

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 4 April 2011 at 7.35 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: J Lomas: C R Moesby (from 7.50 p.m.): I J A Newham: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee, PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary and ten Parishioners.

Part 1 Non Confidential Information.

2/2011

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R J Sainsbury.

3/2011

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor A F Tomlinson declared a personal interest in Minute Number 12/2011 (b).

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the Residents present.

5/2011

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.

6/2011

POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Paul Brownlee and PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members of:

1. Crime Figures to 30 March 2011.
2. Nuisance incidents to 30 March 2011.
3. The next Police Drop-in surgeries would be held as follows at:
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre, 12 April 2011 – 10.30 a.m./11.30 a.m.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre – 15 April 10.00 a.m./11.00 a.m.
 - c. Newton Methodist Church – 27 May 2011 – 10.00.a.m. to 12 noon.

PCSO Brownlee also advised Council Members of joint action taken with Nottinghamshire Constabulary with regard to nuisance off-road motorcyclists on the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail.

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported for information that the Police Division at Bolsover would be moving to Kitchen Croft, Bolsover.

RESOLVED that PCSO Paul Brownlee and PCSO Stuart Swaby be thanked for their attendance and report.

7/2011

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members of:

1. Two and a half million pounds being made available by Central Government to Derbyshire County Council for the provision of disability facilities.
2. Further progress report with regard to the proposed new Tibshelf School.
3. Installation of Count Down Signs on New Lane, Hilcote.
4. Appointment of a Youth Outreach Worker.
5. Increase Care Charges for the elderly.
6. Withdrawal of funding for bus services – Service 96 and Service 99.
7. A review of the School Bus Services.

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

8/2011

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 March 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

EXEMPT ITEMS

There were no Exempt Items.

9/2011

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information:

- a. An Invitation from Blackwell Residents Action Group to the opening of the A Winning Miner Memorial on Saturday 9 April 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

This would be followed by drinks and refreshments to be held at Blackwell Community Centre.

- b. Receipt of an Estimate from Impact China Limited for the supply of 500 Commemorative Royal Wedding Mugs in the sum of £1,390.74.

RESOLVED that the Estimate from Impact China Limited for the supply of 500 Commemorative Royal Wedding Mugs in the sum of £1390.74 be accepted.

- c. At a Meeting of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Accreditation Panel held on 24 March 2011. The Council was awarded Quality Status and an Official Presentation would be made by Derek Orchard, Chairman of the Derbyshire Accreditation Panel at the next Meeting of the Council to be held at Newton Community Centre on 16 May 2011.

10/2011

ALLOTMENTS

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that the Annual General Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would be held at Blackwell Community Centre 5 April 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

11/2011

HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported for information that Entrance/Exit Signs for all four Villages within the Parish had now been received and he showed to Council Members the Sign for the Village of Old Blackwell and Members expressed their appreciation of same.

The Clerk also reported for information that he had been in contact with the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council regarding the granting of permission for the erection of the said Signs and had been advised that there was a Consultation period of one month and appropriate Committee approval would have to be given.

12/2011

PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported on his conversations with representatives of Groundwork Creswell and of the proposed schemes for the provision of a Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell.

RESOLVED:

1. Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for his report.
2. A Meeting between representatives of the Council, Groundwork Creswell and Blackwell Youth Club be held at Blackwell Community Centre on Monday 18 April, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.
3. The Clerk reported receipt of a Quotation from Bolsover District Council with regard to grass cutting at all of the Councils Playing Fields in the sum of £3,266.56 pence for the year 2011/2012.

Councillor A F Tomlinson declared a Personal Interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Bolsover District Council for grass cutting at all of the Councils Playing Fields in the sum of £3,266.56 for the year 2011/2012 be accepted.

13/2011

FOOTPATHS

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported on his conversations with a representative from Network Rail with regard to the condition of Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell and of its poor state.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Council Members that he had been in contact with the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council and arrangements were being made for the bridleway to be scraped back to the original tarmac surface.]

RESOLVED that Councillors A F Tomlinson and C R Moesby be thanked for their reports.

The Clerk reported on his correspondence with British Transport Police with Public Footpath 26 and its location to the Erewash Valley Railway line, Westhouses and of the action currently being taken by the Police with regard to youngsters trespassing on the line at the Parkmill Drive, Westhouses area.

RESOLVED that the Clerks report be noted.

The Clerk reported for information that the electric fence along side Public Footpath number 4 Hilcote/Old Blackwell had been removed.

14/2011

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £31,231.52 and it was agreed. 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).

15/2011

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information on his recent attendance at a Working Neighbourhoods Fund – Priority Setting Event held on 16 March 2011.

The Clerk reported for information that following a submission for Expert Support Application to Green Communities he had been advised by that Organisation, due to the high number of applications they were unable to assist Blackwell Parish Council in this instance.

The Parish Council Liaison Meeting which should have been held on 18 April 2011 and had been rescheduled to 13 June 2011.

Following a report from the Clerk it was agreed that Councillor N J B Willens be authorized to complete the Questionnaire in connection with the Corporate Plan Consultation which had been issued by the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership.

16/2011

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 14/2011 – Consultation Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency.
2. 15/2011 – Parish Council and Community Clerks PAYE Implementation
3. 16/2011 – Local Elections 5 May 2011.
4. 17/2011 – Public Forest Estate.
5. 18/2011 – Market Towns finding and bidding for Project funding.
6. 19/2011 – Good Councillor Guide 3rd Edition.
7. 20/2011 – Action for Market Town Awards Nominations.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

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

Following a suggestion from Councillor I J A Newham it was agreed consideration be given to the setting up of a Sub-Committee to assist with the publication of the Councils Newsletter.

18/2011

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr J D Thompson, Thistledown Barn, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell – tree works to three Sycamore Trees – **no objections.**
2. Hall construction services – Engine Reclamation Site, Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell – proposed section 73 to vary Condition 4 of Planning Permission CM5/0202/152 by extending the time limit for the duration of coaling operations and the completion of reclamation and restoration works on site - **no objections.**

19/2011

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Audit Commission – notice of Audit –Audit date 16 May 2011.
2. Community Voluntary Partners was locating to Kitchen Croft, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover with affect 4 April 2011.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

There were no report with regard to the Engine Reclamation Site.

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STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/RISK ASSESSMENT.

Following a request from the Clerk Council Members approved the Councils Standing Orders and the Risk Assessment Programme for the financial year 2011/2012.

Approval was given to Financial Regulations for 2011/2012 subject to Financial Regulation 11b being amended to read “Expenditure of amounts not exceeding (currently £500.00) £2,000.00 may be made with the approval of the Chairman or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman without the former approval of the Council”.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2011/2012

The Council approved the Schedule of Meetings for the year 2011/2012.

Monday 16 May 2011	Newton Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 6 June 2011	Hilcote Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 4 July 2011	Blackwell Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 1 August 2011	Newton Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
NO MEETING SEPTEMBER		
Monday 10 October 2011	Hilcote Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 7 November 2011	Blackwell Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 5 December 2011	Newton Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 9 January 2012	Hilcote Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 6 February 2012	Blackwell Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 5 March 2012	Newton Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
Monday 2 April 2012	Hilcote Community Centre	7.00 p.m.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council (and will incorporate the Annual Parish Council Meeting) to be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 16 May 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.