

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton, Monday 5 October 2015 at 7pm.

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: R J Sainsbury and B Stocks

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ALSO PRESENT

Four Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock: I G Cox and C R Moesby.

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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 and Mrs A Boden, Westhouses advised Council Members of their concerns with regard to motorists speeding along Alfreton Road, Westhouses and asked if Police action could be taken to try and resolve the situation.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact PCSO Paul Brownlee with regard to the possibility of a Speed Watch operation being carried out at the given location but also to involve the Westhouses Residents Action Group.

It was further agreed that the Clerk contact County Councillor Clive Moesby with a request that a Traffic Survey be carried out at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members that a number of trees adjacent to Woburn House, Blackwell had been cut down and asked if the tree stumps could be removed.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Street Maintenance Officer, Bolsover District Council, requesting that the tree stumps be removed.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote advised Council Members that he considered that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015 were incorrect.

When asked by the Chairman to clarify his comments, Mr Walker said that with regard to Minute 113/2015 Councillor A Naylor had taken no action with regard to Mr Walker's complaint about a cracked grate outside his property at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor Naylor assured Council Members that action had been taken and the Clerk was able to report the number of e-mails that had passed between Councillor Naylor, himself and County Councillor Clive Moesby with regard to urgent repairs being carried out to the grate at Hilcote Lane.

Councillor T J Gascoyne gave a comprehensive overview of the Summer Sports Coaching Programme 2015 which was as follows:

Attendances

29 July - Blackwell – Football/TagRugby 22 Children.

5 August - Newton - Basketball/Dodge Ball 18 Children.

12 August - Hilcote - Rounder's/ Quick Cricket 10 Children.

26 August -,Blackwell – Football/Try Golf/Laser Speed Gun 24 Children.

2 September - Newton - Speed Gun/Try Golf/Football 6 Children.

4 September - Westhouses - Basket Ball/Speed Gun/Tag Rugby 10 Children.

The Programme went well with only one session being in single figures some of the sports sessions were more popular than others i.e. Football was popular and Rounder's not so popular.

Councillor Gascoyne asked if the Council was interested in running a similar programme in the future and if so, he could possibly rethink his sports schedule to increase attendance over every session.

Members of the Council remarked what an excellent job Councillor Gascoyne and his colleagues had done with regard to the Summer Sports Programme and it was agreed that a Programme be developed for the Summer 2016 and appropriate budget be set at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2016.

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POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported for information that due to having to attend a Training Course which was mandatory, PCSO Paul Brownlee would not be present at the Meeting.

The Clerk further reported the Crime Figures to 31 August 2015.

Police Surgeries would be held at:-

1. Blackwell Community Centre, 23 October 2015 10.00a.m./11 a.m.
2. Hilcote Community Centre, 24 October 2015 10 a.m/11.a.m.

It was reported by a Council Member that the telephone box at Alfreton Road, Blackwell was being used for illegal activities and it was agreed the Clerk contact PCSO Paul Brownlee with a request that the complaint be investigated.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

The Clerk reported for information that County Councillor C R Moesby would not be attending the Meeting but he had contacted the Clerk to advise that he, County Councillor Moesby, would be speaking with Mr M Donson, Planning Officer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to the Blackwell Trail car park and hopefully there would be a further report at the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that along with County Councillor C R Moesby he had attended the Meeting with a number of Hilcote residents regarding traffic issues at Hilcote. Councillor Newham stated that County Councillor Moesby had noted the concerns of the residents and had agreed to discuss those concerns with the appropriate Officer at the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council and would in due course be reporting back to the residents.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 September 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 advised Council Members that former Councillor John Lomas, Scanderlands Farm, Gloves Lane, Blackwell had passed away on 28 September 2015. He further advised that Council Members that John had been a Member of the Parish Council from May 1975 until April 2011.

His funeral would be held at St Werburghs Church, Old Blackwell on 6 October 2015.

Members stood and held a minutes silence in memory of former Councillor John Lomas.

The Chairman reported:

1. The Annual Remembrance Day Service would be held at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 8 November 2015 at 3.00 p.m.
2. The Annual Pantomime would be held at Newton/ Blackwell Community Centre's on 7 December 2015 and the theme this year would be "Jack and the Beanstalk".
3. An Invitation from Councillor K Walker, Chairman Bolsover District Council to attend a Charity Brass Band Concert on Friday 23 October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
4. An invitation from the Derbyshire Record Office an Information Day at Chesterfield Library on 6 October 2015. The event was to help Communities Plan towards the 2018 Centenary of the First World War Armistice.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:

1. Approval had been given by the Chatsworth Settlement Trustees for the planting of a mature Oak Tree at the Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.
2. At a Meeting of the Allotment Committee on 28 September 2015, Discussions had took place with regard to complaints received about bonfires being lit on the Littlemoor Lane Site and it was agreed that a further reminder about the rules concerning bonfires be issued in the form of a notice to be posted at the entrances to all three allotment sites viz Littlemoor Lane/North Street, Newton and the The Ridge, Blackwell..
3. The next Meeting of the Allotment Committee would take place on 27 October 2015

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HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from a resident who is a mobility scooter user living at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote requesting that a dropped curb be provided opposite her property.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that a dropped curve be provided opposite the resident's property at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported on his conversation with Mr S Hudson, Finance Director, CISWO with regard to the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote and of the Clerks request that the transfer of trusteeship of the land be expedited without further delay.

The Chairman reported that Groundwork Creswell had received a revised quotation from Crestra Limited for the installation of new Play Equipment (Phase 1) at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton in the sum of £31961.00 with design fees from Groundwork Creswell at £3995.12p giving a total project cost of £35956.12p . This was for the project as originally provided for but without the fence and the mounds.

The Chairman further reported that Groundwork Creswell had also drawn up a plan for further development in one or more phases to go out to tender as soon as the Parish Council give their approval. This would be on the basis for an attempt to obtain further external funding.

RESOLVED

1. Cresta Limited is instructed to commence work on Phase 1 as soon as possible.
2. Groundwork Creswell obtain quotations for the work in later phases as the basis for seeking funding.

The Chairman further reported that Richard Walker, the Councils Parish Caretaker, had an appointment with his local GP on 7 October 2015 regarding the possibility of returning to work.

Council Members noted that Councillor Gascoyne had already provided his report with regard to the Summer Sports Programme and this had been discussed in the Public Speaking section of the Council Meeting.

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FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information that Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councilor, was meeting with the Planning Officer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to the opening of the car park on the Blackwell Trail.

It was also agreed the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that the pot holes on the public bridleway, Gloves lane (Tibshelf end) be repaired as soon as possible.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £15683.71 and this 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 number 2011/817).

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

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

1. The Chairman reported for information that the Bolsover Partnership Parish Council Liaison Group held their Meeting on 21 September 2015 when the main items for discussion were the Regeneration Framework for the District and the Groups Representation on the Executive Board and various Action Groups of the Bolsover Partnership. The next Meeting of the Group would be held on 9 November 2015.

2. The next Meeting of the Partnership Executive Board would be held on 29 October 2015.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 23/2015 – Employment update September 2015/Councillor Induction Training.

It was agreed that Councillor T J Gascoyne attend the Councillor Induction Course to be held at the DALC Office, Bakewell on 19 November 2015.

The Chairman also 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.

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QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members,

1. The Council Website was functioning satisfactorily.
2. Councillor I J A Newham would be collecting from the printers, the Autumn edition of the Councils Newsletter on 6 October 2015 and these would be passed out for distribution.

The Chairman further reported that an application had been submitted to the National Association of Local Councils for reaccreditation under the Local Council Award Scheme.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:-

1. 15/00404/FUL – Erection of Orangery/Conservatory to rear of property “Greenleas”, Cragg Lane Newton – Mr TSellars – **no objections.**

2. 15/00478/OUTLINE – Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling and erection of two dwellings all with access from Manor Close, Newton – Mr J Stocks, Homestead Farm 10 Alfreton Road, Newton **no objections.**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Assistant Director of Planning Bolsover District Council with regard to the Councils request for the Lime Trees situated at the former Blackwell Methodist Church site, Whites Lane, Blackwell to have Tree Preservation Orders placed on them, it would be necessary to carry out consultations on the proposal and that the Bolsover District Council had to allow any consultees at least 21 days to respond. He stated that he would try to provide a response as soon as practical but due to current workloads and resources it might be several weeks before he was in a position to respond to the Parish Councils request.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information:

1. Letter from Ashfield District Council consultation draft statement of community involvement.
2. Circular from Bolsover District Council, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Councils the leaders of whom had submitted on 4 September 2015 a joint bid to Government for devolution of more economic powers and much greater control over their own affairs.
3. A response had been compiled to a local resident concerning his complaint to the Information Commissioners Office.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that the next Meeting of the Doe Hill Community Park Panel Group would be held at Newton Community Centre on 7 October 2015.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

Following a report from Councillor S Gill with regard to problems encountered by disabled users of the Councils Blackwell Community Centre.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk contact suitable contractors with regard to issues wanted by disabled users of the Councils Blackwell Community Centre.

The Clerk reported he had received a telephone call from a local resident requesting use of the Councils Newton Community Centre for a family Christmas Dinner at Newton Community Centre on 25 December 2015 and that he had also spoken with Councillor D G B Bullock who had indicated that he had no problems with regard to opening and closing the Community Centre on that day.

RESOLVED that the hire of Newton Community Centre on Christmas Day, 25 December 2015, to a local resident be approved.

Councillor B Stocks advised Council Members that the mosaic currently affixed to the wall of the now closed Blackwell Methodist Church had to be removed without delay. It had been provisionally agreed that the mosaic be attached to the wall of the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre but local residents felt that it might be a target for vandalism.

Councillor Stocks advised Council Members that he had spoken with the current owner the former Hilcote Arms Public House, Hilcote Lane Hilcote who had indicated that he was in agreement for the Mosaic to be affixed to the side wall of his property and would accept responsibility for its safety.

The cost of removing the mosaic from the Methodist Church to its new location was £300.

Council Members were in agreement with this.

RESOLVED that the removal charge and re fixing of the Mosaic in the sum of £300 be approved.

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MEETING

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Clerk was being admitted to hospital for knee replacement surgery on 30 October 2015.

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre New Street, Hilcote on Monday 26 October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.