

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 3 October 2016 at 7.pm

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors D G B Bullock: T J Gascoyne: S Gill: A Naylor: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury and B Stocks:

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and six Parishioners

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox, C R Moesby and Mrs C Munks

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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)

1.Mrs L Duncombe-Moore, Westhouses, advised Council Members that she had received complaints from a number of residents of Bolden Terrace, Westhouses, regarding motorists causing a nuisance in that area.

PCSO Paul Brownlee advised Mrs Duncombe-Moore that no complaints had been received by the Police, but he undertook to carry out an investigation.

2.Mr L Walker, Hilcote, advised Council Members:-

a. he was withdrawing his Planning Application for residential development at the rear of his property at Hilcote.

b. due to advancing years he would no longer be attending future meetings of the Council, any information that he required he would submit a written request to the Chairman.

c. he congratulated the Council on the production of the Autumn 2016 Newsletter.

3. Mr A F Tomlinson, Blackwell, advised Council Members of his concerns regarding the current state of the two Memorial Seats located at Church Hill, Old Blackwell, (the late County Councillor Harry Lowe) and at Mount Pleasant, Newton, (the late former Clerk Edgar Storer).

It was agreed that the Clerk request the Parish Caretaker to clean the seats and tidy the area surrounding them.

Mr Tomlinson also requested Councillor D G B Bullock in his capacity as District Councillor to speak with the Ground Maintenance Officer, Bolsover District Council to grass cut and tidy the District Council owned garage sites within the village of Blackwell. Councillor Bullock agreed to this.

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POLICE MATTERS

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

- 1 .no major crimes within the Parish of Blackwell.
2. anti-social behaviour still causing difficulties for local residents.
3. a Community Speed Watch would be carried out at Littlemoor Lane, Newton. Councillor D G B Bullock agreed to assist the Police with this campaign.

PCSO Brownlee also noted Council Members concerns regarding speeding motorists at Primrose Hill, Blackwell and he also agreed to make enquiries with regard to the provision of plastic speed camera signs which would be affixed to various lamp-posts within the Parish of Blackwell.

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

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

The Chairman reported for information that due to the absence of County Councillor C R Moesby there was no County Council report.

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COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK

Councillor D G B Bullock in his capacity as District Councillor advised Council Members that at a recent Meeting of the Bolsover District Council objections had been made with regard to the possible closure of Bolsover Hospital.

He also advised Members that a presentation had been given at the District Council Offices with regard to the NHS Transportation Service

RESOLVED that Councillor D G B Bullock be thanked for his attendance and report.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 September 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerk reported that there were no confidential items for discussion.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:-

1. the Councils Annual Pantomime, which this year would be "Dick Whittington", would be held on Monday 5 December 2016 at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres.
2. the Annual Remembrance Day Service would be held at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 13 November 2016 at 3.pm.

The Chairman also reported for information that Councillor I G Cox would make arrangements with the Royal British Legion for the purchase of Poppy Wreaths.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:-

1. a successful "Open Day" had been held at Littlemoor Lane Allotments on 17 September 2016 and this would be repeated in 2017.
2. a complaint regarding an allotment-holder having a bonfire at Littlemoor Lane Allotments had been made to the Environmental Health Department, Bolsover District Council, and this was currently being investigated.
3. the next Committee Meeting of the Allotment-Holders Association would be held on 25 October 2016 and thereafter the last Tuesday in each month, and would be held at the Sherwood Street Social Club.

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HIGHWAYS

Councillor A Naylor advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the poor state of the pavement beneath the M1 Motorway bridge at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, requesting that urgent attention be given to repairing the pavement beneath the M1 Motorway bridge at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that he had completed the Private Land-owner Consent Form produced by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust with regard to the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Chairman also reported for information the TESCO “Bags of Help” scheme had been revised and it was unlikely that the Council would be granted financial assistance towards the “outdoor gym” at the Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

Groundwork Creswell would be sourcing other areas of possible financial assistance for this project.

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FOOTPATHS

Several Council Members expressed concerns with regard to overgrown hedgerows at the following locations:-

1. Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.
2. Main Street, Newton (this section was actually in Tibshelf Parish).
3. Public Footpaths 3 and 8.
4. Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council, requesting that the aforementioned hedgerows be cut back as soon as possible.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of Accounts for Payment totaling £17,191.32p and it was agreed that these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Council

Members for their inspection:-

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) (2011/817).

The Clerk also handed to each Member present a redacted copy of the Accounts for Payment.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that an Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership and Parish Council Liaison Group would be held on 24 October 2016 in the Council Chamber, "The Arc", High Street, Clowne, and that the item for discussion would be HS2 Ltd.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 15/2016 – Council Tax Referendum Principles etc.

The Chairman reported for information that he would be attending the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting which would be held at "Chatsworth House" on 6 October 2016.

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QUALITY STATUS - PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

.The Chairman reported for information that the Councils web-site was functioning satisfactorily.

Council Members congratulated Councillor I J A Newham on the excellent production of the Councils Autumn 2016 Newsletter.

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PLANS

The following plans were submitted and determined as indicated:-

1. 16/00405 – Ms M Wilson, land west of "Bareen" bungalow, and

north of Hilcote Farm, Hilcote Lane, Hilcote – Vehicular Access.

NO OBJECTIONS

2. 16/00364/FUL – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – Creation of a wetland area consisting of a pond and two “scrapes” to improve the Community area for wildlife, land approximately 200 metres north of “The Hideaway”, Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

NO OBJECTIONS.

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

3. 16/00407/FUL – Mr M Goddard, “The Cottage” Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell - proposed double garage and two stables.

NO OBJECTIONS.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Corporate Resources Department, Derbyshire County Council, stating that the County Council was seeking suppliers for the hire of venues and meeting rooms.

RESOLVED that the Clerk appropriate enquiries to Derbyshire County Council, with regard to the external venue hire of the Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centres.

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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 Advisory Panel would be held at Newton Community Centre on 2 November 2016.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported for information that the new gas boiler had now been installed at Newton Community Centre.

Following a report from Councillor I J A Newham:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk request the Parish Caretaker to affix tie-backs for the cords that operate the “blinds” at the respective Community Centres.

Several Council Members reported that the Blackwell Miners Welfare, Primrose Hill, Blackwell, had closed, the license having

been revoked.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make appropriate enquiries with the Councils Solicitors with regard to the Council becoming Sole Corporate Trustee of the bowling green/cricket pitch/football pitch which are adjacent to the Blackwell Miners Welfare.

It was further agreed that the Clerk write CISWO requesting their future intentions with the now closed Blackwell Miners Welfare.

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MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton, on Monday 7 November 2016 at 7.pm.

The Meeting concluded at 8.10.pm.