

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 16 May 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: L Walker: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

24/2011

ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and 15 Parishioners

25/2011

QUALITY STATUS

The Chairman of the Council welcomed to the Meeting Councillor Derek Orchard, Chairman of the Accreditation Panel and Brian Wood, Secretary Treasurer, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils who gave a brief overview of the aims and objectives of Quality Status for Parish and Town Councils.

Councillor Orchard, in his capacity as Chairman of the Accreditation Panel, congratulated the Council on achieving Quality Status adding that Blackwell Parish Council which was only the fourth Council within the District of Bolsover to achieve Quality Status.

He also added that the submission for Quality Status by the Council was one of the best that he had seen.

The Chairman of the Council thanked Councillor Derek Orchard and Brian Wood, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils for their comments and presentation.

26/2011

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be Chairman of Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2011/2012

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ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be Vice-Chairman of Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2011/2012.

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWTON/BLACKWELL ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be the Councils Representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association for the year 2011/2012.

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012

RESOLVED Councillor I J A Newham be the Councils Representative to the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee for the year 2011/2012.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Stocks.

31/2011

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors D G B Bullock, R J Sainsbury and N J B Willens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 50/2011.

Councillor Mrs C Munks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 46/2011

32/2011

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A Maris, Newton thanked Council Members for their efforts in securing the replacement of a lamp post opposite his property.

He further commented that the derelict garage adjacent to his property had a number of small shrubs/trees growing there and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Engineer, Bolsover District Council requesting attention be given to Mr Maris's complaint.

Mrs D Willens, Newton advised Council Members that

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Newton Community Association would take place on 26 May 2011.
2. The Cinema would be held on 26 May 2011, the Film to be shown "Kings Speech".
3. Overgrown hedgerow adjoining Newton School.
4. Dog fouling within the Village.
5. Planters – these would to be upgraded in the near future.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members that the Speed Activated Sign adjacent to Blackwell Miners Welfare has still not been correctly positioned so as to be activated by speeding motorists. It was agreed he Clerk contact the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that urgent attention be given to this particular problem.

Mrs J Hazzeldine, Newton complained to Council Members about the lack of grass cutting in the close proximity to the planters located on Main Street, Newton.

It was agreed to ask the Councils Parish Caretaker to deal with this particular problem.

Mr T Gascoigne, Blackwell outlined his proposals to Council Members for dealing with the hire of the Councils Football Pitches at Charnwood Crescent, Newton and Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell.

He was advised by the Chairman there was an agenda item for the hire of the Councils Football Pitches and Mr Gascoignes proposals would be dealt with at that time.

A resident speaking on behalf of the occupier of Plot numbers 43,55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton advised Council Members that these had not been cultivated.

Councillor N J B Willens speaking as the Councils Representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association read out a prepared statement with regard to Plots No. 43,55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotment, Newton.

33/2011

CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS/HOSPITALITY REGISTER

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor reminded Council Members of the principals of those holding public office which were selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, leadership and these principles form part of the new ethical framework guidance issued by the Standards Board for England. The Chairman also reminded Council Members that Members must, within twenty-eight days of receiving any gift or hospitality or materials, benefits or advantage over the value of £25.00 relating to or arising out of their position as a Member, provide written notification to the District of Bolsover Monitoring Officer of the existence and nature of that gift or hospitality, material, benefit or advantage.

34/2011

POLICE MATTERS

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

1. Crime figures to 30 April 2011
2. Nuisance incidents to 30 April 2011.
3. The next Police Drop-in Surgeries would be held as follows at
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre 10.00 a.m./11.30 a.m. – 19 May 2011.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 10.00 a.m./11.00 a.m. – Friday 20 May 2011 Newton

Methodist Chapel 10.00 a.m./ 12 noon. – Saturday 4 June 2011.

Officers noted Members concerns with regard to the derelict state of the former BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses and would investigate the complaints.

RESOLVED PC Lorna Evans and PCSO Brown Brownlee be thanked for their attendance and report.

35/2011

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members of:

1. Dropped Kerbs being provided at various locations within the Parish of Blackwell.
2. Security Fencing being installed at Blackwell Primary School.
3. Site Visit to be arranged with regard to access to the Silverhill Trail at Newton.
4. A further progress report with regard to Tibshelf School.
5. Grant to Westhouses Residents Action Group.

Councillor I G Cox advised County Councillor Moesby of:-

1. The poor state of repair of Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell adjacent to the electricity sub-station.
2. Van parked on the grass verge and part on the highway at Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

County Councillor Moesby advised Councillor Cox he would make arrangements for his complaints to be investigated.

In response from a question from Councillor A F Tomlinson, County Councillor Moesby said that he would carry out further investigations with repair to the Public Bridleway at Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his attendance and report.

36/2011

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 April 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

37/2011

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting two new Council Members – Councillor Mrs Clare Munks and Councillor Leonard Walker.

The Chairman also thanked the outgoing Chairman of the Council,

Councillor Dexter Bullock for all his efforts on behalf of the residents of the Parish during his four year Term of Office.

The Chairman further reported receipt of a letter from the Manager, Newton Nursery thanking the Members of the Parish Council for the provision of Commemorative Royal Wedding Mugs.

38/2011

ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to Allotments.

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HIGHWAYS

Following a request from Councillor I J A Newham **RESOLVED** the Clerk contact the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to any proposed resurfacing being carried out by Derbyshire County Council within the Parish of Blackwell in the financial year 2011/2012.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson reported for information that at a recent Service at Westhouses Methodist Chapel, the Minister present Reverend Mike Renshaw blessed the Village Entrance/Exit Signs for Westhouses.

40/2011

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Landscape Architect Groundwork Creswell outlining the proposed plans for the Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell and these would be submitted to the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council for consideration.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson reported for information she had been in contact with Groundwork Creswell with a quotation for Solar Lighting at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

Council Members gave consideration to application from three local Football Teams to use the Councils Pitch at Charnwood Crescent, Newton and Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell.

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor D G B Bullock, A F Tomlinson and the Clerk meet with the representatives of the three local football teams at Newton Community Centre, Newton, on Thursday 19 May 2011 at 7.pm to discuss the allocation of the Councils football pitches at Charnwood Crescent, Newton and Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell,

41/2011

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Bolsover Area Ranger Clay Cross Countryside Centre, Derbyshire County Council with regard to the barriers on the New

Hucknall/Westhouses Trail and advised that it might possible to replace the "A" frames with adjustable "K" Barriers to enable disability scooters to access the Trail.

42/2011

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £16,000.84 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished for Members information:

1. Copy of the Council's Bank Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Council's Audit Form confirming the Councils current financial position.
3. Copy of the Council's Bank Statement.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England 2011) (SI number 2011/817).

43/2011

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported for information that the next Meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Committee would take place on 20 June 2011 and in the absence of the Chairman it was agreed that Councillor A F Tomlinson deputise for him.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 21/2011 – Accounts and Auditor Regulations.
2. 22/2011 – Abolition of the Default Age.
3. 23/2011 – East Midlands Allotment Officers Forum.
4. 24/2011 - Future Standards of Conduct of Members Local Authorities England
5. 25/2011 – Land Fill Communities Grants.
6. 26/2011 – Digital Switchover.
7. 27/2011 – Training Courses.

45/2010

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

Following comments from various Council Members it was agreed that the Councils Web Site be reviewed at a future date.

It was further agreed the Clerk contact various groups/organisations within the Parish of Blackwell with regard to the delivery to each household of the Councils Newsletter (5p Per Newsletter).

Councillor D G B Bullock requested another member of the Council take over the editorship of the newsletter.

46/2011

PLANS

The following Plan was submitted and determined as indicated:-

1. Mr G Hampson, 30 Hallfield Road, Newton – first- floor extension to rear of property – **no objections subject to neighbours being consulted.**

Councillor Mrs C Munks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon and left the room during the proceedings.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the Internal Auditors Report for the Councils Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011 and the Accounts were in good order and the Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

Came and Company the Councils Insurers and advised that if the Councils renewal date for the Policy was 1 June 2011 the next renewal date would be 1 October 2011 and the Insurance Company would, on a one-off basis, provide the Council with 16 month cover for the price of 12 months in exchange for a new 3 year long term agreement.

It was agreed that the terms and conditions received from Came and Company the Councils Insurers be accepted.

48/2011

ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported for information that the next Meeting of the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee would take place on 18 May 2011.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council incorporate be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street Hilcote on Monday 6 June 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO MEETINGS

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

50/2011

ALLOTMENTS

Councillor I J A Newham in the Chair.

Consideration was given to the tenancy of Plot Numbers 43/55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

RESOLVED that a decision regarding the tenancy of Plot Numbers 43/55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council on 6 June 2011.

Councillors D G B Bullock , R J Sainsbury and N J B Willens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

The Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.