

# BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 December 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

## PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: J Lomas: C R Moesby: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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## ALSO PRESENT

Ten Parishioners

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## OPEN FORUM

**Mr A Maris, Newton** advised Council Members of his concerns regarding the storage of tyres etc. in a disused garage adjacent to his property.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council, advised Mr Maris that he would make appropriate enquiries in the Planning Department to ascertain what action could be taken to eliminate the problems at the property concerned.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, also advised Mr Maris that he would be attending a Meeting of the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service on 10 December 2009 and he would be raising Mr Marris's concern.

Mr Maris also expressed concerns of what could be a possible parking problem at the front of Newton Community Centre and he was advised by Councillor Moesby that Derbyshire County Council were monitoring the situation.

**Mrs S Bingham, Newton** expressed concerns regarding the Councils Representative on the Allotment Association taking photographs her Allotment and it was agreed that the photographs would be deleted.

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## POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members that there was no Police presence but he had, however, been provided with the crime figures for the Parish of Blackwell to 30 November 2009.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, reported for information that during the absence of PC Lorna Evans, PC1893 Fay Taylor would be covering the Parish of Blackwell.

It was anticipated PC Evans would be back on duty on 28 December 2009.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

Councillor C R Moesby, advised Council Members

1. Choice of Infant Primary School for children born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006. The deadline date for applications was 11 December 2009.
2. Indiscriminate parking by motorists etc. – an increase in powers for the County Council Operative from 1 February 2110.
3. Prompt payment code for fly-tipping – contact number 08708 506506.
4. County Council Offices shut down for the Christmas/New Year period 24/29 December 2009, 31 December 2009. The contact numbers 01629 532600 (Social Services) 01629 5333085 (other enquiries).
5. Food Fair, Kedleston Hall – 22/23 May 2010.
6. Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Support – volunteers required contact 01629 825864.
7. Apprenticeship Scheme, joint project between Derbyshire County Council and Bolsover District Council.
8. Decline in the number of teenage pregnancies.

**RESOLVED** County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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**BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP**

Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. Art Project (The Big Draw)
2. Consultation Meeting regarding the proposed Mining Memorial.
3. Provision of Planters at various locations within the village of Blackwell.
4. Victorian Christmas Fayre to be held at Blackwell Community Centre – 5 December 2009.
5. Suggested Official Opening of the Blackwell Post Office on 2 February 2010 by Councillor A F Tomlinson and Dennis Skinner MP

**RESOLVED** Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group be thanked of her report.

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**HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT**

Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project advised Council Members:

1. Raised Flower Beds within the village of Hilcote had been completed.
2. Information Boards to be sited at different locations were awaited.
3. The bridge abutments were now in place at the South Normanton Brook.

**RESOLVED** that Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project be thanked for his report.

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**NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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

1. The Film Nights at Newton Community Centre would revert back to Thursday evenings.
2. The Lottery Bid had been submitted for Film Equipment.
3. Missing Road Signs Hallfield Lane/Littlemoor Lane/Mount Pleasant, Newton. Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council advised Mrs Willens that he would make appropriate enquiries at the District Council.
4. Dog Fouling – it was agreed that an item relating to this particular problem be included in the next Parish Council News Letter.
5. Provision of a metal Litter Bin at the Multi-User Sport Unit, Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

**RESOLVED** Mrs Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association be thanked for her report.

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**WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP**

Mr D Fowkes, Chairman, Westhouses Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. Provision of a Christmas Tree at the Westhouses Methodist Chapel.
2. Carol Service to be held at Westhouses Methodist Chapel on 10 December 2009.
3. A Meeting to be held on 8 December to form a Steering Committee with regard to the vacant BRSA Club at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
4. An independent valuation and funding streams would be investigated with regard to the former BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road Westhouses.

**RESOLVED** Mr D Fowkes, Chairman, Westhouses Residents Action Group be thanked for his report.

The Chairman of the Council thanked all the Residents Groups for the work they have carried out for the local residents during the past twelve months.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S J Thorpe.

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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.

**190/2009**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 November 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**191/2009**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members:

1. Annual Pantomime Newton/Blackwell Community Centre had been held on 7 December 2009. The Clerk had attended the performance at Newton Community Centre and the children attending were very well satisfied.
2. Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members of an initiative between local business man Mr A Beardsmore, the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEO) in association with Bolsover District Council of a major property investment which had resulted in the opening of South Normanton Business Centre which was located on the High Street, South Normanton and was an enterprise hub providing business accommodation access to business resources and networks and coaching support from the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative, its aim was to help the growth of local businesses and so create and secure jobs for local people.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for his report regarding the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative.

**192/2009**

### **ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported receipt of a report by Mr John Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council regarding Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton a copy of which had already been circulated to Council Members.

### **RESOLVED**

1. The Report by John Yates, Chairman Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council regarding Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton be accepted.
2. A further inspection be carried by John Yates – April/May 2010 at the Littlemoor Lane Allotments.

Councillor N J B Willens advised Council Members that the report by John Yates would be discussed at the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association Committee Meeting to be held on 15 December 2009.

It was further reported that there was a small quantity of asbestos on the Littlemoor Lane Allotments and it was agreed the Clerk contact suitable companies to arrange collection and safe disposal of same.

Following a request from the Chairman of the Council **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Secretary, Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association thanking Allotment Holders at Littlemoor Lane Allotments for the overall improvement to the area.

The Clerk reported receipt of a further letter from Dennis Rye Limited regarding Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton and of the Legal Advice that he had received thereto from the National Society and Leisure Gardeners,

**RESOLVED** the Council reaffirms its previous decision at a Meeting held on 2 November 2009 (Minute 166/2009 refers).

The Clerk also circulated for information Legal Advice received from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners with regard to joint tenancies of Allotments.

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information on his recent attendance of the East Midland Allotment Officers Forum and of the Allotment Regeneration Initiative.

**193/2009**

### **HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of letters from the Traffic and Safety Manager, Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council regarding proposed speed limit changes to:

1. B6025 Westhouses/Tibshelf area.
2. B6026 Newton area.

Copies of the letters had already been circulated to Council Members.

**194/2009**

**PLAYING FIELDS**

There were no reports with regard to Playing Fields.

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**FOOTPATHS**

Following a request from Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council requesting that urgent attention be given to clearing the overgrown state of the pavement at Alfreton Road, Westhouses leading to Blackwell.

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members that the car park at the rear of elderly persons bungalows at Bamford Street, Newton was in a poor state and any resident using a motorised scooter would have difficulty in crossing the said car park.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council, agreed to investigate the matter with the appropriate Officer at the District Council.

**196/2009**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £7,009.84 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).

**197/2009**

**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information on his attendance at a Parish Council Liaison Group held on 7 December 2009.

1. Presentation by the Director of Resources, Bolsover District Council.
2. Citizens Panel Questionnaire.
3. Parish Council Liaison Group representatives on the

Local Strategic Partnership Action Groups.

4. Parish Council Liaison Group ways of improving communications between the Local Strategic Partnership, individual Parish Councils and the Public.

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**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 60/2009 – Communities in Control

**199/2009**

**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members that it was anticipated the next News Letter would be available for distribution on 1 February 2010 and that a Questionnaire would be inserted therein with regard to the Community Response Plan. It was further agreed that local businesses be allowed, if they wish, to insert small advertisements in the News Letter for payment of an appropriate fee.

The Chairman also reported the Council Web Site was now functioning satisfactorily.

**200/2009**

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr J D Thompson, Thistledown Barn, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell – crown lift 5.2m all round by pruning back lower branches, crown clean to remove dead, diseased or damage branches. Remove lower structural branch West aspect – **no objections.**
2. Mr and Mrs C Astle, 14 Alfreton Road, Newton – erection of a double garage with storeroom over, accessed by external staircase – **no objections.**

**201/2009**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Post Office Limited advising that the re-opening of the Blackwell Branch at Blackwell Community Centre had been re-arranged for 2 February 2010.
2. Bolsover District Council – Free Tree Scheme 2009/2010

**RESOLVED** that local Residents Groups and Schools be advised of the Scheme.

3. Bolsover District Council – revised date for Parish Council Training – 1 February 2010.
4. Blackwell Miners Welfare Football Club regarding the future of the Miners Welfare and its Football Club.

**RESOLVED** the letter be noted.

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**ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE**

Councillors A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson advised Council Members the next Meeting of the Engine Reclamation Site Committee would be held some time during January 2010.

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**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 4 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2009**

The Chairman of the Council wished his fellow Councillors, employees the compliments of the Season for Christmas and the New Year 2010.

The Meeting concluded at 9.05 p.m.