

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote, on Monday 9 May 2015 at 7.p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: T J Gascoyne: S Gill: Mrs C Munks: A Naylor: I J A Newham:
R A Poulter and R J Sainsbury

26/2016

ALSO PRESENT

Five residents.

27/2016

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN for the year 2016/2017

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be elected Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2016/2017.

Councillor Willens signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

28/2016

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN for the year 2016/2017.

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be elected Vice Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2016/2017.

Councillor Newham signed his Declaration of Acceptance of office.

29/2016

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWTON/BLACKWELL ALLOTMENT and LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION for the year 2016/2017.

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be the Councils representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association for the year 2016/2017.

30/2016

COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK COMMITTEE for the year 2016/2017.

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be the Councils representative on the Doe Hill Community Park Committee for the year 2016/2017.

31/2016

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock and B Stocks.

32/2016

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.

33/2016

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mrs L Duncombe-Moore, Westhouses, advised Council Members that the Westhouses Residents Action Group would be organising a Litter Pick during the coming weeks.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote advised the Chairman that should either the Police representative or County Councillor C R Moesby attend the Meeting he wished to speak with them.

34/2016

POLICE MATTERS

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

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from PCSO Paul Brownlee advising that banning letters from Road Chef Motorway Services had been served on two youths from Blackwell and one youth from Newton. The letters had been issued due to anti-social behaviour at the Service Area and also to criminal damage to property and street furniture on the route up towards the Service Area.

The ban is in force for five years and covers all Road Chef Service Areas nationwide.

Council Members noted that at the recent Police and Crime Commissioner Elections, Councillor Hardyal Dhindsa from Derby City Council, had been elected the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Derbyshire Area.

35/2016

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

Council Members noted that County Councillor C R Moesby and Councillor D G B Bullock were not in attendance at the Meeting therefore there was no report from Derbyshire County Council or Bolsover District Council.

36/2016

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th April 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

37/2016**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

The Clerk reported in view of the confidential nature of the letter received from a member of staff it would be necessary to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from their Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 in order to discuss the item.

38/2016**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Annual Pantomime staged by Chaplins Entertainments Ltd would be held at Blackwell/ Newton Community Centres on Monday 5th December 2016, and the Pantomime this year would be "Dick Wittington".

It was agreed that expenditure for the pantomime be in accordance with the "Free Resource", Local Government Act 1972 (Section 137).

It was also agreed that the Council provide transport for pupils from Westhouses Primary School to Newton Community Centre on the day of the Pantomime.

The Chairman further reported for information that the medallions celebrating HM Queens 90th birthday had been received and these in due course be dispensed to Blackwell/Newton/Westhouses Primary Schools and to the other children's play groups within the Parish of Blackwell.

39/2016**ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information that the Annual General Meeting of the Blackwell/Newton Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association had been held on 13 April 2016. It was agreed that the Council contribute towards the cost of providing fencing at the North Street/South Street Allotments.

The next Committee Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be held on 31 May 2016.

Councillor R A Poulter declared a personal interest in the foregoing and took no part in the discussion and decisions thereon.

40/2016**HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported for information that an email had been received from Bolsover District Council with regard to the Blackwell/Newton 18th Village Carnival Parade to be held on 9th July 2016 and for a proposed temporary rolling road closure.

RESOLVED that there were no objections to the proposed temporary

rolling road closure for the Blackwell/Newton 18th Village Carnival Parade on Saturday 9 July 2016.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a email from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, declining a request from a resident of Hilcote Lane, Hilcote, for the extension on the south side of the pavement at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Clerk advised Council Members that lamp post testing in preparation for the forthcoming floral basket displays had been carried out by KIWA Limited, Derby.

Several Members complained that an overhanging tree at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote was causing an obstruction to pedestrians.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting the overhanging tree at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote be cut back as soon as possible.

41/2016

PLAYING FIELDS

Following a report from the Chairman with regard to Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton

RESOLVED that this particular item be dealt with as a confidential matter at the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 6 June 2016.

The Chairman also reported that a group of travellers had been on Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses, on 17 April 2016, but after 2/3 days had left the area and rubbish etc, that was left behind was correctly bagged and was cleared away by the Parish Caretaker.

The Chairman thanked Councillor T J Gascoyne for his help and assistance with regard to this particular incident.

Following a report from the Clerk with regard to the current charges levied for the football pitches at Charnwood Crescent and Scanderlands.

RESOLVED the fee for the season 2016/2017 be increased from £250 to £300 and that for "one off" adult matches a fee of £30 be charged.

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members the pitch at Charnwood Crescent would be used by Mansfield Ladies Football Team on a Saturday and on a Sunday would be Tibshelf Football Club and at Scanderlands, the pitch would be used on a Saturday by AFC South Wingfield.

The Clerk reported for information that Play Ground Inspections had been received from the Play Grounds and Open Spaces Warden,

Bolsover District Council and covered the period January/March 2016.

Following a report from the Chairman it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Leisure Services Department, Bolsover District Council to ascertain what Section 106 monies was available for the replacement of Play Equipment at North Street Play area, Newton.

Councillor T J Gascoyne reported for information that a football tournament sponsored by "The Co-operative", would be held for 9/11 year olds at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses on 25 May 2016, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that he had received an enquiry from a resident of Chapel Close, Blackwell enquiring about the possibility of buying part of the old bowling green at Primrose Hill, Blackwell, but Councillor Newham had advised the resident concerned that the land was not in the Parish Councils ownership.

Following a request from the Chairman it was agreed the Clerk write to the Playgrounds and Open Spaces Warden, Bolsover District Council to ascertain in the new play equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field had now been brought in to the monthly inspection programme.

42/2016

FOOTPATHS

Following a report from Councillor S Gill and the Clerk

RESOLVED THE Clerk write to the Rights of Way Improvement Planning Officer, Derbyshire County Council, with regard to the possible adoption of a footpath from the junction of Deamon Street/The Ridge, Blackwell, to the former Engine Reclamation Site at Westhouses.

43/2016

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts totaling £20787.60 and it was agreed these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to the Members for their inspection;

1. Copy of the Councils 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) (SI No 2011/817).

The Clerk also handed to each Member present a redacted copy of the accounts for payment.

The Clerk also reported to Council Members the Internal Auditors report to 31 March 2016, and there were no matters arising from the Internal Audit for 2015/2016 which necessitated being brought to the attention of Council Members.

It was also agreed that the Chairman:

1. Sign the Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016.
2. Sign the Accounting Statements for 2015/2016.

The Clerk reported for information the Dividend Statement Public Sector Deposit Fund (CCLA) to 31 March 2016.

44/2016

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information;

His attendance at a Bolsover Partnership Executive Board Meeting held on 14 April 2016 and the items discussed included:

1. Possible Project to set up a Community Shop selling surplus short dated food stuffs at low prices to customers on benefits.
2. A data sharing scheme to be set up by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue service to identify vulnerable people in case of fire or other emergencies.
3. Progress with the Shirebrook Forward NG20 Programme which included better co-operation with Sports Direct. The effectiveness of the community cohesion scheme and work to reduce homelessness and problems associated with homes in multiple occupancy.

The Chairman also attended a Bolsover Partnership Parish Councils Liaison Meeting held on 18 April 2016, at which there was reports on Japanese Knotweed, Total Transport Derbyshire and the Physical Inactivity Intervention Programme.

The Chairman also attended a workshop on 14 April 2016 in South Normanton as part of the Bolsover District Regeneration Framework for the four towns and surrounding villages of Blackwell, Hilcote, Newton, Westhouses, Tibshelf and Pinxton but did not appear to offer the Parish of Blackwell anything.

The Chairman also advised Council Members that a Parish and

Town Council Forum would be held by Derbyshire County Council at County Hall, Matlock, on 27 June 2016, which he would be attending.

Councillor I J A Newham indicated that he would also be in attendance.

45/2016

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information that correspondence had been received from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils with regard to a Transparency Fund for smaller authorities with a turnover of less than £25,000.

46/2016

QUALITY STATUS – PARISH/ TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Council Web Site was functioning satisfactorily.

Councillor I J A Newham also advised Council Members that the dead line for the next edition of the Councils Newsletter was 31 May 2016.

47/2016

PLANS

The following Plan was submitted and determines as indicated.

1. 16/00136/OUT – **Mr T Watson 1 Main Street Newton** – erection of one dwelling (All Matters reserved) – **no objections.**

The Chairman also reported for information:

1. 16/00132/DISCON relating to Units 1/2 at Primrose Business Park, Blackwell. Ground Investigation Report as part of application 15/00508/FUL.

2. 16/0016)/SCREEN - Environmental Impact Assessment for an emergency standby electricity generator with an output of up to 2MW in Fordbridge Lane Blackwell.

3. 16/00170/DEH – Single storey extension to rear of 69 New Lane, Hilcote.

The Chairman requested and was granted formal permission to speak at the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council with regard to the Third Phase of the Newton Fields development (Wheeldon Brothers Ltd) (15/00563/OUT) which the Council had strongly opposed.

48/2016

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members of his attendance at a presentation by INEOS Shales Senior Management Team held on 9 May 2016 at the Speedwell Rooms, Inkersall Road, Chesterfield

and suggested that a public consultation be held within the Parish of Blackwell to enable residents to give their views/opinions with regard to shale gas extraction.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to INEOS suggesting that a Public Consultation be held within the Parish of Blackwell.

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the Collection, Planning and Performance Manager, Royal Mail, Derby, regarding the possible re-siting of the post box currently situated at the junction of Littlemoor Lane/Wire Lane, Newton and that the Royal Mail had refused to give approval for the post box to be resited.

RESOLVED the Clerk Write to Dennis Skinner MP asking for his assistance with regard to the re-siting of the post box currently situated at the junction of Littlemoor Lane/Wire Lane Newton to a more convenient location i.e. Junction of Main Street/Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from the Environmental Enforcement Technical Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to the fly tipping incident at The Ridge, Blackwell on 23 February 2016 and the matter was still ongoing.

49/2016

BLACKWELL /HILCOTE/ NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from Bolsover District Council advising, that in accordance with Government guidelines, Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre was to pay rates of £765.38 for the financial year 2016/2017.

With regard to the provision of CCTV at Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres it was agreed that these be discussed at a future Meeting of the Council.

Following a report from Councillor I J A Newham with regard to the possible provision of a seat adjacent to Blackwell Community Centre

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council to ascertain any possible health and safety issues with regard to the provision of a seat adjacent to Blackwell Community Centre.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Bower and Broughton Plumbing and Heating Engineers Limited, advising that the repair of the boiler at Newton Community Centre was found to have a faulty gas valve and that boiler parts were now obsolete. It was recommended that a new boiler would be required.

RESOLVED the Clerk secure quotations from reputable contractors for the provision and installation of a new gas boiler at Newton

Community Centre.

50/2016

DOEHILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information:

1. Damage to fencing at Doe Hill Community Park.
2. An oil spill within the car park.
3. The Friends of Doe Hill Community Park had carried out a Litter Pick.

51/2016

STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/RISK ASSESTMENT/GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE.

RESOLVED the Councils Standing Orders, Financial Regulations Risk Assessment and General Power of Competence for the year 2016/17 be approved.

It was further agreed that a Sub Committee of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, one other Council Member and the Clerk, to review the Councils Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/ Risk Assessment/General Power of Competence

52/2016

MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 6 June 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

“IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS 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 FOLLOWING ITEMS”:

53/2016

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from a member of staff invoking the grievance procedure against a Council Member.

As the Council Member concerned was not present.

RESOLVED that the Grievance brought by a member of staff against a Council Member be discussed at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 6 June 2016.

54/2016

LIVING WAGE

The Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council were now paying its employees the “Living Wage” of £8.25p per hour with effect from 1

April 2016.

RESOLVED that the Councils employees be paid the “Living Wage” of £8.25p per hour with effect from 1 April 2016.

The Meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.