded by Cllr Stocks and Resolved that these be authorised for payment.

The Clerk also provided the Current Account Bank Balance of £50,334.64 as at 28.02.2019, a Bank Reconciliation, and interest earned January 2019 on the Public Sector Fund Account of £32.06 to members of the Council for their inspection.

The Clerk also advised that the VAT reclaim for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018 totalling £12,674.09 had been received. The Clerk also reminded Council members that she intends to use the last three days of her annual leave on March 20th, 21st and 22nd.

506/2019 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Willens advised that no meetings had been held since the last Parish Council Meeting. He would be attending the Executive Board Meeting on Thursday 7th March 2019.

507/2019 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC Circulars 03 2019 which had been emailed to all members on 6th February 2019.

508/2019 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Council were advised that the Winter 2019 Edition of the Parish Newsletter had now been circulated with the support of local Community Groups, and that the Website is up to date.

509/2019 PLANNING REPORT

All applications and decisions on this month's report were discussed; the Clerk was not asked to make any comments this occasion.

510/2019 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Council were advised that the next meeting of the Doe Hill Advisory Group was scheduled for Wednesday 8th May at Blackwell Community Centre, and that representatives of HS2 Ltd had been invited to attend.

511/2019 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Blackwell Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st April at 7pm, at Newton Community Centre.

512/2019 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The re-grading of pay scales and pay increases agreed by National Joint Council for 2019/2020 were discussed and it was moved by Cllr Moesby, seconded by Cllr Willens and agreed by all that they are implemented for all Parish Council Staff with effect from 1st April 2019. The Clerk advised that staff contracts had been reviewed and updated where necessary, and that once the Clerk has had her appraisal, she will carry out appraisals with the rest of the staff. It was moved by Cllr Willens, seconded by Cllr Stocks and agreed by all that the Position of Parish Ranger and Community Centre Caretaker are designated as eligible to join DCC-LGPS with effect from 1st April 2019.

It was agreed by all that the Clerk arrange to send Flowers and a Get Well card to a member of staff who had been unwell.

Cllr Moesby advised Council of the Key dates in the Election Timetable and the procedure for obtaining and submitting Nomination Forms.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed

Date