

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 1 August 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G Bullock: C R Moesby (from 7.30 p.m.): Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: L Walker and Mrs P R Wilkinson (left the Meeting at 8.30 p.m.).

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee and PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary, and 6 Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I G Cox.

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs C Munks advised Council Members that, as a District Councillor, she was a Member of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council and would not take no part in the discussion or decision with regard to any Planning Applications brought before the Council Meeting.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss P Barnes, Newton asked if Council Members had commented with regard to the provision of later bus services between Newton and Chesterfield and she was advised by the Chairman that representations had already been made County Councillor C R Moesby.

Mrs D Willens, Newton advised Council Members of the donation which the Newton Community Association had received via County Councillor C R Moesby and there would also be an item for inclusion in the next Council Newsletter.

Reverend M Renshaw Blackwell introduced himself to Members of the Council and advised that he had recently been appointed Superintendent Minister covering the Blackwell, Tibshelf and Westhouses Methodist Churches.

Miss C Clement, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to large amounts of litter being left on the Councils Charnwood Crescent Football Pitch following a match which had been played the previous weekend.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the users of Charnwood Crescent Football Pitch, Newton and Scanderlands Football Pitch, Blackwell reminding them of their undertaking to ensure that the facilities provided were kept in a clean and tidy condition.

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CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF MEMBERS
INTERESTS/HOSPITALITY REGISTER

The Chairman of the Council, 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

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POLICE MATTERS

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

1. Crime Figures to 31 July 2011.
2. Nuisance incidents to 31 July 2011.
3. The next Police Drop-in Surgeries would be held as follows:
 - a. Newton Methodist Church 10 a.m. to 12 noon 6 August 2011.
 - b. Blackwell Community Centre 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Thursday 18 August 2011.
 - c. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Friday 19 August 2011.

The Officers further advised Council Members that on the 19 July 2011 a prospective Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Meeting had been held at Blackwell Community Centre and 58 residents had attended.

In response to a question from Councillor L Walker, with regard to off-road motorcyclists, the Officers advised him that there was a good working relationship between the Bolsover District Council Ranger Service, Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service and the Police in combating this particular problem. In response to a further question from Councillor Walker, the Officers advised him that with regard to response times for incidents which had been telephoned to Police Headquarters, these had to be prioritised and it was not possible to give specific times

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that he had been in conversation with the Divisional Superintendent, Derbyshire Constabulary and that, currently, there was no Patrol Car available for the Blackwell/Tibshelf Parish Council areas.

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

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby be advised Council Members:

1. Pendean Close, Blackwell was not an adopted highway but enquiries would be made to ascertain if ownership was with Bolsover District Council.
2. The likely completion date for the Silverhill Trail at Newton was September/October 2011.
3. Temporary road closure Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell 3rd October/13 October 2011.
4. Road gritting regime for 2011/2012 priority was for primary routes and then to secondary routes.
5. Arrangements had been made for the Derbyshire County Council Climbing Wall to be provided at the following locations.

 Tuesday 16 August 2011, Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton 9.00 a.m.
 Tuesday 23 August 2011 – Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses 9.00 a.m.
6. Adult Education Courses
7. Tibshelf School – progress report.
8. Derbyshire County Council Leadership Scheme funding for voluntary groups up to a maximum of £200.00.

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

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 July 2011 were approved subject to Minute 90/2011 Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership being amended to read”Parish Council Liaison Group Meeting which took place on 20 June 2011”.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting the 2 Co-Opted Members, Councillors C R Moesby and R A Poulter and hoped that they would enjoy their time serving as Members of the Council.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that the Councils Annual Pantomime would be held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres Monday 5 December 2011 and 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. respectively.

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ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to Allotments.

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HIGHWAYS

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk submitted a revised Site Plan with regard to the Entrance/Exit Signs within the Parish of Blackwell and subject to two minor amendments:

- 1 Entrance/Exit Sign, be located near to the Planter on Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

Entrance/Exit Sign, Blackwell, be located approximately opposite where the former Methodist Chapel used to be.

The Clerk reported receipt of an acknowledgment from Derbyshire County Council for the removal of Speed Humps New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor L Walker presented to the Meeting a 59 Signature Petition from residents of Sherwood Street, Newton requesting that a "hammer head" be constructed at the bottom of Sherwood Street, Newton as a turning point for vehicles.

It was agreed that the Petition be forwarded to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council for further consideration.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman and the Clerk reported on their attendance at a Site Meeting with Groundwork Creswell at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field on 13 July 2011 and the representative from Groundwork Creswell, Mr J Trowsdale, would be submitting his proposals for new Play Equipment etc. to a Meeting of the Council to be held on 10 October 2011.

The Clerk reported receipt of 2 Estimates for the provision of security doors at the Sports Pavilion Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton:

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| 1. | Mr K Waller, Nottingham - | £950.00 |
| 2. | Mr M Lee, South Normanton - | £750.00 |

RESOLVED the Estimate for the supply and installation of Security

Gates at the Councils Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent, Newton from Mr M Lee, South Normanton in the sum of £750.00 be accepted.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Landscape Architect, Groundwork Creswell advising that she was waiting for final prices and leading times from the Ramp manufacturers.

Following a short discussion with regard to the weekend arrangements for the locking and unlocking of the Bamford Street Play Area, Newton it was agreed that Councillors R J Sainsbury and N J B Willens liaise with each other with regard to the locking and unlocking arrangements,

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson, Councillor A F Tomlinson advised her that the Planning Application with regard to the provision of Solar Lighting at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses, was still with the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council and the public consultation period would expire on 11 August 2011 after which a decision would be made.

Councillor B Stocks asked if grass cutting arrangements could be made for the Football Field at Hilcote and he was advised it was not in the Councils ownership but that he could approach the Grounds Maintenance Officer, Bolsover District Council to ascertain if they would be prepared to undertake a grass-cutting contract at that location.

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FOOTPATHS

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that, along with other Member of the Council, representatives of the Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service had met at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre on 28 July 2011 with regard to the possible installation of "K" Barriers along the Westhouses/New Hucknall Trail.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service with regard to proposals for the possible barrier installation at Westhouses/New Hucknall Trail at Hilcote.

RESOLVED the Chairman's report be noted and the letter from Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service also be noted, and that no action be taken with regard to the possible installation of "K" Barriers at the Westhouses/New Hucknall Trail.

The Clerk reported for information that there was a Motorcycle Off-Road Centre at Swains Road Off-Road Centre, Harper Hill Industrial Estate, Buxton – Telephone Number 01298 71037.

Councillor L Walker requested that consideration for access for double buggies being provided on the Westhouses/New Hucknall Trail.

RESOLVED that this be an Agenda Item for the next Meeting of the Council on 10 October 2011.

The Chairman reported for information receipt of a letter from the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to Public Footpath 9 at Newton and of measures taken to cut back the

overhanging hedges at this location.

It was further agreed to request the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council to consider the provision of pedestrian barriers at Footpath 5 Hilcote.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that the hedgerow adjoining Alfreton Road, Westhouses was overgrown and was owned by Network Rail.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to Network Rail

1. Requesting the overgrown hedgerow at Alfreton Road, Westhouses be cut back.
2. Current progress with regard to repairs of the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell

Councillor Tomlinson also advised Council Members there was an overgrown hedgerow on Church Hill, Old Blackwell.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting that the overgrown hedgerow at Church Hill, Old Blackwell be cut back as soon as possible.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £6571.62 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 Regulation (England 2011) (SI Number 2011/817).

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BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman of the Council reported for information his attendance at an Employment and Enterprise Group Meeting held on 21 July 2011.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 34/2011 – Training – Additional Courses.
2. 35/2011 – Training – Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

3. 36/2011 – DCC Winter Service Scheme.

The Clerk further reported that Councillor N J B Willens had been elected to serve on the DALC Executive Committee 2011/2015 and the first Committee Meeting would be held on 3 September 2011.

Councillor A F Tomlinson congratulated Councillor Willens on his election to the DALC Executive Committee.

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QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

It was reported that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

The Clerk reported receipt of three Estimates for the printing of the Councils Newsletter

1. North East Derbyshire District Council Print and Design Section

Newsletter A5 12 page -2000 copies £410.00.
Newsletter A5 16 page - 2000 copies £450.00
2. Midland Printers, Alfreton

Newsletter A5 12 page - 2000 copies £426.96.
Newsletter A5 16 page - 2000 copies £513.82.
3. Spire Graphics, Chesterfield

Newsletter A5 12 page 2000 copies - £616.50.
Newsletter A5 16 page 2000 copies - £641.00

RESOLVED the Estimate received from North East Derbyshire District Council Print and Design Section for the printing of the Councils Newsletter A5 12 page 2000 copies £410.00. Newsletter A5 16 page 2000 copies £450.00 be accepted.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted for Members consideration but the Clerk advised Council Members that the Website for the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council was not functioning and he had been unable to access additional information:

1. Ms D Marshall Curtis, 7 Charnwood Crescent, Newton – two-storey extension to rear and porch to front of property.
2. Mr W O’Leary, land adjacent to 9a Bamford Street, Newton – erection of 2 storey dwelling (second floor in roof space).
3. Mr J Thomson, Thistledown Barn, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell – erection of double garage.

As no additional information was available Council Members were unable to give an opinion on the foregoing applications.

Councillor Mrs C Munks, in her capacity as a District Councillor and a Member of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor R J Sainsbury declared a personal interest in the Planning Application submitted by Mr J Thompson and he vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Head of Planning and Environmental Health Services, Bolsover District Council outlining the proposed new housing target for the Bolsover District.

The Clerk also reported receipt of the external Auditors Report for the Councils Accounts on 31 March 2011 and that these had been approved and the appropriate notice had been placed on the Councils Notice Boards.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

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

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 10 October 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.