

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 26 October 2015 at 7.p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: S Gill: C R Moesby: A Naylor: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R: J Sainsbury.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and two parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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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)

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell asked Council Members if any objections had been raised with regard to the removal of the Post Box from outside from the Spa Shop, Alfreton Road, Blackwell. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Head Post Master requesting an additional Post Box be provided within the village of Blackwell.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote advised Council Members that the Perspex and the Council Notice Board at New Lane Hilcote was in poor condition, it was agreed the Clerk request the Parish Caretaker to replace the Perspex in this particular Notice Board.

Mr Walker also advised Council Members that he was waiting a response to a complaint that he had made to the Information Commissioners Office.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. He had been in contact with a resident of Westhouses with regard to a Speedwatch Survey being carried out at Alfreton Road, Westhouses, however PCSO Paul Brownlee advised the resident concerned that a site survey of Alfreton Road had been conducted and it was found that the road was not included because:

a. It does not have a pavement with kerb capable of holding persons safely together without causing an obstruction/distraction to motorists/pedestrians.

b. There was no wide entrance to provide a place of refuge should a vehicle mount the kerb.

c. There were no protected barriers separating the pavement from the carriageway.

d. There was no safe escape route for members of the public should a vehicle be driven at them.

A Speedwatch survey could not be operated without at least two of the foregoing criteria being met.

PCSO Paul Brownlee further advised Council Members,

1. Observations had been maintained with regard to alleged illegal activities at the telephone kiosk at the bottom of Central Drive, Blackwell but to date no problems had been encountered.

2. That no Police Surgeries were planned for November but there was the possibility of Surgeries being operated during December 2015.

Following a report from Councillor D G B Bullock it was agreed the Police be requested to mount observations at Bamford Street Car Park, Newton, regarding possible illegal drug activities.

Councillor S Gill advised Council Members of his concerns at the lack of Police presence in Blackwell and of a group of youths on scooters/mopeds/motor bikes racing up and down the roads in and around Blackwell at all times of the day and including 3 a.m. on a Sunday morning, loud enough to awaken several residents.

PCSO Brownlee advised Council Members that he was aware of these complaints that Councillor Gill had raised and in fact interviewed a number of the youths concerned and suitable advice had been given to them.

RESOLVED that PCSO Paul Brownlee be thanked for his attendance and report.

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

- 1 Speed Survey would be carried out at Alfreton Road/Tibshelf Road, Westhouses Spring 2016.
2. Meeting with a number of local residents regarding traffic issues at Hilcote.
3. Signage installed at the Blackwell Trail but the car park was still not open for public use and that he had been in contact with the Legal Department, Derbyshire Council to in an effort to speed up proceedings.
4. Tree Survey to be carried out at New Street, Hilcote.
5. The Annual Report for the Police and Crime Commissioner was now available.
6. Fireworks should be purchased from reputable dealers and should only be available from 15 October until the 10th November 2015.
7. Devolution - a number of Meetings had been held with Government Ministers with regard to combining all Local Authorities in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and the outcome should be known by the end of 2015.
8. Extra Special School Meals.
9. Planning application for 44 houses at Sunny Bank/Elm Tree Row, Tibshelf.

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

County Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as a Council Member, at Bolsover District Council also reported for information that :-

1. An overview of the Devolution in Local Government for all Councils in Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire had been given by the Chief Executive Officer, Bolsover District Council/ North East Derbyshire District Council.
2. Combined Fire and Police Headquarters at Butterley most likely operational date to June/July 2016.

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

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 October 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The Councils Annual Pantomime provided by Chaplins Entertainment and this year would be "Jack and the Beanstalk" and would be held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres on Monday 7

December 2015.

2. The Annual Remembrance Day Service would be held at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 8 November 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

Following a request from Councillor I G Cox, Councillors D G B Bullock and N J B Willens said they would assist Councillor Cox on Saturday 7 November 2015 with regard to arranging the seating for the Service at the Community Centre also ensuring the piano was in its correct position.

3. An email had been received from GRC Limited agreeing to fund up to £1000.00 for lighting works associated with Christmas Tree lights etc. at Pasture Lane, Hilcote. It was also noted that Councillor B Stocks had been liaising with GRC Limited/Western Power Distribution/Derbyshire County Council Lighting Department in arranging for all the appropriate fuse boxes were in place.

4. The Mosaic which was originally located at the Methodist Church, Hilcote, had now been affixed to the wall at the Hilcote Arms Public House, Hilcote.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the next Committee Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be held on 27 October 2015.

Councillor D G B Bullock requested that further notification be given to Allotment Holders that no bonfires be lit before 6 p.m.(or one hour before dusk to all Allotment Holders.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter which had been addressed to residents or a resident of Old Blackwell with regard to the possible provision of a 7.5 ton environmental weight limit at Cragg Lane, Newton, the resident concerned had been advised that this would not be possible.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Principal Solicitor, Bolsover District Council, with regard to a proposed temporary road closure for the Christmas Tree Lights at Pasture Lane, Hilcote on 5 December 2015.

RESOLVED That no objections be raised to the proposed temporary road closure for the Christmas Tree Lighting at Pasture Lane, Hilcote on 5 December 2015.

Following a report from the Chairman,

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting that consideration be given to providing double yellow lines on the double bend at the junction of Littlemoor Lane/Newtonwood Lane, Newton.

Following a request from Councillor I G Cox,

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting consideration be given to the pavement outside the elderly persons bungalows 132/146 Main Street, Newton to be renewed.

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to fence posts encroaching on the highway at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

RESOLVED The Clerk write to the Highways Department at Derbyshire County Council requesting that urgent attention be given to the removal of the fence posts protruding on to the highway at Alfreton Road, Westhouses without delay. Members noted that the land concerned was in the ownership of Dennis Rye Limited.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that an instruction be given to Groundwork Creswell via its subsidiary Company, Crestra Limited to commence work on the supply and installation of new Play Equipment (Phase one) at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field Newton.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that funding was still being sought with regard to Phase two of the development.

In response to a question from a Council Member, the Clerk said that he had nothing to add to Minute 143/2015 regarding the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

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FOOTPATHS

With regard to the Blackwell Trail, Council Members noted that this had already been dealt with in the report from County Councillor C R Moesby.

The Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from the Rights of Way Officer Derbyshire County Council indicating that any possible repairs to the Public Bridleway Gloves Lane Blackwell would not be carried out until the Spring 2016.

It was also reported that soil etc had been deposited on the Public Bridleway Gloves Lane and it was some traffic carrying out improvement works at the sewage works at that location.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to North Midland Construction Limited requesting the Public Bridleway Gloves Lane be kept clean and tidy.

In response to a request from Councillor I G Cox,

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council, requesting consideration be given to removing the barrier at Footpath 9, Main Street, Newton.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £5290.69 pence and it was agreed these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members for their attention:-

1. Copy of the Councils Bank 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 for information the statement of dividends declared during the quarter to 30 September 2015 with the Public Sector Deposit Fund was £39.26p.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Executive Board would be held on 29 October 2015.
2. The next Meeting of the Bolsover District Council Parish Liaison Group would be held on 9 November 2015.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information that the next Meeting of the DALC Executive Committee and Annual General Meeting would be held at Chesterfield Football Ground on 10 November 2015 which the Chairman would be attending.

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QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members:

1. The Council Web Site was functioning satisfactorily.

It was agreed that a link to the Newton Community Association website be approved.

2. Contributions towards the next edition of the Councils Newsletter were required without further delay.

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PLANS

The following Plan was determined and indicated as follows

1. 14/00216/FUL – Mr P Cooke 55 Littlemoor Lane, Newton single storey extension to rear of property (Retrospective Application).

‘No objections.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham gave a comprehensive overview of a Meeting held on 7 October 2015 with regard to the Doe Hill Community Park.

Councillor Newham advised Council Members:

1. Blackwell Parish Council be invoiced direct for the pledged £1000 for any extra works.
2. Morton Parish Council would be unable to contribute because of their very low precept.
- 2 Shirland and Higham Parish Council had pledged £400.
4. Tibshelf Parish Council requested the installation of a litter bin in the car park because of the amount of litter picking in that area that had been carried out by the Parish Council.
5. Members of the Friends of the Doe Hill Group were also present at the Meeting and asked about the possibility of a car park at the Tibshelf Road entrance being provided but it was thought that this would be very unlikely.
6. Cost of maintenance of the site was around £3000 per annum. The period from 2011 when the site came out of aftercare to the present date showed maintenance spend of around £1200, currently dividends on the invested grant of £40,000 was just about covering this.

RESOLVED that Councillor A J Newham be thanked for his report.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported for information that Sunset Windows Limited would be visiting Blackwell Community Centre on 4 November 2015 to ascertain whether or not the problems surrounding the main

entrance doors at the Centre could be adapted for wheel chair-users.

It was also agreed that the Clerk obtain estimates for:

1. Provision of a hot water Boiler at Newton Community Centre.
2. The complete interior decoration of all three Community Centres from suitable contractors.

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MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 December 2015 at 7. p.m.

Members present wished the Clerk well on his delayed forthcoming knee replacement surgery.

The Meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.