

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 6 October 2014 at 7 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury and B Stocks

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ALSO PRESENT

P.C. Lorna Evans, PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and Five Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, C R Moesby, A F Tomlinson, L Walker and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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 I Farr, **Newton** expressed concerns at what he considered to be a lack of communication from the County Councillor and District Councillor with regard to his issues with heavy goods vehicles travelling along Red Barn Lane, Newton to Red Barn Farm.

Councillor Mrs C Munks in her capacity as District Councillor advised Council Members that Mr Farr had not been in contact with her, if he had been in contact with her then she would have communicated with him in a correct and proper manner.

Mrs G Kirk, **Hilcote** read from a prepared statement, her concerns with regard to the removal of Speed Humps within the village of Hilcote and also the number of heavy goods vehicles travelling along Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

PCSO Paul Brownlee advised Mrs Kirk of correspondence that had been forwarded to another resident of Hilcote Lane following a Community

Panel Meeting at Blackwell Community Centre on Sunday 7 September 2014.

He further reported that Derbyshire County Council would be installing a speed radar camera on New Lane, Hilcote to conduct a speed survey; these radars are placed on posts and would not be seen by drivers therefore giving a more accurate survey.

In response to a further question from Mrs Kirk it was agreed that the Clerk furnish her with the contact details of the Highways Officer at Derbyshire County Council.

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POLICE MATTERS

P C Lorna Evans and PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 30 September 2014.
2. Police Drop-In Surgeries to be held at:
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre – 16 October 2014 10 a.m./11.00 a.m.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre – 17 October 2014 10 a.m./11.00 a.m.
 - c. Newton Methodist Church – 1 November 2014 10 a.m./11.00 a.m.

RESOLVED that P.C Lorna Evans and PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary be thanked for their attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

There was no report from County Councillor C R Moesby as he was away on holiday.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 September 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerk reported in view of the confidential nature of the matter concerning Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre with regard to bar facilities, it would be necessary to consider a Resolution to exclude the Public and Press from the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (SI) in order to discuss this item.

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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.
3. The War Memorial situated at the junction of Littlemoor Lane, Main Street, Newton had been cleaned and the lettering regilded.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Councillor I G Cox advised Council Members that two of the kneelers had now been completed and the remaining two were nearing a completion.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Chatsworth Settlement Trustees, the owners of Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton, advising that with effect from 25 March 2014 a revised rent of £830.00 per annum, excluding VAT would be effective from that date.

The next rent review would be on 25 March 2017.

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

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Highways Agency giving details of a Public Information Presentation to be held on 10 11 October 2014 at The Source, Meadowhall, Sheffield, and 18 October 2014, Brinsworth Community Hall, Rotherham.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Traffic and Safety Service Officer, Derbyshire County Council stating that he had made repeated attempts to contact Officers at Nottinghamshire County Council with regard to the weight restriction, Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite but had not had any positive response.

Following a suggestion from Councillor R A Poulter

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Dennis Skinner MP requesting that a complaint be made to the Transport Minister with regard to the actions and attitude of Nottinghamshire County Council relating to the imposition of the weight restriction limit at Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that representatives of the Newton Community Association anticipated arranging a Meeting with Groundwork Creswell with regard to the provision of new Play Equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

The Chairman also reported for information that Mrs N Heathcote, Newton had volunteered to open and close the Bamford Street Play Area, Newton at weekends and also when the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker was unavailable.

It was agreed that Mrs Heathcote be paid an ex-gratia payment of £20. per month in recognition of opening and closing the Bamford Street Play Area, Newton at weekends and when the Part Time Parish Caretaker was unavailable.

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FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service outlining the reasons why the Blackwell Trail had still not been handed over to the Ranger Service.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to Public Footpath 15, Newton stating that the hedges along this footpath had been cut back and that an area of nettles would be dealt with by the Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £17,961.98 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 also reported receipt of a letter from the Councils External Auditors - Grant Thornton UK LLP and that the Audit of the Councils Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 had been completed.

The comments of the External Auditor were noted and it was also noted that there was no additional fees and the total fee including VAT would be £480.00. It was agreed the Clerk be thanked the excellent manner in which he had completed the Councils Accounts.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that the next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison would be held on 3 November 2014.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported receipt of the following Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars.

1. 18/2014 – Covering Basics of Employment Etc.
2. 19/2014 – DALC Website/recording of Parish/ Town Council Meetings.
3. 20/2014 – Elections of 2015/Data Protection Etc.
4. 21/2014 – Town and Parish Council Elections 2015.

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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 due to the closure of the print section at North East Derbyshire District Council. It had been necessary to source other printers to prepare the Councils Newsletter.

RESOLVED That Councillor I J A Newham be authorised to source other printers with regard to the preparation of the Councils Autumn News Letter.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated: _

1. 14/00336.FUL – Mrs K Brindle, Westhouses Farm, Alfreton Road, Westhouses - Conversion of Barn in to Dog Kennels and conversion of stables in to a Reception/Welcome Centre – **no objections.**
2. 14/00341/FUL - Mr M Eales, The Bungalow, Red Barn Lane, Newton – Land to the West of the M1 Motorway, change of use to Equestrian, erection of stable block consisting of three stable areas Tack Area etc. – **No objections.**

3. 14/00390/FUL – Mr P Bowman, land to the South East of Twin Yards Farm, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell. Installation of a 500kw Wind Turbine with tip height of 77.9m and associated infrastructure.

Objections were raised against this Planning Application citing the close proximity of the Turbine to the Old Blackwell Conservation Area and Residential Area of the village of Hilcote.

4. 14/00410/TPO – Mr B Allsop. Amberleigh Manor, Primrose Hill, Blackwell – Crown reduction to two trees – **No objections.**
5. 14/00414/FUL – Miss M Heydon. 112 The Ridge, Blackwell – single storey extension to rear including raised deck area – **No objections.**
6. 14/00441/FUL – Mrs P Stocks, 7 School Close, Westhouses – Demolition of attached garage and erection of two storey side extension - **No objections.**

Councillor Mrs C Munks as a Member of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council declared an interest in the foregoing Planning Applications and took no part in the discussion and decisions thereon.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mr M Kane, Governance Manager Bolsover District Council with regard to the openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations indicating that the Regulations did not require the Council to purchase or install recording equipment. The Regulations merely required the Council to allow recording or commentary by the public if they wished to do so.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham gave a comprehensive report with regard to the recent Meeting held by the Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel on 24 September 2014 at which the following items were discussed:

1. The road at the entrance to the Park from Tibshelf Road was in need of repair.
2. A Planning Application for the erection of access gates etc. was currently underway.
3. The “Litter Pick” interval would be once a month for a trial period.

4. Councillor Newham, along with County Councillor C R Moesby had been tasked with the setting up a Friends of Doe Hill Community Park Group.
5. Vandalism was still an ongoing problem – wooden fencing missing but more worrying was the theft of Life Belts from along various stretches of deep water on the site.
6. Councillor Newham would continue to monitor the site on a monthly basis and submit his reports to H J Banks and Son Ltd.
7. The next Meeting of the Doe Hill Park Advisory Panel would be held on 11 March 2015 at Tibshelf Community Centre.

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

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Chairman reported for information that three applications had been received for the appointment of a Part Time Caretaker with Derbyshire County Council to provide caretaking facilities at Newton Community Centre and it was anticipated that interviews for this appointment would be carried out week commencing 3 November 2014.

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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 3 November 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

RESOLVED that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960 (S1) in order to discuss the following item.

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HILCOTE MINERS WELFARE & COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from Mrs S Andrews, Blackwell requesting that as Designated Premises Supervisor she be allowed to operate the bar facilities at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday evenings 7.00 p.m. to 11 p.m and Sunday 11.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m.

Following a lengthy discussion on Mrs Andrews request

RESOLVED

1. A charge of £5 per hour be levied and a further review be

carried out in January 2015 with a view to the hourly rate being increased to £10.

2. A Stock Take of the Bar i.e. equipment etc. be undertaken.
3. To ascertain if Mrs Andrews held a Food Hygiene Certificate.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.