

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 7 September 2015 at 7pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: T J Gascoyne: C R Moesby:  
A Naylor: R. A Poulter and R J Sainsbury

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## **ALSO PRESENT**

PCSO Paul Brownlee Derbyshire Constabulary and nine Parishioners.

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## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Gill, Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham 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 Price, Hilcote**, referred to Minute 97/2015 with regard to a request from the local Council Member for consideration to be given by Derbyshire County Council for a 20 mph speed limit to be imposed installed at Central Drive Blackwell. Mr Price asked if there had been any fatalities on this particular stretch of road and he was advised that there had not been any.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Mr Price that Derbyshire County Council was about to consult on the 20 mph speed limit within the village of Hadfield, Glossop, and in conjunction with Derbyshire Constabulary monitor the scheme over a twelve month period following its implementation on-street. Therefore the County Council would not be promoting any further 20 mph speed limits until the impact and effectiveness of the proposed scheme in Hadfield had been accurately assessed.

**Mr L Walker, Hilcote** advised Council Members that despite a request to Councillor A Naylor to forward Mr Walker's complaint with regard a

collapsed drain outside his property at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote, and Councillor Naylor had taken no action.

Councillor Naylor advised Mr Walker that he had in fact contacted the Clerk with regard to Mr Walker's request who in turn had been in contact with the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council and repair work had been swiftly carried out at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

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### **POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Paul Brownlee attended the Meeting and advised Council Members that they would no longer be supplied with Crime figures for the Parish. This information was available on the Police Website and the Clerk had secured the appropriate information.

Several members expressed concern with regard to the attitude shown by the Police with regard to Policing within the Parish of Blackwell and Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members that he had a Meeting scheduled with Inspector F Burns and he would be raising the concerns of the Council regarding Police Matters within the Parish.

PCSO Brownlee advised Council Members that it was anticipated that Police Surgeries would be resumed sometime after 14 September 2015.

The Clerk reported for information the crime figures to 31 July 2015.

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

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### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members of the following:

1. GCSE results within Derbyshire had improved quite significantly in 2015.
2. Derbyshire County Council Education Department being advised by employers of the skills required from young people.
3. Devolution bid.
4. Reduction in expenditure on the public rights of way.
5. Community Groups invited to bid for a £100 grant.

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

Councillor D G B Bullock and C R Moesby as Members of Bolsover District Council advised Council Members that the current Chief Executive of the District Council was retiring in September 2015 and that a new Chief Executive Officer for the joint authorities of Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Councils had been appointed, his name is Daniel Swain.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors D G B Bullock and C R Moesby be thanked for their reports.

**116/2015**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 July 2015 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 3 August 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**117/20/15**

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

There were no confidential items.

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**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information:-

1. The appointment of former Councillor Allan Tomlinson as an honorary Alderman at Bolsover District Council. This was in recognition of his 36 years service as a District Council Member.

2. The Councils annual pantomime would be held on Monday 7 December 2015 and the theme this year would be "Jack and the Beanstalk".

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**ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information

1. The next Meeting of the Allotment Committee would be held on 28 September 2015.

2. A complaint had been made by a resident of Sherwood Street, Newton with regard to a fire on the Littlemoor Lane Allotments; the allotment holder had been interviewed and apologised for causing a nuisance to the resident of Sherwood Street. The Chairman said that he would raise this matter at the next Committee meeting and request that a reminder of the rules concerning bonfires be issued.

Councillor I G Cox requested that the Parish Caretaker trim round the litter bin on the Littlemoor Lane Allotments.

**120/2015**

**HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported:

1. Receipt of an email from the Traffic and Safety Service Officer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to the Councils request for a 20 mph limit at Central Drive, Blackwell, and he had responded that the area around Central Drive was residential and there had been no reported personal injury collisions within the last five years and it was

unlikely that a 20 mph zone would be given priority for future funding. In respect of Central Drive specifically it was evident that it is subject to heavy on-road parking due to a significant number of properties not having access to off road parking provision in the form of a driveway or garage although it appeared an informal arrangement was in place in that vehicles all park on the left hand side of the road as look up from the junction with Alfreton Road, Blackwell.

2. Receipt of an email from the Traffic and Safety Service Officer, Derbyshire County Council, with regard to various traffic issues at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote. The County Council based on the collision history for Hilcote Lane and New Lane have no intention of removing the traffic calming features at this location, they are a contributory factor in the roads very good safety record. The residents of Hilcote had received detailed correspondence in the past with regard to noise and pollution concerns from the Director of Public Health at the County Council.

In respect of the installation of a vehicle activated sign for New Lane, this had again been addressed in previous correspondence to the resident concerned.

The Traffic and Safety Service Officer concluded his email stating that the resident's enquiry with regard to the installation of a vehicle activated sign within the curtilage of his property would require appropriate planning consent from Bolsover District Council.

3. Temporary road closure Tibshelf Road, Westhouses, 7 September 2015 to 10 September 2015 between 23.00hours and 0630 hours each night for repairs to the brickwork on the rail bridge

4. Request for a traffic priority sign at the bridge over the Shirland Brook, Park Lane, Westhouses.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting that consideration be given to providing a traffic priority sign at the bridge over the Shirland Brook at Park Lane, Westhouses.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor declared a personal interest in the foregoing items and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that a fire had occurred at a Council house on Deamon Street, Blackwell and due to inconsiderate parking by a number of residents with motor vehicles, the Fire Brigade had difficulty getting to the property.

Councillor Gascoyne suggested that consideration be given by Bolsover District Council to turning the traffic island on Deamon Street into a parking area to try and minimize traffic issues.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Director of Housing, Bolsover District Council requesting that consideration be given to the traffic island at Deamon Street, Blackwell be turned in to a parking area.

Councillor R J Sainsbury advised Council Members that during a recent rain storm the drain adjacent to 157 Alfreton Road, Newton was again blocked.

County Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, said he would report this matter to the appropriate Officer at Derbyshire County Council

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**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Chairman and Councillor R A Poulter reported for information that the Solar Lighting at Tibshelf Road Playing Field Westhouses was now functioning satisfactorily

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Solicitors acting on behalf of CISWO with regard to the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote who in turn had been in contact with the Charity Commission to try to progress the trusteeship of the land.

The Chairman reported, on behalf of Newton Community Association, that further estimates had been received with regard to the Play Equipment proposed for Charnwood Crescent, Playing Field Newton replacing wood with steel and estimates were considerably in excess of £36,000 currently available.

Council Members suggested that a smaller project be implemented at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field to keep within the budget of £36,000.

It was further agreed the Clerk speak with the Leisure Officer, Mr M Connelly at Bolsover District Council with regard to other contractors.

The Clerk reported for information that the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker, Mr R Walker was being admitted to hospital on 10 September 2015 and would be away from his duties for approximately two/six weeks.

It was also agreed that Mr Walker be requested to clear the weeds around the War Memorial at Newton, cut the hedge behind the bus shelter, Main Street, Newton and empty the litter bin at Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

**122/2015**

**FOOTPATHS**

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised

Council Members that there still a number of issues to be resolved before the car park area could be opened at the Blackwell Trail.

Councillor I G Cox reported for information that, along with a colleague, he had walked part of the Blackwell Trail from Fordbridge Lane to Berristow Lane, Hilcote and commented on how well maintained the Trail was.

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**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £14,656, 22p and it was agreed these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to 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) (SI Number 2011/817)

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

The Clerk reported for information the Public Sector Deposit Fund, Statement of Dividends to 30 June 2015. (£39.99p)

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of a letter from the Council's External Auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP enclosing the audited Annual Return for the Council for the year ended 31 March 2015.

The Notice of Completion of Audit had been placed on the Councils noticeboards.

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**BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The next Executive Board meeting would be held on 10 September 2015, which he would be unable to attend.
2. The Parish Council Liaison group meeting would be held on 21 September 2015, which he would attend.

**125/2015**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following Derbyshire Association of Local ~Council circulars

1. 18/2015 – Employment News Circular.
2. 19/2015 – General Power of Competence/Call for Executive Members for the period 2015/2019
3. 20/2015 – Transparency code for smaller authorities.
4. 21/2015 – General Circular DALC Annual Executive and Annual General Meeting 10 November 2015.
5. 22/2015 – Training Circular, Allotments, Finance, Employment of the Clerk and Council Staff etc.

The Clerk reported that the Chairman, Councillor N J B Willens had been appointed to the DALC Executive Committee.

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from the Chief Officer DALC requesting comments on the service delivery by the Association.

The Members present expressed their satisfaction with regard to the standard of service delivery received from DALC.

**126/2015**

**QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman advised Council Members the Council Web Site was functioning satisfactorily and contributions were received for the Autumn edition of the Councils News Letter by no later than 22 September 2015.

**127/2015**

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. 15/00318/TPO – Ms K Quinlan, 5 Dodgewell Close, Blackwell – Pruning works to Lime Tree (Tree 1 of TPO BOL/27 to the rear of 5 Dodgewell Close, location Amberly Manor, Primrose Hill, Blackwell **no objections.**

Councillor R A Poulter declared a personal interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Following a suggestion from Councillor I G Cox,

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Planning Officer, Bolsover District Council requesting that consideration be given to Tree Preservation Orders being placed on the Lime Trees on land formerly occupied by the Blackwell Methodist Church at Primrose Hill, Blackwell.

2. 15/00327/FUL – Mr P Brundell, GRC Limited – construction of a solar photo voltaic (PV) - development, ancillary infrastructure and landscaping enhancement at Twin Yards Farm, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell - **no objections.**

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Planning Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to the derelict state of the Mystery of Spice premises at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses, and that investigations were ongoing.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from SSAFA (Bolsover Division) requesting financial assistance.

**RESOLVED** that the Council do not make a financial contribution towards SSAFA (Bolsover Division).

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Came and Company regarding the Councils Annual Insurance Premium in the sum of £8,000.15p. If, however, the Council were prepared to enter into a further long term agreement with Came and Company to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 the premium would be reduced to £7600.14p

**RESOLVED** that the insurance quotation received from Came and Company for a long term agreement until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the sum of £7600,14p be accepted subject to the Clerk securing three additional quotes.

The Clerk also reported receipt of an email from the Information Commissioners Office advising that a parishioner had requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 copies of all receipts and payments from April 2014 to the present day, and the Clerk had advised the Information Commissioner that the request submitted by the parishioner that the Council intended to refuse this request on the basis that it would be too costly to provide and the relevant part of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that provides an exclusion in these circumstances was Section 12.

The parishioner had also requested information be provided on salaries paid to employees of the Council and the Clerk advised the Information Commissioner that this information would not be provided to the parishioner concerned in accordance Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk be authorised to write to the parishioner requesting the foregoing information and outlining the reasons for refusal.



The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Councillor I G Cox suggesting the Council Plant an Oak Tree at the grassed area Littlemoor Lane Allotments to commemorate the Queen becoming the longest serving monarch in English history and also the centenary of the First World War.

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that he would be removing an Oak Tree from his garden and would donate to the Council to be planted at the Littlemoor Lane Allotments.

### **RESOLVED**

1. Approval be given for an Oak Tree to be planted at the grassed area Littlemoor Lane Allotments.
2. Councillor D G B Bullock be thanked for his generous offer of providing an Oak Tree from his own garden.

**129/2015**

### **DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor C R Moesby reported for information that the Friends of Doe Hill Park would be invited to the next Advisory Group Meeting to be held on 8 October 2015.

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### **BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES**

There were no reports with regard to the Blackwell/ Newton,/Hilcote Community Centres.

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### **MEETING**

To confirm that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be would be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton, on Monday 5 October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.35.p.m.