

# **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 5 September 2016 at 7pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

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

**101/2016**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

PC Chris Grant, Derbyshire Constabulary, and eight Parishioners.

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## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C R Moesby, Mrs C Munks, R J Sainsbury and B Stocks.

**103/2016**

## **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.

**104/2016**

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

**1.Mr A Maris, Newton** advised Council Members of his concerns regarding the lack of warning signs adjacent to the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Bamford Street/Main Street, Newton.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting that warning signs be erected adjacent to the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Bamford Street/Main Street, Newton.

**2.Mrs L Duncombe-Moore, Westhouses**, advised Council Members that the Westhouses Residents Action Group would be organising an afternoon tea in support of Macmillan Nurses, at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses on Saturday 1 October 2016.

**3.Mr L Walker, Hilcote**, advised Council Members that the Councils Annual Accounts to 31 March 2016 had not appeared on the Councils web-site. He was informed by the Chairman that the Audited Accounts to 31 March 2016 had been approved by the External Auditor, and in turn

these would be approved by the Council at its current meeting and would then be placed on the Councils web-site.

Mr Walker then questioned whether the redacted Accounts for Payment shown on the Councils web-site coincided with those copies that the Clerk handed to individual Council Members. He was assured by the Chairman that they did whereupon Mr Walker became argumentative and disruptive.

The Chairman strongly advised Mr Walker to be quiet or he would be requested to leave the meeting.

Mr Walker made no further comments.

**4.Mrs D Willens, Newton**, advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to the overhanging hedgerow at Cragg Lane, Newton.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting that action be taken with regard to the cutting back of the overhanging hedgerow at Cragg Lane, Newton.

**105/2016**

**POLICE MATTERS**

PC Chris Grant, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members of :-

1.Nuisance caused by children at various locations within the Parish of Blackwell and of action taken by the Police.

Resolved that PC Chris Grant, Derbyshire Constabulary be thanked for his attendance and report.

**106/2016**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

The Chairman reported for information that due to County Councillor C R Moesby being away on holiday there was no County Council Report.

**107/2016**

**COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK**

Councillor D G B Bullock in his capacity as a Member of Bolsover District Council advised Council Members :-

1. Staff Restructuring at Bolsover District Council.

2.The Planning application by Wheeldon Bros Ltd, at Thurgaton Way, Newton, had been refused.

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

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**BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP**

**Councillor T J Gascoyne** speaking on behalf of the Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members of forthcoming events organised by the Group :-

Pie and Pea Supper - 10 September/15 October 2016.

Christmas Fayre - 12 November 2016.

Brass Band Concert - 26 November 2016.

Children's Christmas Party – 3 December 2016.

Over 60's Christmas Party – 13 December 2016.

All the foregoing events would be held at the Blackwell Community Centre.

Councillor Gascoyne also advised Council Members that the planters adjacent to the Blackwell Community Centre would in future years be planted by "The Barefoot Gardener", a resident of Newton.

Resolved that Councillor T J Gascoyne, be thanked for his attendance and report.

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**HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT/WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP**

There was no reports from the respective Residents Group.

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**NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association**, advised Council Members of :-

1.The planters at Main Street, Newton had been replanted.

2.Films nights at Newton Community Centre are recommencing in September 2016.

Resolved that Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association be thanked for her attendance and report.

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**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 July 2016 were approved and signed as correct record.

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**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

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

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**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information his attendance at presentation given by representatives of HS2 Ltd at the Village Hall, Tibshelf, on 5 August 2016, and of a proposal that HS2 Services to South Yorkshire, would split from the main High Speed Line near Hilcote and would follow part of the track-bed of the former Great Central Railway Line and cross under Alfreton Road, Newton and the B6025 and through Doe Hill Community Park. It would then join the existing main line and run on to Sheffield.

Councillor R A Poulter advised Council Members of his concerns with possible traffic issues should the development of this particular section of HS2 proceed.

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**ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information that an "Open Day" would be held at the Littlemoor Lane Allotment Site on 17 September 2016.

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**HIGHWAYS**

The Chairman Reported for information that surface dressing to a number of roads within the Parish of Blackwell had been carried out by the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, he also advised Council Members of the road closures that had taken place at Alfreton Road/Primrose Hill, Blackwell.

Councillor I G Cox advised Council Members of his concerns with road markings not being carried following the surface dressing of various roads and he was advised by the Clerk of a letter from Derbyshire County Council dated 17 August 2016, that white lines and other road markings would be repainted several days after the road works had been carried out to enable the passing traffic to help embed the chippings.

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that a number of residents had spoken with him regarding motorist speeding at Littlemoor Lane, Newton and it was agreed that the Clerk request the Police give attention to this particular problem.

116/2016

**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported for information that in accordance with

instructions received from the Councils Solicitors he had signed the formal Engagement Letter and accepted the Standard Terms and Conditions of Business in relation to the land at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Chairman also reported for information that notification had been received that there was no Grant from the TESCO, Bags for Help Scheme for the proposed outdoor gym project at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

Councillors D G B Bullock and T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that the showers at the Councils Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, and the toilets at the Councils Sport Pavilion, Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell, were not functioning correctly.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Councils Parish Caretaker to an inspection being carried out and the necessary authorization for repairs to be also carried out.

Councillor T J Gascoyne also reported for information that the football pitches at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, and Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell, were now fully utilized on Saturdays and Sundays.

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### **FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk reported for information a Meeting held on 3 August 2016, with County Councillor C R Moesby, Mr M Faulconbridge, (H W Martin Ltd), Mr L Wright, Mr R Handbury, (Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council) and the Clerk. This was in connection with the proposed possible installation of a footpath at Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.

Council Members noted that the representatives from Derbyshire County Council, were now preparing plans for the proposed footpath and would arrange for a further Meeting to discuss the plans with H W Martin Ltd.

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that the Public Bridleway at Gloves Lane, Blackwell, was becoming impassable because of the overhanging hedgerows.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council, with regard to the overhanging hedgerows at the Public Bridleway, Blackwell, being cut back.

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### **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £19,876.31p 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 Council 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 handed to each Member present a redacted copy of the accounts for payment.

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of a Dividend Statement from CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund to 1 August 2016. (£14.53p).

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of the External Auditors (Grant Thornton UK LLP) letter enclosing the Audited Annual Return for the Council for the year ended 31 March 2016.

The External Auditor had indicated that the Council should re-state the 2016 Asset figures on next year's Annual Return to £1,902,373.00, and write re-stated beneath the "£" sign in the 2016 column.

The Notice of Completion of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been placed on the Council notice boards.

The Clerk also reported for information that a copy of the Councils Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 would be placed on the Councils web-site.

**RESOLVED** that the External Auditors report be accepted and approved.

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**BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman reported for information that the Bolsover Partnership

and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting arranged for 8 September 2016 had, due to unforeseen circumstances, been cancelled.

**120/2014**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 13/2016 – DALC Annual Executive and AGM.
2. 14/2016 – DALC – Appointment of new Chief Officer.

**121/2016**

**QUALITY STATUS – PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

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

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that the “artwork” for the next edition of the Councils Newsletter was expected to be completed by 9 September 2016.

**122/2016**

**PLANS**

The following plans were submitted and determined as indicated:-

1. 16/00363/OUT – Mr A Risdsall, c/o Planning and Design Group, Lake View Drive, Annesley – Land opposite 132 Alfreton Road, Newton – Residential Development of up to 40 Dwellings (all matters reserved) **NOT APPROVED.**

2. 16/003775/FUL – Mr P Van Reyk, Huthwaite Solar Farm Ltd – Land South of Yew Tree Farm and East of Twinyards Farm, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell – Flexible Generation Facility up to 5MW with ancillary equipment comprising 12 generators, 2 sub-stations, diesel storage tank, 2 transformers and 3m high acoustic fence and 4 cctv camera installations.

Council Members expressed concerns with regard to noise from the proposed 12 generators.

3. 16/00399 – Mr T Carlin, The New Inn Public House, Main Street, Newton – Adjacent attached building – proposed change of use from Chinese Food Takeaway to bed and breakfast accommodation related to the New Inn, Public House. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

Council Members noted that Planning Approval had been given by

Bolsover District Council for – 16/00242/FUL – Mr and Mrs A Steward, 4 Church Hill, Blackwell – Demolition of existing factory building and erection of a two storey dwelling with integral garage.

**123/2016**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters which Council Members noted:

1. The Senior Sport Development Officer, Bolsover District Council – Active Communities Programme – 2016/2017.
2. Derbyshire County Council Sports Grant Scheme to help get young people active.
3. Leader, Derbyshire County Council, “Help Keep Derbyshire Together”.
4. Derbyshire County Council, Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting to be held at County Offices, Matlock on Monday 31 October 2016, 6.pm/8.pm.

**124/2016**

**DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that the Doe Hill Community Park Committee Meeting which had been arranged for 14 September 2016 had been re-arranged for 2 November 2016.

**125/2016**

**BLACKWELL/HILCOTE/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

The Clerk reported for information that a break-in had occurred at Newton Community Centre during week-end 13/14 August 2016.

Some minor damage had done, but nothing had been taken.

The Police had been notified.

Council Members noted that during week commencing 5 September 2016, a new sensor was to be fitted in Zone 2 at the Community Centre.

The Clerk also reported that the new gas boiler to installed by Bower and Broughton at Newton Community Centre, and would take place on 14/15/16 September 2016, all Centre Users had been notified that for Health and Safety reasons the Centre would not be available for use whilst the work was being carried out.

The Clerk reported that letter had been received from Severn Trent Water advising that the water charges at Hilcote Miners Welfare and



Community Centre had for a number of years been fixed at a domestic rate instead of a business rate.  
The account had been adjusted accordingly.

The Clerk also reported that with effect from 11 August 2016, the Little Kicks Kick Boxing Training Sessions at Newton Community Centre which had been run by Mr and Mrs B Slaney, was now being organized by Mr D Cartawick, and his team of instructors from Unit 1, Martial Arts, Brimington Road, Chesterfield.

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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 October 2016 at 7.pm.