

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm.

## **279/2018 Election of a Chairman for the Ensuing Year**

Cllr D Bullock was nominated by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Naylor, Cllr R Poulter was nominated by Cllr Willens and seconded by Cllr Newham. A vote took place, Cllr Poulter received 3 votes, Cllr Bullock received 5 votes and was duly appointed as Chairman of Blackwell Parish Council for the municipal year 2018/2019.

Cllr Bullock took and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office along with the Clerk to the Council.

**280/2018** A vote of thanks was made to the retiring Chairman for all his hard work over the last year.

## **281/2018 Election of a Vice Chairman for the Ensuing Year.**

Cllr Newham was nominated by Cllr Cox, and seconded by Cllr Willens and agreed by all. Cllr Newham was duly appointed as Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2018/2019.

Cllr Newham took and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office along with the Clerk to the Council.

## **282/2018 Council Representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association for the Year 2018/2019.**

It was agreed by all that Cllr Willens steps down following his move to Sheffield and that Cllr Poulter is appointed to the above position.

## **283/2018 Council Representative to the Doe Hill Community Park Committee for the Year 2018/2019.**

It was moved by Cllr Moesby and seconded by Cllr Bullock and agreed by all that Cllr Newham continue with the above role.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: N Willens, I Newham, S Gill, C R Moesby, A Naylor, R J Sainsbury and I Cox.

## **ALSO PRESENT**

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) six members of the public.

## **284/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Poulter, T Gascoyne, B Stocks and C Munks.

## **285/2018 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 R Sainsbury declared an interest in Agenda Item 25, as a fellow school governor has made a Planning Application.

Cllr Moesby declared an interest in Agenda Item 21, the payment to DCC for Caretaker duties as he is County Councillor for our Parish.

## **286/2018 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

**Mr Ross Berry Hopkins** – enquired about progress with the legal process to change the name of Westhouses Playing Fields to Westhouses Memorial Playing Fields, the Clerk agreed to follow this up with the Council's Solicitors and feedback at the next meeting.

**Pam Stocks** - reported the poor condition of the Play Equipment and the wetpour flooring at Westhouses Playing Fields, the Clerk agreed to follow up this matter with Ant Tyson of BDC. Pam also requested a Grass Cut at Westhouses on or around the 2<sup>nd</sup> June in readiness for the Carnival, the Clerk agreed to put a request in at BDC on her behalf.

**Barry Clarkson** – asked for an update on the improvement to the safety of the access to the Trail off Fordbridge Lane, Cllr Moesby informed that this has been looked at and required negotiation with Martins Ltd who own the adjacent land. This is within the Capital Programme but is a low priority.

The Speed Sign – flashing '30' mph on Primrose Hill is not working, the Clerk agreed to report this to DCC highways department.

The installation of a Parish Notice Board at the junction of Primrose Hill and Alfreton Road was requested. The Clerk agreed to obtain quotations for this and bring to a future meeting.

**Jo Page** – reported that the Poo Bin on Park Mill Drive needs relocating as it is very difficult to get to. Three further Poo Bins were requested within the village of Westhouses, suggested locations included at the top of the path which runs along the Railway line near the old Post Office and along the Path from Fordbridge Lane. The Clerk agreed to price up the installation of three bins including the cost of emptying and bring to a future meeting.

Problems experienced in getting hold of the Community Police Office PC Barry Bacon were reported, along with concerns regarding speeding through Westhouses.

Clarification of exactly where the boundary sits between Westhouses and Tibshelf, in relation to Verge Cuts and Litter Picking, the Clerk agreed to look into this and report back at a future meeting.

## **287/2018 POLICE MATTERS**

Council Members noted that there was no police attendance at the meeting. The Clerk had however produced a report showing the crime figures for the Parish for March 2018.

**288/2018 COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

Cllr Moesby reported that there was to be a meeting with HS2 Ltd at the Post Mill Centre, South Normanton on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, between 1pm and 3pm, and asked as many people as possible to support this.

Councillor Moesby was thanked for his report.

**289/2018 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK**

Councillor Bullock reported that there has been a lull in activity around HS2 due to the recent Elections. He further reported that a meeting is to take place in the near future at Clowne which will be attended by Victoria Young from HS2 Ltd.

**290/2018 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were moved by Cllr Newham, seconded by Cllr Willens and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Bullock as a true and correct record.

The signing of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 which had to be deferred the following month also took place.

**291/2018 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The ratification of the Appointment of Mrs H J Simpson to the position of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018, was moved by Cllr Newham seconded by Cllr Willens and agreed by all.

The members of Blackwell Parish Council as a designating body of LGPS, agreed to nominate Mrs H J Simpson as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer eligible for membership of the scheme. This enables the continuation of her membership of the scheme following her resignation from Tibshelf Parish Council. This was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Newham and agreed by all.

It was reported that at the time of her retirement Mrs Rita Mann had completed 29 years service with Blackwell Parish Council, in recognition of this it was agreed by all that a more significant gift in addition to the Chocolates, would be purchased. Cllr Newham would speak to husband and organise a more significant gift which reflects her length of service.

Following a written request from the Headmistress of Blackwell Primary School for the Council to provide a memento to commemorate the Wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to advise her that on this occasion following the change of Clerk this has been left a little late and has missed the opportunity to have any significant impact.

The Clerk was reminded that the purchase of recording equipment for use in Council meetings was authorised at the last meeting, she apologised for not arranging this earlier and said it would be brought to the June meeting.

**292/2018 REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

Quotes were presented to the meeting by Cllr Newham for the refurbishment of the toilets at Blackwell Community Centre, on examination they were considered not to be like for like, it was agreed that further quotes would be brought to the June Meeting.

Quotes for the shredding of old documentation from Mr Jeff Radford's home were considered and it was moved by Cllr Sainsbury, seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed by all to approve the quotation from Shreddall Ltd - £37 call out, 18p per kg for a minimum of 300 kgs.

Cllr Newham said that he is still in the process of obtaining quotes for the provision of a new Photocopier/Printer for the Parish Office, and would bring further information to the June Meeting.

Volunteers were requested to help sort through the old documentation in preparation for the shredding to take place, Cllrs Newham, Sainsbury, Willens along with the Clerk agreed to meet on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm.

Members were advised that the Broadband provision in the office has been upgraded to unlimited at an increased cost of £22 from £14 per month.

**293/2018 ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Moesby advised members that a meeting had taken place and as a result BDC have agreed to replace the fencing like for like with a 4 or 5 bar wooden fence with concrete posts. Richard has agreed to clear the overgrown weeds and trees to allow the fencing to be installed.

**294/2018 HIGHWAYS**

Nothing to report.

**295/2018 PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Willens reported that talks with Groundwork Cresswell regarding the upgrading of the play equipment on Charnwood Crescent were still ongoing.

The Clerk was asked to contact Ant Tyson regarding the repairs required to the softpore at Scanderlands and Westhouses playareas.

Cllr Moesby agreed to follow up the clarification of what the Section 106 monies from the Thurgaton Way development were allocated to.

The request from Cllr Gascoyne to move the 11 v 11 pitch on Charnwood Crescent recreation ground was agreed by all.

There were no objections to the usual temporary road closures to enable the floats to parade through the village as part of the Annual Carnival.

**296/2018 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL**

Nothing to report.

**297/2018 HS2 – UPDATES**

Nothing further to report than the comments earlier in the meeting.

**298/2018 WESTHOUSES WAR MEMORIAL**

The Clerk agreed to follow up the change of name of Westhouses Playing Fields to Westhouses Memorial Playing Fields with Brabners Solicitors to establish what stage has been reached. The Clerk also agreed to follow up on the trusteeship of Blackwell Cricket Ground at the same time.

**299/2018 WESTHOUSES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The subject of Lamp Post Poppies was discussed and it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Newham and agreed by all that an order will be placed with the British Legion for 350 Lamp Post Poppies.

It was further approved that the reserve date for the Classic Car Rally is moved to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**300/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cllr Newham submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £21,334.06, it was moved by Cllr Sainsbury, seconded by Cllr Bullock and agreed by all that these be paid. Cllr Newham also provided copies of the Bank Balances to members of the Council for their inspection. The payment to HMRC for this month's NI & PAYE totals £26.72.

Council were advised that the balance of our Public Sector Fund is £50,589.50 with a dividend of £15.89 reinvested.

**301/2018 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

Cllr Willens reported that the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Mr Hardyal Dhindsa will attend the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Cllr Willens asked that this position is added to the list of organisations for appointment of representative at the next Annual Parish Council Meeting as he will stand down at the next election in May 2019.

Members were advised that the Local Plan Consultation Period had now started, and that once approved it would remain in force until 2033.

**302/2018 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC circular 06/2018 which had been emailed to all members.

**303/2018 QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME**

Members were informed that an items for inclusion in the next Newsletter need to be with Cllr Newham by the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the Clerk was asked to send a photo for inclusion.

**304/2018 PLANNING REPORT**

One Planning Application was considered as follows; no objections were raised.

Planning Application 18/00242/FUL 8 Priory Way, Newton, Mr & Mrs Taffe.  
Proposed single storey side extension.

**305/2018 BLACKWELL, HILCOTE AND NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Members were advised that a Weekend Caretaker for Blackwell Community Centre had not yet been appointed, despite two applicants expressing an interest, one was deemed unsuitable and the other changed his mind and withdrew his application. The notice advertising the position would be re-circulated locally and also online. The current Weekend Caretaker at Newton Community Centre would meet with the clerk to formalise the current arrangements and sign the Service Level Agreement. Members were also advised that the Premises Licence Application for Hilcote Community Centre has now been formally submitted and entered its consultation period and would appear in the Derbyshire Times on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**306/2018 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Members were advised that the recent flooding in the Car Park was caused by a blocked brook and the clearing of it has been delayed by confusion over its ownership. It has been agreed by the Banks Group to install a covert camera in an attempt to reduce the amount of Flytipping left in the area. The next meeting will be held in September 2018.

**307/2018 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council will be held at Newton Community Centre, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.55pm.**

**Signed ..... Date .....**