

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 3 December 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: Mrs S A Gray: J Lomas: C R Moesby: E P Newell: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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ALSO PRESENT

13 Parishioners

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OPEN FORUM

Mr A Naylor, Hilcote expressed security concerns with regard to the establishment of a Children's Centre at Blackwell Primary School and sought assurances from Derbyshire County Council, owners of the premises, that his and other parents concerns would be taken into account.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as a County Councillor, assured Mr Naylor that during the design stages of the proposed Children's Centre security was paramount.

Councillor Mrs S Gray asked Councillor C R Moesby if consultation had taken place with the parents of children attending Blackwell School and he advised her that a Meeting had been held on 28 November 2007.

Mrs K Childs, Blackwell also expressed similar concerns to those of Mr Naylor and sought assurances on the security issue.

It was agreed that Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, arrange a Public Consultation Meeting and that appropriate officers from Derbyshire County Council be invited to attend the Meeting which, it was hoped, would be held before Christmas 2007.

Mrs G Kirk, Hilcote advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to the volume of heavy goods vehicles passing through the village of Hilcote and asked if consideration could be given to a 7.5 tonne weight limit being placed on New Lane, Hilcote.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council, requesting consideration be given to the provision of a weight restriction on New Lane, Hilcote.

In response to a further question from Mrs Kirk, Councillor Mrs S Gray, in her capacity as a District Councillor, agreed to contact the Chief Environmental Health Officer, Bolsover District Council, with regard to

noise and pollution caused by heavy goods vehicles passing through Hilcote.

Mr R Key, Newton requested that consideration be given to Street Lighting being provided along Newtonwood Lane to the entrance/exit of the Tibshelf Motorway Service Area.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Street Lighting Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting consideration be given to the provision of street lighting along this particular section of road.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

His meeting with PCSO Clare Pass with regard to theft from vehicles within the Parish of Blackwell.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mr P Wass, Newton Community Association advised Members of the activities undertaken by Association Members during the last three months which had included where necessary, hedgerows being cut back, litter pick etc.

He further advised Council Members enquiries were still being made with the regard to the possibility of a multi Sports Unit being provided on the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton and it was agreed this be an Agenda item for the January 2008 Meeting of the Council.

Mr Wass also asked if Council Members would give consideration to the provision of hanging baskets throughout the Parish and he was advised by the Chairman this matter would be considered when the Precept was set at January 2008 Meeting.

RESOLVED Mr Wass, Newton Community Association be thanked for his attendance and report.

180/2007

WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Clerk reported in the absence of Mr D Fowkes, Chairman of the Westhouses Residents Action Group, a Christmas Tree together with appropriate festive decorations had been provided by the Group within the grounds of Westhouses Methodist Chapel and Councillor D Hemingray had performed the Switching On of the lights.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT

Mrs M Helm, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project advised Council Members of activities and fund raising events which had taken place within

the village of Hilcote. These included Family Fun Day, Barbeque, Normanton Brook being cleaned, Grot2Green Project to establish a Community Garden, Spring Bulbs being planted along the Normanton Brook bank, Open Day and a Litter Pick.

RESOLVED Mrs M Helm, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project be thanked for her attendance and report.

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mrs K Childs, Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members the Group had recently been formed and a Constitution adopted and they had received a start-up grant from the Community Voluntary Partners. The Group had adopted a slogan "Making Blackwell a Better Place for Everyone".

Mrs Childs further advised Council Members of various projects that were in hand i.e. litter pick/funding applied for with regard to a Grot to Green Project/Blackwell in Bloom/questionnaire being circulated to all residents of Blackwell asking their views for future projects.

Mrs Childs also asked if consideration could be given to a pedestrian refuge being located at the junction of Central Drive/Alfreton Road, Blackwell and also a Speed Survey of traffic along Primrose Hill, Blackwell which also form part of the walk to school route.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer requesting consideration be given to the aforementioned items.

In response to a further question from Mrs Childs, Council Members approved an application by the group for the siting of a shed adjacent to the Councils Blackwell Community Centre.

RESOLVED Mrs K Childs, Blackwell Residents Action Group be thanked for her attendance and report.

Following a suggestion from Councillor I G Cox

RESOLVED all the Residents Groups be thanked for their excellent reports.

183/2007

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Hemingray, I J A Newham and N J B Willens.

184/2007

CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS/HOSPITALITY REGISTER

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor D G B Bullock 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.

185/2007

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 November 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

186/2007

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council reported for information:

1. The annual Remembrance Day Service held at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 11 November 2007 and that it was very well attended.
2. The Council's Annual Pantomime staged by Chaplins Limited. The theme this year being "Jack and the Beanstalk" and was held at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres 3 December 2007 and was attended by children from the local Primary Schools and that this had been well received.

The Chairman further reported that a letter had been received from Councillor D Hemingray advising Council Members that for health reasons he was retiring from Blackwell Parish Council.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members of the many years of service given by Councillor Hemingray to both the Council and local residents.

Unanimously **RESOLVED** a letter of thanks be sent to Councillor Hemingray and wishing him well for the future.

It was further **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Returning Officer, Bolsover District Council advising him of Councillor Hemingray's retirement and impending vacancy for a Councillor in the Westhouses Ward.

The Chairman further reported that a letter had been received from the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Group regarding the proposed Mining Memorial be situated at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

RESOLVED the proposed Mining Memorial at the junction of Hilcote Lane/New Lane, Hilcote be an Agenda item for the January 2008 Meeting.

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ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to Allotments.

188/2007

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council stating:

1. The County Council were unable to provide off-street parking at New Lane, Hilcote and this matter had been referred to Bolsover District Council for consideration.
2. No possibility of providing pavement facilities along the right-hand side of Gloves Lane from its junction with Alfreton Road, Blackwell.

Councillor E P Newell requested that consideration be given to:

1. Direction signs to the A38/M1 Motorway at Berristow Lane, South Normanton/Blackwell.
2. Rumble Strips be provided at Berristow Lane, South Normanton/Blackwell on the approach to Hilcote.
3. "Access Only" signs at Oaktree Close/Fairfield Avenue, Hilcote.
4. Village gateway posts on Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor Mrs S Gray advised Council Members she had been contacted by a local resident who used a mobility scooter and that no dropped kerb had been provided at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that urgent consideration be given to the provision of a dropped kerb at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

189/2007

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Charity Commission advising the Council that an unnamed resident of Westhouses had been in contact with the Commission with regard to the Westhouses Residents Action Group providing possible funding for a footpath across the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field (funding was not available).

The Clerk assured Council Members he was fully aware of the charitable status relating both to Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses and Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton and that any alterations, adaptations, additions etc. had to be beneficial to the local residents, and be approved by the Council.

190/2007

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council, Environmental Services, advising that part of Public Footpath 10 at Newton would be closed until 31 January 2008.

191/2007

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £9047.36 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).

192/2007

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported that the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting would be held on Thursday 6 December 2007 at 6.30 p.m. Committee Room No. 1, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover.

The Clerk further reported that Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils representative on this Group, was away on holiday and requested that another Councillor attend the Meeting.

RESOLVED the letter be noted.

193/2007

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

- 21/2007 – Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee and Annual General Meeting.
- 28/2007 – Consultation – Changes to the Post Office Network.
- 29/2007 – Licensing Act 2003 – Removal of Designated Premises Supervisor Requirement on Village Halls.
- 30/2007 – Derbyshire Flood Defence.
- 31/2007 – National Salary Award for Clerks.

Councillor C R Moesby requested that the Community Response Plan for Civil Emergencies be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council in January 2008.

194/2007

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

Due to the absence of Councillor I J A Newham there was no report with

regard to the Councils Website.

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that he anticipated presenting to the January 2008 Meeting of the Council the draft Council Newsletter for distribution throughout the Parish.

195/2007

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr I Lancashire, Littlemoor Farm, Littlemoor Lane, Newton – erection of four detached two-storey dwellings (including the removal of four trees) land to the rear of Littlemoor Farm, Littlemoor Lane, Newton – **not approved**.
2. Mr G A Smith, 1 The Bungalows, Wild Hill, Teversal – to carry out residential development for three dwellings (without complying with condition 5 of outline planning permission Reference 05/00662 FULMAJ which limited the development to two dwellings – **not approved**.
3. Mr M Davis, 23 Fairfield Avenue, Hilcote – rear conservatory extension to the property – **no objections**.

196/2007

PARISH CARETAKER

All Members of the Council expressed confidence in the Councils Parish Caretaker and the manner in which he carried out his duties.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Derbyshire Constabulary, first Meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team to be held at Stretton Village Hall 17 December 2007 at 6.00 p.m.
2. Derbyshire Constabulary Crime Figures for the Parish of Blackwell to 30 November 2007.
3. Sustainable Communities Act 2007, the main thrust of the Act was to give local people more control over improving their community by allowing a Community Panel to suggest ways that local spending could be better used to improve local services and improve quality of life.
4. Calling all Councillors – Democracy Needs You. This was a new Resource dedicated to Councillors which would provide regular challenging and provocative insight into the world of local politics.
5. Bolsover District Council – a comprehensive response to Post Office Limited regarding the closure of local Post Offices.
6. North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau – a Road Show would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on Thursday 10 January

2008 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

198/2007

BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

RESOLVED that the Working Party to review the hire charges currently levied at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres be held on Wednesday 19 December 2007 at 6.00 p.m. venue to be determined.

199/2007

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 January 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

200/2007

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2007

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Dexter Bullock wished his fellow Councillors and employees the compliments of the season for Christmas and the New Year 2008.

The Meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.