

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 April 2009 at 7.55 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

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

1/2009

ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary, thirteen Parishioners

2/2009

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions from the Parishioners present.

3/2009

POLICE MATTERS

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime figures to 31 March 2009.
2. Westhouses – with effect from 1 April 2009 was now under the jurisdiction of the Bolsover Police Division.
3. 6 Section 59 Warning Notices had been issued to off-road motorcyclists on land behind The Ridge, Blackwell.
4. The next Police Drop-In Surgery would be held at Newton Methodist Church, Newton on Saturday 2 May 2009 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

PC Evans also advised Council Members that she had been in contact with the Head Teachers at Blackwell/Newton/Westhouses Primary Schools with regard to a proposed Road Safety Poster Competition and this had been enthusiastically received by pupils at the respective Schools.

It was agreed that the Council make a contribution towards the prizes to be awarded.

PC Evans further advised Council Members of her Meeting with the Contractors at the Engine Reclamation Site, Westhouses and of the action taken to stop people from trespassing on the site.

RESOLVED PC Evans be thanked for her attendance and report.

4/2009

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. "B" Line Magazine.
2. North Street/South Street, Newton. This was an unadopted road and was not, therefore, the responsibility for maintenance by Derbyshire County Council.
3. Blackwell Children's Centre – additional services to be provided in the forthcoming weeks.
4. Gold Card Magazine.
5. Quids In Scheme Magazine.

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

5/2009

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox, Mrs S A Gray and J Lomas.

6/2009

**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.

7/2009

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 March 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

8/2009

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that earlier in the evening, at the Councils Annual Parish Meeting, Mr. D Purdy, Blackwell Residents Action Group presented to the Council a 501 Signature Petition requesting that Blackwell Post Office be reopened without delay.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that on 29 March last he had spoken with Dennis Skinner MP and Glenys Wilmott MEP who were both in Blackwell and advised them of the concerns of both himself and local residents regarding the temporary closure of Blackwell Post Office.

Councillor Tomlinson further advised Council Members that he had also spoken with the local shop keeper who had approached the Post Office with regard to re-opening the Post Office side of the business. He

had completed the necessary application form but was still awaiting further information from the Post Office Authorities.

RESOLVED that Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for his efforts in trying to secure the re-opening of the Blackwell Post Office.

9/2009

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported for information that the vacant allotment plots at North Street, South Street, Newton had, on the 18 March 2009, been cleared graded and seeded.

Councillor N J B Willens, in his capacity as Council Representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association, reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Association which had taken place on 30 March 2009.

Councillor Willens further advised Council Members that during the Meeting a number of concerns had been expressed by some of the Allotment Holders present and steps were being made to resolve the difficulties.

10/2009

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information that North Street, South Street, Newton were unadopted roads and were not, therefore, subject to maintenance by Derbyshire County Council.

11/2009

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that a Site Meeting would be held with a representative from Groundwork Creswell and the company responsible for wet pore at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses on 14 April 2009 at 2.00 p.m.

12/2009

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a copy letter from Derbyshire County Council addressed to a local resident with regard to the Westhouses New Hucknall Railway Reclamation Scheme and Public Footpath 5.

Councillor R J Sainsbury advised County Councillor C R Moesby that repairs to Public Footpath 25 had still not been carried out and that on the Five Pits Trail between Alfreton Road and Tibshelf Road, Newton, the french drains were blocked.

County Councillor Moesby agreed to contact the appropriate Officers at Derbyshire County Council with regard to Councillor Sainsbury's complaints.

13/2009

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £9299.89 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).

14/2009

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported for information:

1. The election of Councillor Karl Reid, Clowne Parish Council, on to the Local Strategic Partnership Board.
2. The election of Councillor Karl Reid (Clowne Parish Council) and Councillor Mary Dooley (Pinxton Parish Council) on to the Executive Support Group.
3. Improving representation within existing Local Strategic Partnership Structures – noted.
4. Chesterfield Law Centre - Councillor A F Tomlinson in his capacity as a District Councillor gave a brief overview of the District Council Funding given to the Law Centre.

15/2009

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 09/2009 – Local Council Review Subscriber Form.
2. 10/2009 – General Circular – gritting of car parks etc.
3. 11/2009 – General Circular – safety of burial grounds.
4. 12/2009 – UK Consultation on European Commission – proposal on bus and coach passenger rights.

16/2009

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily and was up to date and the Councils Newsletter had now been delivered.

Following a suggestion from the Chairman of the Council it was agreed:

1. Subject to payment, local trade advertisements be accepted for the Councils Newsletter.
2. Members Surgeries be organised as soon as possible.

17/2009

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr. R Mayhew, 22 Church Street, Blackwell – vehicular access and erection of 1.8m high wall to front of property – **no objections.**
2. Mr. C Glenn, Severn Trent Water – removal of section of

hedgerow – land East of Park Mill Pumping station, Park Mill Drive, Westhouses.

Councillor S J Thorpe advised Council Members that this work had already been carried out.

3. Mr. S Connelly, 17 Main Street, Newton – erection of 5ft fence and gate to front of property – **no objections.**
4. Miss N Ball, Top Farm, Cragg Lane, Newton – conversion and alteration of farm buildings to form three new dwellings and demolition of redundant farm buildings and erection of garage building – **no objections.**
5. Miss N Ball, Top Farm, Cragg Lane, Newton – application for listed building consent – conversion and alteration of farm buildings to form three new dwellings and demolition of redundant farm buildings – **no objections.**

18/2009

PARISH CARETAKER

The Clerk reported for information Mr. R Walker, the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker, had successfully completed his Pesticide Course at Broomfield College, Ilkeston.

19/2009

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Mr. W Hatton, Village Sports Development Officer, Bolsover District Council regarding the formation of World Record 9th Wicket Celebration Steering Group. The Meeting would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 28 April 2009.

RESOLVED that Councillor S J Thorpe be the Councils representative on the 9th Wicket Celebration Steering Group.

2. Mrs S Gillett, Environmental Health Commercial Manager, Bolsover District Council – dog fouling request for funding.

RESOLVED that a contribution of £100.00 be made for the provision of Poop Scoop Bags.

Councillor A F Tomlinson declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing.

3. Mr. S Foulk, Business Manager, Corporate Resources Department, Derbyshire County Council – Caretaking and Cleaning Contract 2009/2010 – Newton Community Centre in the sum of £8924.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the Derbyshire County Council Caretaking and Cleaning Contract 2009/2010 for Newton Community Centre in the sum of £8924.00 plus VAT be accepted.

Councillor C R Moesby declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing.

4. Mr. S Harris, Blackwell Miners Welfare – sale of Bowling Green at Primrose Hill, Blackwell.

RESOLVED that this letter be noted.

5. Football Foundation 2009 – Monitoring and Evaluation Support Day regarding the Changing Room facility at Scanderlands Playing Field Blackwell. This would be held at Derbyshire Football Association on 22 June 2009 4.20 p.m.
6. Notice of Audit for the year ending 31 March 2009 and the Annual Return had to be completed and returned to the District Auditor by 20 July 2009.

20/2009

ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson reported on their recent attendance at an Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee and of the possible acquisition of the former BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses. Further enquiries were being made with regard to funding and a Parish Survey would be carried out at Westhouses.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meetings for year 2009/2010 be as follows:

Monday 11 May 2009 – Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 1 June 2009 – Newton Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 6 July 2009 – Hilcote Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 No Meeting August 2009
 Monday 7 September 2009 – Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 5 October 2009 – Newton Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 2 November 2009 – Hilcote Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 7 December 2009 – Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 4 January 2010 – Newton Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 1 February 2010 – Hilcote Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 1 March 2010 – Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.
 Monday 12 April 2010 – Newton Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.

22/2009

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council would include the Annual Parish Council Meeting and be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.