

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 April 2008 at 8.05 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S A Gray: J Lomas: C R Moesby: E P Newell: I J A Newham:  
R J Sainsbury: S J Thorpe: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens:

**1/2008**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

13 Parishioners

**2/2008**

## **OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions from the residents present.

**3/2008**

## **POLICE**

Council Members noted that there was no Police presence at the Meeting.

The Clerk reported for information the crime figures, submitted by Derbyshire Constabulary, for the Parish of Blackwell to 31 March 2008.

The Clerk further reported that he had written to the Divisional Commander, Derbyshire Constabulary, expressing the Councils concern at no Police presence at Council Meetings but no response had been received.

**4/2008**

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Gold Card Concessionary Travel which was effective from 1 April 2008.
2. Loves Lane, Tibshelf – An Advisory Group to be established with Shirland and Higham Parish Council and the Clerk to contact the Clerk of the aforementioned Council to arrange a Meeting.
3. Closure of Deincourt School and the transfer of the pupils to either Tibshelf or Tupton Schools.
4. New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail – erection of fencing etc.
5. Traffic Survey to be carried out in various parts of the County.
6. Bolsover Castle Food Fair – 17/18 May 2008.
7. Anti-social Behaviour - Victim Support.

With regard to the expansion of Tibshelf School, Councillor A F Tomlinson commented that this was an excellent opportunity for all concerned and congratulated the County Council on its initiative.

Councillor Mrs S A Gray advised County Councillor Moesby that she had been contacted by a resident from Hilcote whose children attended Blackwell School and of the concerns regarding security of the premises.

County Councillor Moesby advised Councillor Mrs S A Gray that he would investigate the matter and advise her accordingly.

**RESOLVED** County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

5/2008

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I G Cox.

6/2008

**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.

7/2008

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 March 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to Minute Number 252/2007 (8) being amended to read "the pupils from the former Deincourt School were being transferred to Tibshelf/Tupton School".

8/2008

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information he had been invited by Councillor K Walker, Chairman, Bolsover District Council, to attend the Annual Civic Service on Sunday 27 April 2008 at Holy Trinity Church, Main Street, Shirebrook at 3.00 p.m.

9/2008

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Chatsworth Settlement Trustees advising the Council that a Rent Review with effect from 25 March 2008 had been carried out and that the current rent of £625.00 per annum for the Littlemoor Lane Allotments at Newton was being increased to £692.00 per annum. The next Rent Review would take place on 25 March 2011.

The Clerk further reported that he had been advised that at the Annual General Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association, the following appointments had been made:

Chairman – Mr G Butt.

Secretary – Mr P Johnson

Treasurer – Mrs J Ellks

Councillor N J Willens advised Council Members that copies of the new Tenancy Conditions had been circulated to all Allotment Holders.

10/2008

**HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported for information he had been in contact with the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council and ascertained the Planters which had been installed by various Residents Groups within the Parish of Blackwell would

have to be added to the Councils Insurance Policy.

Councillor E P Newell advised Council Members bollards at New Lane, Hilcote had been damaged in a number of road traffic accidents.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting the damaged bollards at New Lane, Hilcote be replaced.

11/2008

**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported he had received a report with regard to the electricity supply at the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent, Newton and he had instructed Mr R Collins, N E and M S, Newton, to carry out essential repairs thereto and requested the Councils approval.

**RESOLVED** the Clerks action be endorsed.

12/2008

**FOOTPATHS**

Following a request from a number of Council Members, Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, agreed to investigate at County level the possibility of the diversion of part of the Five Pits Trail at its junction with Main Street, Newton.

Councillors S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson advised Council Members that concrete blocks were being thrown on to Footpath 26.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting her to investigate the complaint.

13/2008

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £5345.48 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 2003 (SI No. 553).

14/2008

**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported for information the following:

1. Bolsover District Settlement Capacity Study.
2. Invitation to Grot 2 Green Exhibition, Shirebrook Village Hall, Park Road, Shirebrook – 10 April from 10.00 a.m. (lunch included).
3. Health and Well Being Committee to be held at Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover – 14 April 2008.
4. Document – Taking Forward the Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration.

15/2008

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 13/2008 – General Circular – Quality Parish/Town Council Scheme.
2. 14/2008 – Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
3. 15/2008 – Training Course for Clerks and Councillors.

16/2008

#### **QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

1. Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that he was still awaiting further inclusions for the Councils Web Site.
2. Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that the Councils Newsletter would be available for distribution week commencing 14 April 2008.

17/2008

#### **PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Briar Estates, 57 Mansfield Road, Alfreton – erection of three detached two-storey dwellings on land west side of 26 Alfreton Road, Newton – **no objections.**
2. Mr and Mrs M Kelley, 9 Pixhall Drive, Off Wellington Road, Edgbaston – two-storey extension to side and rear of Pendine Nursing Home, Primrose Hill, Blackwell – **no objections.**

Councillor I J A Newham declared a personal interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk reported for information that two Planning Applications submitted by Blackwell Parish Council:

1. Erection of wooden framed Pergola – Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, 544 New Street, Hilcote.
2. Multi-Use Games Area with an all weather surface – Playing Field, Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

Both applications were still pending consideration by Bolsover District Council.

Council Members had no comments to make with regard to Proposed condition 32, methodology for draining works Shires Development at Blackwell South Junction.

Councillor Mrs S A Gray declared an interest in all of the foregoing items and left the room during the discussion and decisions thereon.

18/2008

#### **PARISH CARETAKER**

Councillor N J B Willens and the Clerk reported that they were awaiting additional information from the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker Mr R Walker for inclusion in his contract.

19/2008

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported for information:

1. Mr A Cooke, 45 Littlemoor Lane, Newton thanking the Council for the provision of a Memorial Seat in respect of the late Councillor Derek Hemingray.
2. Derbyshire County Council – Public Consultation closure of Deincourt Community School.
3. Request for financial assistance – Mencap.

**RESOLVED** the letter be noted.

Councillor J Lomas declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

4. Civic Pride, Clay Cross – quotation for the provision of 40 Lamppost Hanging Baskets, fully planted, seasonal maintenance, watering, dead heading, fertilizing etc. £4575.00 plus VAT. The Lamppost testing – 40 lampposts at £12.50, £500.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED** the quotation form Civic Pride for the provision of Lamppost Hanging Baskets etc. in the total sum of £5075.00 plus VAT be accepted.

It was further **RESOLVED** the Council accept from Civic Pride the offer of a Fixed Price Contract of £4575.00 (plus VAT) per annum for the provision of 40 Lamppost Hanging Baskets for three years until 2011.

20/2008

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

The Clerk advised Council Members of the difficulties that he had encountered trying to have the boilers serviced at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres. Councillor A F Tomlinson suggested the Clerk contact Mr T Robinson, Property and Estates Manager, Bolsover District Council who, it was hoped, would provide name and telephone number of a suitable contractor to carry out an inspection of the boilers at the aforementioned Community Centres.

The Clerk further reported of the number of complaints that he had received from Centre users at Newton with regard to the activities of a number of teenagers.

**RESOLVED** the Police be contacted and requested to give attention to this particular problem.

21/2008

### **SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2008/2009**

**RESOLVED** the Schedule of Meetings for the year 2008/2009 be as follows:

Monday 12 May 2008	Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 2 June 2008	Hilcote Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 7 July 2008	Blackwell Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
No Meeting August 2008	
Monday 1 September 2008	Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 6 October 2008	Hilcote Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 3 November 2008	Blackwell Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 1 December 2008	Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 5 January 2009	Hilcote Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 2 February 2009	Blackwell Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 2 March 2009	Newton Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Monday 6 April 2009	Hilcote Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

### **ADMISSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS TO MEETINGS**

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.

22/2008

### **LITTLEMOOR LANE ALLOTMENTS – NEWTON**

The Council gave consideration to a letter of complaint from an Allotment Holder at Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton

**RESOLVED:**

1. The letter be noted.

2. The Clerk write to the Allotment Holder advising of the Tenancy Conditions relating to the Allotments and his complaint in the initial instance should be placed before the Committee of the Association.

**23/2008**

**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council would include the Annual Parish Council Meeting and be held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.00. p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.