

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 3 November 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: C R Moesby: I J A Newham:
R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: and L Walker

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary and nine Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Munks and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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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)

Miss K Owens Blackwell speaking on behalf of a number of youngsters within the village advised Council Members of their concerns with regard to what they considered to be the poor standard of the Play Equipment at the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell. Miss Owens had with her of 257 signature petition requesting that the Council consider upgrading the Play Equipment at this location and she was advised by the Chairman that this would be a matter for consideration at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2015

Councillor I J A Newham advised Miss Owens that a Meeting of the Blackwell Residents Action Group would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 4 November 2015 at 7 p.m and suggested that she attend with a view to looking at various aspects of funding for the possible upgrade of Play Equipment.

The Chairman suggested that the Clerk contact the Officer responsible for inspecting the Councils Play Equipment who is located at Bolsover District

Council and asked for an urgent inspection to be carried out of the Play Equipment at Scanderlands Playing Field.

PCSO Stuart Swaby was in attendance at the Meeting and he had advised Miss Owens and Council Members that the Police would endeavour to visit the Scanderlands Play Area on a more frequent basis.

Mr A Mellors Blackwell asked Council Members what knowledge, if any, they had of a pre-planning application for 126 properties at Newton.

The Chairman advised Mr Mellors that Council Members had no knowledge of such a Planning Application.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council, advised Mr Mellors that he was aware at District Level that an enquiry had been made at the Planning Department with regard to the possibility of further properties being built in that village.

Councillor Tomlinson further advised Mr Mellors that the Planning Inspector had rejected the Bolsover District Council Local Plan and the likely new date for submission of a new Local Plan would be 2018.

Mr G Heasman, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to a deviation from the existing Outline Planning Application 13/00474/REM regarding the originally proposed six bungalows would now be six 2-storey houses within the area previously shown as low-level housing.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Planning Officer Bolsover District Council outlining the concerns of Mr Heasman.

Councillor L Walker, Hilcote advised Council Members that he considered that the Clerk was out of order in handing redacted copies of the accounts to Council Members when in fact Councillor Walker wished to know the Clerks salary, income tax payments, and national insurance payments on all Council employees.

Councillor Walker was advised by the Chairman that such information was Data Protected but Councillor Walker maintained that this was not correct.

Councillor Walker also advised the Chairman that, in his opinion, the Chairman and Vice Chairman failed to conduct Council business in a correct and proper manner but when asked to elaborate on this Councillor Walker declined.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Stuart Swaby Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime figures to 31 October 2014.
2. Police Drop-in Surgeries to be held at:
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre 20 November 2014 10 a.m./11 a.m.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 21 November 2014 10 a.m./11.00 a.m.
 - c. Newton Methodist Church 6 December 2014 10 a.m./11.00 a.m.

RESOLVED that PCSO Stuart Swaby Derbyshire Constabulary be thanked for his attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby attended the Meeting and advised Council Members

1. Investment of £6 million pounds at the Markham Vale Business Park adjacent to junction 29 A, M1 Motorway, and the possible creation of 100 jobs.
2. Establishment of Credit Unions.
3. The new Chairman of Derbyshire County Council was Councillor Steve Freeborn.
4. £2.5 million pound subsidy to be removed from out of the Public Transport budget.
5. £1.5 million pounds subsidy to be removed from the Community Transport budget.
6. 68,000 street lights to be fitted with Led light fittings.
7. £120,000 towards Food Banks within Derbyshire.
8. Monies available in the current financial year only for a number of School Crossing Patrols.

In response to a question from Council Members, County Councillor Moesby said that he would report to the December 2014 Meeting with regard to the Blackwell Trail.

County Councillor Moesby noted that a letter had been sent to the Local MP with regard to the weight restriction imposed by Nottinghamshire County Council at Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite and thanked the Council for adopting this particular course of action.

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

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 October 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to Minute 122/2014 advising Council Members that in his capacity as County Councillor he had in fact met with Mr Farr, Newton, and had visited Red Barn Lane, Newton and that County Councillor Moesby had in fact advised Councillor Mrs C Munks that this Meeting had actually taken place.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items for discussion.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The Councils Annual Pantomime (Cinderella) would be held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres on Monday 1 December 2014 at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. respectively.
2. The Annual Remembrance Day Service would be held at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 9 November 2014 at 3.00 p.m.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Councillor I G Cox advised Council Members that the Kneelers had now been completed and would be available for Dedication at the Annual Remembrance Day Service.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the next Committee Meeting of the Newton Blackwell Allotment Holders Association would be held on 5 November 2014.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Dennis Skinner MP who advised the Council that he was awaiting a response from the Chief Executive Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council, with regard to the complaints raised by Blackwell Parish Council following the imposition of a weight restriction by the County Council at Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Governance Officer, Bolsover District Council, with regard to a proposed temporary road closure at the junction of Pasture Lane/New Lane Hilcote for the opening of the village Christmas Tree and Centenary of World War 1 by the Hilcote Environmental Leisure Project Group on 6 December 2014 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

RESOLVED no objections be raised to the proposed temporary road

closure at the junction of Pasture Lane/New Lane, Hilcote on 6 December 2014 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Councillor B Stocks declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that a Meeting was in the process of being arranged by the Newton Community Association, with Groundwork Creswell for the proposed new Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported for information that Groundwork Creswell would be carrying out further investigations with regard to the Solar Lighting not working correctly at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

Councillor B Stocks and the Clerk reported for information their discussions with the Managing Director, CISWO, with regard to land owned by CISWO at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

A report would be submitted to a future Meeting of the Council.

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FOOTPATHS

Council Members noted that Councillor C R Moesby would be submitting a report with regard to the Blackwell Trail to the next Meeting of the Council on 1 December 2014

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of Accounts for payment totaling £3930.86 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to 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 2011/817)

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

The Clerk reported for information that the CCLA Public Sector Fund

Quarterly Dividend to 30 September 2014 was £37.57p

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members that effective from 3 November 2014 the living wage had increased from £7.65 to £7.85 per hour.

RESOLVED that, where appropriate, the Councils employees' hourly rate of pay be increased to £7.85 per hour.

156/2014

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that the Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting scheduled to take place on 3 November 2014 had been cancelled and that a Special Meeting of the Parish Council Liaison would take place on 4 December 2014 at Clowne Community Centre, Recreation Close, Clowne, to discuss Bolsover District Councils Economic Development and Housing Strategy.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 22/2014 – Automatic enrolment – A Guide for Town and Parish Councils.

Town and Parish Councils are soon to be involved in the automatic enrolment compulsory Pension Scheme.

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members that the “staging date” for the Council was April 2017 but he would be liaising with the Clerk on preliminary work for the Scheme in February 2015.

158/2014

QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the Autumn edition of the Councils Newsletter would be available for delivery on 5 November 2014.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Chief Officer, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils advising that a review of the Quality Council Scheme had now been carried out by the National Association of Local Councils and that the Award Levels for Quality Councils was Foundation/Quality/ Quality Gold – There would be a formal launch of the Scheme in 2015.

RESOLVED that the Council apply for the Quality Status at no cost to the Council.

159/2014

PLANS

1 – 14/00474/REM Wheeldon Bros Limited – erection of 40 dwellings including associated infrastructure and garaging accessed from Thurgaton Way and including a new pedestrian access link between 53/55 Alfreton Road, Newton.

The Clerk read out a letter presented to the Council by Mr G Heasman, Alfreton Road, Newton, advising the Council that when outline planning consent (14/00065/OUTMAJ) was granted at the July Meeting of the Planning Committee Bolsover District Council, WheeldonBros showed on the Planning Application low level housing facing inwards for new dwellings backing on to the existing bungalows on Alfreton Road and in to the northern corner of Phase two.

The site layout plan now submitted for approval now showed six two storey houses within the area previously indicated as a low level housing area. This has an unacceptable adverse impact on those existing dwellings.

RESOLVED that the Council support Mr Heasman's objections and the Clerk write to the Planning Officer, Bolsover District Council advising him of their support for Mr Heasman.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence for discussion.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Members noted that the next Meeting of the Doe Hill Advisory Panel would be held on 11 March 2015 at Tibshelf Village Hall.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported for information that Mrs S Andrews, Blackwell was no longer interested in re-opening the bar facilities at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre.

The Chairman reported for information that along with Councillor R J Sainsbury, the Clerk and Mr K Farrow, Area Cleaning Supervisor, Derbyshire County Council interviews had been carried out on 3 November 2014, with regard to the appointment of a Part-Time Caretaker at Newton Community Centre.

Further details of the successful applicant would be given at the next

Meeting of the Council on 1 December 2014.

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

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MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre on Monday 1 December 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.