

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.15pm, following the Annual Parish Meeting

01/2019 Election of A Chairman for the Ensuing Year.

Cllr D Bullock was nominated by Cllr Newham, seconded by Cllr Marshall-Curtis and this appointment was agreed by all. Cllr Bullock was duly appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2019/2020.

Cllr Bullock took and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office along with the Clerk to the Council.

02/2019 Election of A Vice Chairman for the Ensuing Year.

Cllr Marshall-Curtis was nominated by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Thorley and this appointment was agreed by all. Cllr Marshall-Curtis was duly appointed as Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2019/2020.

Cllr Marshall-Curtis took and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office along with the Clerk to the Council.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Newham as retiring Vice Chairman for his hard work and commitment to the role over numerous years.

03/2019 To appoint the Council Representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association for the Year 2019/2020.

It was agreed by all that Cllr Hayley Pell was appointed to this position.

04/2019 To appoint the Council Representative to the Doe Hill Country Park Committee for the Year 2019/2020.

It was agreed by all that Cllr Ian Newham continue to represent the Council on the above Committee.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: D Marshall-Curtis (Vice Chairman), I Newham, H Pell, T Firman, P Knott, T Gascoyne, C Moesby, J Thorley and S Knox.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) a large number of members of the public.

05/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Stocks and T Battelle.

06/2019 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman explained to Council Members the importance of the need to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in subsequent Agenda

items in accordance with the Parish Councils Code of Conduct. Any Interest that became apparent at a later stage in the proceedings could be declared at that time.

Cllr Moesby declared an interest in Agenda Items 22 and 26, Cllr Gascoyne declared an interest in Agenda Items 26, 14, 27 and 18. Cllr Thorley declared an interest in Agenda Item 26.

07/2019 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

The following topics were raised by members of the public:-

The Council were accused of breaking rules around leaflets at Polling Stations on Election Day. The same resident complained about the condition of the frontage of his property following recent roadworks. The same resident requested proof to be provided that he had displayed threatening behaviour towards the Clerk, the request was declined, but the resident was reminded that if his Solicitor writes to the Council with questions, members would do their best to ensure they would be answered.

Council were asked to consider the use of Public Space Protection Orders on our recreation areas.

Concerns were raised about the potential for over use of Parish owned Football Pitches, the procedures currently in place to avoid this were explained, and reassurance given.

The poor condition of the pavements on Charnwood Crescent and Red Barn Close were raised by a resident, Cllr Moesby agreed to follow this matter up.

A member of the Allotment Society expressed concern about holes in the Boundary Fencing along the Ridge in Blackwell, Council agreed to discuss this under Allotments later in the meeting. Council were advised that Blackwell Primary School had recently taken over an Allotment and funds were needed to have it rotivated, Cllr Moesby agreed to follow this up with the resident.

A member of the public apologised for behaviour displayed at a recent Meet & Greet session in Westhouses before the Elections.

County Cllr C Moesby – advised that the County Council AGM would be held later in the week. He also advised that he had provided feedback to the resident who recently raised concerns regarding dangerous usage and parking on Hall Lane, Newton.

The work to look into ways of making the turn into Cragg Lane, Newton safer for HGV's was still ongoing. Work to the sensors at the Traffic Lights on Newtonwood Lane had been completed. He would be attending a Mitigation Meeting with representatives from HS2 Ltd at County Council Offices later this month, and lastly drainage improvements to the Newton Link Trail have been added to the Capital Programme.

District Councillor – Council were advised that it is a busy time at Clowne with Admin work, Training and forming Committees all ongoing.

Crime figures for February 2019 were noted by all. The Clerk was asked to try to arrange for a Police Officer to attend a future meeting.

08/2019 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st April 2019.

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 1st April 2019 were moved by Cllr Newham, seconded by Cllr Bullock and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

09/2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Bullock asked for Council Members to volunteer to sit on the Bolsover Partnership – Parish Council Liaison. Cllr Steve Knox expressed an interest in this to the Clerk, and it was also agreed to ask Cllr Battelle if he would undertake this role, on his return from Holiday. The Clerk agreed to speak to both and then submit the appropriate details to Mrs Pam Brown at Clowne.

10/2019 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk welcomed all new Councillors, and explained the contents of the Welcome Packs. She explained the importance of reading and understanding the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct, which they are required to sign and retain. The Acceptance of Office forms were signed and handed to the Clerk. The Register of Members interests was again explained and Council Members were asked to complete and return to the Clerk as soon as possible. The Schedule of Meetings for the coming year was approved by all.

Members were advised that all Staff Appraisals had now been completed and the paperwork completed ready for signature.

Lastly Council were advised that the Stage 1 application to the Lottery Heritage Fund for the Red Phone Boxes and Defibrillators project had been declined, and the Clerk will approach the Lottery Community Fund.

11/2019 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT UNDER S137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

An application from Blackwell Residents Action Group for £256 to assist with the costs of putting on a Community History Event about Percy Topliss was considered, it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Pell and approved by all.

12/2019 HS2

The Clerk advised Council that correspondence had been received from Victoria Young of HS2 Ltd, requesting an invitation to attend a Parish Council meeting in the near future to provide feedback from the recent Consultations. It was agreed that the Clerk write back to extend an invitation to our June or July meetings.

13/2019 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

Council were advised that the replacement Floor at Newton Community Centre had been completed, a Plaque had been received from Viridor which had been installed in the entrance foyer at the Centre. It was agreed by all that the Clerk organise a Re-Opening event within the next few weeks, on a Saturday morning.

Repairs had been organised to the Fire Doors at Newton and Hilcote Community Centres. The Council were advised of new Regular User Groups that have been secured, a Boot Camp Exercise Group on Thursday evenings at Newton, Dog Training Classes on Wednesday evenings at Blackwell and Art Classes in 6 week sessions, firstly at Newton, and moving to Hilcote.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for an Upholsterer to repair the Lounge seating nearest to the bar at Blackwell Community Centre.

14/2019 HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report.

15/2019 RECREATION AREAS/PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS

Council were advised that Scanderlands Pavilion is now close to completion, it was delayed by further damp found following the removal of the old flooring. The humidifiers have now been removed again, and we are awaiting the new floor fitting. Fencing quotes were considered for the top perimeter of Scanderlands Recreation Ground, the Clerk was asked to obtain one more quotation for the 1.8 Vmex fencing before a decision is made.

A request was considered from BRAG to hold a Drive-In Cinema Event at Scanderlands Pavilion, it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Pell and approved by all.

16/2019 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL

The Feasibility Study had now been received and circulated to all Council members by email.

17/2019 ALLOTMENTS

Following a point raised earlier in Public Speaking about weaknesses in the perimeter of the Allotment site along The Ridge, Blackwell, it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Marshall-Curtis and agreed by all that members of the Allotment Society plant Blackberry bushes to fill in the gaps.

18/2019 PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Nothing to report.

19/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, FINANCIAL REPORT & STAFF HOLIDAYS

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £20,536.48 it was moved by Cllr Gascoyne, seconded by Cllr Newham and Resolved that these be authorised for payment.

The Clerk provided the Current Account Bank Balance of £78,567.69 as at 30.04.2019, a Bank Reconciliation at 30.04.2019, and interest earned March 2019 on the Public Sector Fund Account of £32.08 reinvested, with a balance as at 30.04.2019 of £40,942.09 to members of the Council for their inspection. The Clerk confirmed that a transfer of £10,000 from the PSFA to the Co-op Bank Current account took place on 24.04.2019.

The Clerk advised that the VAT reclaim for the period 1st January 2019 – 31st March 2019 totalling £2,128.98 had been received.

The Clerk also confirmed that the first instalment of Parish Precept of £67,490 had been received on 30.04.2019. Feedback was given on the recent Internal Audit which had resulted in a very positive report. **19/2019 A** It was Resolved to approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/2019. **19/2019 B** It was Resolved to Certify that for the year ended 31st March 2019 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure. The above was moved by Cllr Gascoyne, seconded by Cllr Newham and agreed by all, Section 1 and Section 2 were then signed and dated by the Chairman and the Clerk to the Council.

20/2019 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

Nothing further to add.

21/2019 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC Circular 05/2019 & 06/2019 which had been emailed to all members prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact DALC to organise a Training Session for New Councillors.

22/2019 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

The Clerk confirmed that the target date for the next Parish Newsletter is now early June 2019, due to a heavy workload. All Councillors were asked to forward a recent photo to the Clerk for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

It was moved by Cllr Moesby, seconded by Cllr Bullock and agreed by all to suspend Standing Orders at this point to enable the meeting to continue after 9pm.

23/2019 PLANNING REPORT

All applications and decisions on this month’s report were discussed; the Clerk was not asked to make any objections or comments this occasion.

24/2019 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Cllr Newham provided feedback on the meeting held on Wednesday 8th May at Blackwell Community Centre. The meeting was very well attended with Representatives from Shirland & Higham and Tibshelf Parish Councils, DCC, BDC, HS2 Ltd, Banks Ltd and Derbyshire Wildlife. Topics discussed included Financial Matters, plans for the next 12 months, lack of access from Westhouses and that the park was now designated Wildlife Conservation Area by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, who have donated Nest Boxes. The next meeting is scheduled for 18th September 2019.

25/2019 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Blackwell Parish Council will be held on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7pm, at Blackwell Community Centre.

26/2019 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Date