

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 1 December 2008 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 (left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.): E P Newell: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: S J Thorpe: A F Tomlinson and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary, ten Parishioners.

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OPEN FORUM

Mr L Walker, Hilcote advised Council Members of his satisfaction to see Police Patrols within the village of Hilcote.

Mr K Booth, Newton advised Council Members of varying amounts of Japanese Knotweed which was growing in the hedgerow adjacent to Blackwell Community Centre.

It was also reported that the Knotweed was also growing at Church Close, Westhouses.

Councillor R J Sainsbury advised Council Members that he would deal with the offending weed.

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POLICE MATTERS

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

1. Crime Figures for November 2008.
2. Nuisance incidents for November 2008.

PCSO Brownlee also advised Council Members that the first Police Community Forum would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on Saturday 6th December 2008 12.45 p.m./2.00 p.m.

Councillor I G Cox queried where monies obtained from speeding fines were paid to and he was advised by County Councillor C R Moesby that such monies were paid direct to the Home Office.

RESOLVED that PCSO Paul Brownlee be thanked for his attendance and report.

The Clerk reported for information:

1. His conversation with Inspector D Stone who had informed him that he would be attending a future Meeting of the Council.
2. The telephone number for non-emergency calls to the Police was now 0345 123 3333.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. The dropped pavement at Pasture Lane, Hilcote conformed to highways standards.
2. The provision of an extra bollard at Fernbank Avenue, Blackwell to stop motorists accessing Alfreton Road from that location, had been referred to Bolsover District Council.
3. The installation of heavy goods vehicle restriction signs at the junction of Littlemoor Lane, Main Street, Newton would be carried out within the next few days.
4. Traffic Survey at Hilcote Lane/New Lane, Hilcote had been carried out.
5. Street Lighting adjacent to Newton Community Centre to install a different Lamp Standard, the cost would be approximately £1500.00.
6. Vandalism to the Pedestrian Crossing Lights at Main Street, Newton.
7. Hate Crime.
8. The Trusted Trader Scheme was now functioning.

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

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Clerk read out the report from the Secretary, Blackwell Residents Action Group which highlighted:

1. Vandalism to both of the sheds occupied by the Blackwell Mother and Toddler Group and the Blackwell Residents Action Group.
2. Bulb planting had been carried out, with the permission of Bolsover District Council, and the two locations were Deamon Street – the grass island and the pathway between Alfreton Road and Victoria Drive.
3. Disco – the planned Disco for teenagers at the Blackwell Youth Club in November had been cancelled due to the lack of advanced ticket sales.
4. The Local History Group was planning an event in January/February 2009 and the highlight of this

5. would be the showing of a film "The End of an Era" made by Mr and Mrs Purdy of Blackwell. Christmas decorations – the Resident Group would be researching how other villages fund and procure their Christmas Decorations so that something could possibly be carried out at Blackwell for Christmas 2009.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE GROUP

There was no report from the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Group.

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens, Newton Community Association, advised Council Members:

1. The Film Show held at Newton Community Centre on 27 November was very well attended.
2. The Multi-User Sports Unit – a Site Meeting would be held on Tuesday 2 December 2008 for the possible formal handing over of the Unit.

RESOLVED Mrs Willens be thanked for her attendance and report.

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WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Clerk read out the report from the Chairman of Westhouses Residents Action Group which highlighted:

1. The Christmas Tree adjacent to the Methodist Chapel, Westhouses was in place.
2. The Christmas Carol Service would be held at the Chapel on Thursday 11 December 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

Councillor A F Tomlinson commented that the Christmas Tree looked well and was a credit to the residents of Westhouses.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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**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.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 November 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members:

1. The Annual Remembrance Day Service had taken place at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 9 November 2008 and was very well attended.
2. The Annual Pantomime had been held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres on Monday 1 December 2008 and the Clerk had attended the performance at Newton Community Centre and reported that the children attending were very well satisfied.

The Clerk further reported that two letters had been received from two residents of Newton giving favourable comments with regard to the provision of hanging baskets and also the Newton Carnival Teams Victorian Street Fayre the Christmas Tree and Street Lights.

Councillor C R Moesby requested that it be recorded in the Minutes that he was very distressed to learn that rumours had been circulated within the Parish of Blackwell, which were without foundation, and had indicated that he had, on 28 November 2008, been responsible for the road closure at Main Street, Newton and the Bolsover District Council Ranger Service had been called out to photograph the situation.

Councillor Moesby stressed that the only involvement he had was to request the Police to give extra support to the Officers already at Newton and for Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department to provide diversion signs.

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ALLOTMENTS

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that the Allotment Holders Association at their recent Committee Meeting were reviewing a number of proposals i.e. increase in rents for the year 2009/2010, security improvements to the Allotments at Blackwell and North Street, Newton. These would be submitted to the Council for further consideration in due course.

182/2008

HIGHWAYS

Following a request from Councillor I G Cox, Councillor C R Moesby, in

his capacity as County Councillor agreed to contact the Street Lighting Engineer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to a white light being fitted to the lamp adjacent to St Werburghs Church Hall, Blackwell.

183/2008

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that damage had occurred to fence panels at the Councils Bamford Street Play Area, Newton. These had now been repaired but the incident which involved 8/9 year olds had been reported to the Police.

184/2008

FOOTPATHS

Councillor E P Newell expressed concern with regard to the state of the Footbridge on Public Footpath No. 3.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting an inspection be carried out of the Footbridge on Public Footpath No, 3.

185/2008

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £5817.02 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).

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BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor N J B Willens gave Council Members a comprehensive overview of the Bolsover District Council Regeneration Strategy Investment in People and Places 2008/2020.

It was agreed a copy of Councillor Willens comments be forwarded to the Local Strategic Partnership Office at Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 52/2008 – General Circular 2008/2009 National Interim Salary Award for Local Council Clerks.

2. 37/2008 – Crash Course on the Planning System – Town Hall Bakewell – 11 March 2009.
3. 53/2008 – Quality Parish/Town Council Scheme Training The Library, Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale – 10 December 2008.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that the Councils Web-site was functioning satisfactorily and the next edition of the Councils Newsletter - items required for publication to be no later than 15 December 2008.

189/2008

PLANS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of letters from:

1. Head of Planning, Bolsover District Council advising that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State by Mr and Mrs S Castledine against the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse planning permission for the retention of temporary siting of a residential caravan for equine business and change of use of land and buildings for breeding and the sale of horses at Gloves Lane, Blackwell.
2. Head of Planning, Bolsover District Council advising that George Shipman and Son Limited, Newlands Drive, Riddings had submitted an Outline Application for the erection of 45 dwellings with access detail only at Thurgarton Way, Newton.

This application would be considered by the Planning Committee at its Meeting to be held at Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover on 3 December 2008.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Dennis Skinner MP enclosing a copy of a letter that he had received from the Network Development Manager, Post Office regarding Blackwell Post Office in which she stated "that she was sorry for the inconvenience of the continuing temporary closure at Blackwell is causing to their customers. The branch was closed at the present by unavoidable circumstances but gave an assurance that the Post Office was keen to keep a presence in the Blackwell area".
2. Letter from the Newton Community Association requesting consideration of a grant payment towards the cost of the Multi-Use Sports Unit located at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

RESOLVED that a payment of £1000.00 be paid to the Newton Community Association towards the cost of the

Multi-Use Sports Unit situated at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field subject to all other grant monies being received by the Community Association.

Councillor N J B Willens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and left the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

3. Letter from the Environmental Health Department, Bolsover District Council advising the District Council had become a Partner in the East Midlands Landlord Accreditation Scheme. The overall aim of the scheme was to improve Tenancy Management within the private rented sector and raise the standard of accommodation whilst bringing more and more privately owned properties in to use.

191/2008

NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk reported on vandalism which had occurred at the Councils Newton Community Centre on 12/16 November 2008 i.e. broken window, two fence panels being stolen. These had been repaired and replaced at a cost of £350.00.

192/2008

SPORTS ACTION GROUP

Following a report from Councillor A F Tomlinson with regard to the local Sports Action Group

RESOLVED that Councillor S J Thorpe be nominated to be the Councils representative on the Local Sports Action Group.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 5 January 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.