

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 5 December 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G Bullock: I G Cox: C R Moesby from 7.25 p.m.: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: and L Walker.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary and 8 Parishioners.

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FORMER COUNCILLOR WALTER "SAM" HAYNES.

Councillor A F Tomlinson paid tribute to former Councillor Walter "Sam" Haynes who passed away on 12 November 2011 aged 92 years. Sam was a long serving elected Member of Blackwell Parish Council from 1971 until 1999 and was also Governor of Newton Primary School for the same period of time.

Councillor Tomlinson also outlined the work that had been carried out by Sam, who for a considerable number of years was an allotment holder at Littlemoor Lane, Allotments, Newton.

Councillor Tomlinson concluded his tribute stating that Sam was a very dedicated and public spirited individual who would be sadly missed by the residents of Newton.

Members of the Council observed a minutes silence for former Councillor Sam Haynes.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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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 part in the discussion or decision with regard to any Planning Applications brought before the Council Meeting. (Minute 182/2011 refers)

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A Maris, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to an increased number of heavy goods vehicles traversing Littlemoor Lane/Newtonwood Lane, Newton trying to access the industrial estates at either Tibshelf or Huthwaite.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Nottinghamshire County Council requesting that urgent consideration be given to the provision of a weight restriction sign at the Teversal/Huthwaite end of Newtonwood Lane.

Mr Maris also asked what action could be taken with regard to the disused garage adjacent to his property at Littlemoor Lane. Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as District Councillor, undertook to discuss the problems surrounding this particular problem with the appropriate Environmental Health Officer at Bolsover District Council.

Miss P Barnes, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to vehicles parking on the grass verge at Hall Lane, Newton and she was advised by the Chairman that the land at this particular location was owned by Derbyshire County Council and that no action could be taken by the Parish Council.

Mrs D Willens, Newton in her capacity as Secretary of the Newton Community Association advised Council Members:

1. In connection with fund raising for the association, tea towels depicting the Tapestry currently hanging in Newton Community Centre were available for sale from her.
2. A Children's Film Show would be held on 16 December 2011 and the film would be "Polar Express".

Mrs Willens concluded her address to Council Members thanking the Council for the Annual Pantomime which had been staged at Newton Community Centre on 5 December 2011.

Councillor L Walker, Hilcote advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the refusal by Derbyshire County Council, Countryside Ranger Service to give consent for the provision of golf type buggies on the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail and the Silverhill Trail.

It was agreed the Councillor Walkers comments be noted.

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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 advantage.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary, attended the Meeting and advised Council Members of the Crime Figures for November 2011.

In response to a question from Councillor I G Cox, PCSO Swaby advised Councillor Cox that extra Police attention would be given on Friday nights to try and eliminate the nuisance problems that had arisen in Newton.

RESOLVED PCSO Stewart Swaby be thanked for his attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members

1. Proposed boundary changes for Derbyshire County Council Electoral Division.
2. Fake Vodka being offered for sale.
3. Good Behaviour Programme.
4. B Line Literature.
5. Disabled Peoples Day to be held at County Offices, Matlock on 6 December 2011.
6. Speed Reading Course, 12 February 2012
7. Budget Consultation.
8. Out of hours telephone numbers over the Christmas Period for
 - a. Social Services – 01629 532600.
 - b. Property Division – 01629 533085.
9. Newton Link/Silverhill Trail.
10. Love Lane, Tibshelf.

In response to a question from Councillor B Stocks, County Councillor Moesby undertook to investigate the possibility of the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at New Lane, Hilcote.

County Councillor Moesby also agreed to a suggestion from Councillor Stocks for an afternoon Bus Service to be provided at Hilcote at approximately 2.00 p.m.

The Chairman advised County Councillor Moesby of local residents concerns with regard to an increasing number of heavy goods vehicles using Littlemoor Lane/Newtonwood Lane, Newton to access either the Tibshelf or Huthwaite Industrial Estates.

County Councillor Moesby said that he would contact the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council with a request he contact his opposite number in the Highways Department, Nottinghamshire County Council with regard to weight restriction signs being installed on Newtonwood Lane.

In response to a question from Councillor I J A Newham, County Councillor Moesby said that he would investigate the situation with regard to the School Signs at Primrose Hill, Blackwell and advise Councillor Newham accordingly.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised County Councillor Moesby that a number of speed activated signs in various locations within the Parish of Blackwell were not functioning correctly. County Councillor Moesby stated that he would ask the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council to investigate the complaint.

Councillor Tomlinson further asked County Councillor Moesby if "Give Way" Signs could be provided at the junction of Central Drive/The Ridge, Blackwell as there had been two road traffic accidents at that location recently.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 November 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

173/2011

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported:

1. The Annual Remembrance Day Service Newton Community Centre which was held on 13 November 2011 was well attended but, unfortunately, it was marred by some individual stealing the Flag Pole which was later found dumped in Newton Primary School Playing Fields.
2. The Annual Pantomime, which was held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres on 5 December 2011 was very well attended and the children enjoyed an excellent performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk".

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ALLOTMENTS

Councillor R A Poulter reported for information that a Committee Meeting

of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would be held on 7 December 2011.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information that the Utilities Report identifying the location of gas pipes/electricity cables/water supplies where the Entrance/Exit signs within the Parish of Blackwell are to be located had been received.

A License for the erection of the signs on Derbyshire County Council owned land was required and it was anticipated that this would be to hand January 2012.

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council refusing the request for a turning area at Sherwood Street, Newton.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the members of Blackwell Youth Club thanking the Council for the provision of the Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell.

RESOLVED the letter of thanks from the members of Blackwell Youth Club be noted.

The Clerk reported for information that the new Security Gates had now been installed at the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

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FOOTPATHS

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that the post to which a Litter Bin was attached at Main Street, Newton was in a poor state.

It was agreed that the Councils Part Time Caretaker repair/replace as necessary.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £8,821,98 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 2011/81).

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from the Co-operative Bank PLC confirming that the current authorized signatories on the Councils Bank Account were Councillors D G B Bullock, I J A Newham, Mrs P R Wilkinson, NJB Willens and the Clerk and that the signing authority was any of the two aforementioned individuals.

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BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor I J A Newham reported on his attendance at a Parish/Town Council Liaison Meeting which was held on 21 November 2011 and advised Council Members of the following:

1. Feedback from the Local Strategic Partnership Board.
2. Funding updates.
3. Healthy Bolsover Small Grants Fund up to £1,000.00.
4. Limestone Journeys Grant Scheme.
5. Thematic Partnerships.
6. Changes in the composition of the various partnerships because of over subscription.

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his report.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 55/2011 – PAYE penalties.
2. 56/2011 – Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.
3. 57/2011 - Financial Inclusion in Derbyshire.
4. 58/2011 - Derbyshire County Council Parish Liaison Forum.

Councillor I J A Newham reported on his attendance at the Parish Council Liaison Forum which was held on 10 November 2011 and advised Council Members of the following:

1. Night Street Lighting - 1 percent of all lighting within Derbyshire County Council to be switched off and then removed.
2. The switching off of designated lighting between the hours of midnight and 5.30 a.m.

Consultation on this matter had taken place and there was to be dialogue between the County Council and local authorities within Derbyshire to determine the detail of which street lamps to be switched off. It was likely that this consultation would take many months.

3. Winter gritting service – primary routes. The roads in this category would be treated day and night and would be pre-treated prior any bad weather. Gritting would continue 24 hours a day if necessary.

Secondary routes –roads in this category would be pretreated before adverse weather where possible but

primary routes would take priority.

The primary routes within the Parish of Blackwell were

- a. Alfreton Road from Westhouses to Newton.
- b. Main Street, Newton.
- c. Cragg Lane, Newton.
- d. Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell.
- e. New Lane, Hilcote.

The secondary routes were –

Primrose Hill, Blackwell.
Church Hill, Old Blackwell.
Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.
Hilcote Lane, Hilcote

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his report.

5. 59/2011 Localism Bill Royal Assent.

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QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

Members also noted that the next Council Newsletter was scheduled for delivery on 16 December 2011.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated.

1. Mr J Thompson, Thistledown Barn, Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell – change of use of land to domestic cartilage – **no objections.**

Councillor R J Sainsbury declared a personal interest in the above mentioned Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon

2. Mrs J Else, 166 Alfreton Road, Newton – extension to roof space to create first floor accommodation – **no objections.**
3. Mr G Flynn , 5 The Paddock, Blackwell – single storey extension to side of property – **no objections.**

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt from the Head of Planning Services with regard to the Draft Green Space Strategy Consultation Document.

RESOLVED that the Draft Green Space Strategy Consultation Document prepared by the Head of Planning, Bolsover District Council

be approved subject to the inclusion of the following:

1. Blackwell
 - a. Primrose Hill, former bowling green.
 - b. Blackwell Primary School Playing Field.
 - c. Scanderlands Equipped Play Area.
2. Hilcote
 - a. Football Pitch adjacent to Pasture Lane, Hilcote.
3. Newton
 - a. Land adjacent 1a Alfreton Road.
4. Westhouses
 - a. Engine Reclamation Site.
 - b. Doe Hill Community Park.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held At Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 9 January 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

It was further **RESOLVED** that the Councils Precept Meeting be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 23 January 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2011.

The Chairman of the Council wished his fellow Councillors, employees the compliments of the Season for Christmas and New Year 2012.

The Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.