

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 12 April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

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

**1/2010**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

PC Lorna Evans, PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary and four Parishioners.

**2/2010**

## **OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions from the residents present.

**3/2010**

## **POLICE MATTERS**

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

1. Crime Figures to 31 March 2010.
2. Nuisance incidents to 31 March 2010.
3. Police Drop-In Surgeries would be held at:
  - a. Hilcote Community Centre - Friday 30 April 10.00 a.m – 11.00 p.m.
  - b. Newton Methodist Church – Saturday 1 May 10.00. a.m./12 noon (refreshments and breakfast at a small charge).

PC Evans advised Council Members that there was an ongoing Police Operation with regard to suspected drug usage by teenagers within the village of Newton.

Councillor Clive Moesby, in his capacity as a County Councillor, also advised Council Members that the Derbyshire Youth Service along with the Police were also raising awareness of suspected drug usage.

PCSO Swaby advised Council Members that, with effect from 9 April 2010 he would be operating within the Parish of Blackwell.

**RESOLVED** PC Lorna Evans and PCSO Stuart Swaby be thanked for their attendance and report.

4/2010

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Planning Approval by Derbyshire County Council for the new Tibshelf School which would be an estimated cost of 14 million pounds.
2. In connection with the 9<sup>th</sup> Wicket Centenary Celebrations at Blackwell, limited funding for young cricketers.
3. Completion of the Five Pits Trail/Silverhill Trail.

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

5/2010

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

6/2010

**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.

7/2010

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 March 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to Minute 225/2009 being amended to read "Mr H Goodison, Blackwell advised Council Members....."

8/2010

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

9/2010

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from a resident of Central Drive, Blackwell congratulating the Council and the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association for the excellent manner in which the hedge layering had been carried out at

the Ridge Allotments, Blackwell and also the tidying up of the immediate area.

Councillor N J B Willens, in his capacity as the Council's representative on the Newton and Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association, advised Council Members of the minor amendments which had been agreed by the Association to the Tenancy Agreement. Following a short discussion on the amendments by Council Members **RESOLVED** the Draft Tenancy Conditions be approved and a copy be placed with the Councils Minutes.

In response to a question from Councillor A F Tomlinson, Councillor N J B Willens advised Councillor Tomlinson that currently new roadways were being created on the Ridge Allotments and this work was being carried out by a local farmer Mr R Godber. It was anticipated that the work would be completed before the end of the month.

**10/2010**

### **HIGHWAYS**

Following a request from Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson, Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor agreed to arrange for a Highways Engineer from Derbyshire County Council to investigate the possibility of improved road signage at the railway bridge Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

Councillor B Stocks expressed concern with regard to indiscriminate parking by motorists on New Street, Hilcote and PC Lorna Evans that, along with the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, she would request a joint inspection of the area and, where necessary, appropriate warnings be given.

**11/2010**

### **PLAYING FIELDS**

There were no reports with regard to Playing Fields.

**12/2010**

### **FOOTPATHS**

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

**13/2010**

### **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £17,277.88 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).

14/2010

**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that a workshop would be held at South Normanton Community Centre on 29 April 2010 with regard to the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership Action Group.

15/2010

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 15/2010 - Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Liaison Form.
2. 15/2010 – Derbyshire Environmental Trust – Aggregates Levy.
3. 17/2010 - Community Response Plan.
4. 18/2010 – Training Course.

16/2010

**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman of the Council reported for information the latest Newsletter had now been distributed to all households within the Parish and the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

17/2010

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr K McInnes – Barn to West of Pipes Farm, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell – retrospective planning permission for retention of Livery Yard comprising Stable Building, Welfare Block (Toilet, Kitchen and Sitting Area) Storage Building, Storage Containers, Static Caravan for Office and Storage Use, Horse Walker and Sand School for Equestrian uses – **no objections.**
2. Mr and Mrs A Steward, 4 Church Hill, Blackwell – demolition of Factory Building and erection of new building – **not approved.**
3. Mr and Mrs M Kelly, Pendean Nursing Home, Primrose Hill, Blackwell – two-storey Residential Nursing Home with basement parking and plant room (extension of time period for started previously approved scheme) – **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.

4. Reverend M Dilly, Newton Methodist Church, Main Street, Newton – single-storey flat roof extension to rear and replacement windows – **no objections.**

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council reported for information that he had spoken with the Planning Policy Manager, Bolsover District Council and, with the exception of Planning Applications already approved, there was not

likely to be any significant development within the Parish of Blackwell in the near future.

Councillor Tomlinson handed to Councillor N J B Willens a copy of the Bolsover District Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Document.

**18/2010**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Mrs S Gillet, Environmental Health Commercial Manager, Bolsover District Council, Dog Fouling – request for funding.

**RESOLVED** a grant of £100.00 be made to Bolsover District Council for the provision of Poop Scoop Bags.

2. Mr J Grogan, Head Teacher, Westhouses Primary School – letter of thanks to the Council and its Parish Caretaker for the installation of the direction sign which had been located at the corner of the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field.
3. Project Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Management Project, Bolsover District Council – Bolsover Intermediate Labour Market Programme which would be implemented shortly throughout the District of Bolsover and would assist residents to maintain their gardens free of charge and provide employment and training for 40 individuals.
4. Newton Community Association – the inauguration of new permanent and fixed cinema equipment at Newton Community Centre - Thursday 29 April 2010.

**19/2010**

**ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

There were no reports with regard to the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee.

**20/2010**

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011**

**RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Meetings for 2010/2011 as circulated to all Council Members be approved:

Monday 10 May 2010 – Hilcote Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 7 June 2010 – Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 5 July 2010 – Newton Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 No Meeting August  
 Monday 6 September 2010 – Hilcote Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 4 October 2010 -Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 1 November 2010 - Newton Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 6 December 2010 - Hilcote Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 3 January 2011 – Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 7 February 2011 – Newton Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 7 March 2011 – Hilcote Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.  
 Monday 4 April 2011 – Blackwell Community Centre – 7.00 p.m.

**21/2010**

**COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN**

The Clerk reported for information that there had been just one response from local residents with regard to the Community Response Plan.

**22/2010**

**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council would include the Annual Parish Council Meeting and be held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 10 May 2010 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.

**23/2011**

**HILCOTE MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported that the latest audited accounts for the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre had been passed to him and in turn the Councils Internal Auditor had carried out an inspection and was quite satisfied with the manner in which the accounts had been presented.

Quarterly Gas and Electric bills for the Community Centre had been submitted to the Clerk and were in order and action had been taken with regard to revising the constitution of the Centre for all users of the Centre to pay an appropriate hire fee.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Clerks report be received.
2. The first quarterly payment of £1000.00 to Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre be made.

Councillor B Stocks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

The Meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.