

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 4 February 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S A Gray: J Lomas: E P Newell: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: S J Thorpe: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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## **ALSO PRESENT**

46 Parishioners

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## **OPEN FORUM**

**Mrs D Willens speaking on behalf of the Newton Community Association** advised Council Members that an application for funding for a proposed Multi-User Sports Unit at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton would be formulated in the near future.

She further advised Council Members that a Litter Pick had been arranged for Sunday 10 February 2008 and that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was now in existence covering part of Alfreton Road, Newton.

**Mrs G Smith, Newton** presented to Council Members a 130 signature Petition objecting to proposals by Godwin Developments Limited, Nottingham for residential development at the rear of 144/164 Alfreton Road, Newton.

The Chairman of the Council advised Mrs Smith that there was an Agenda item for the Outline Planning Application by Godwin Developments for the aforementioned proposed development and the Council would be making its decision later in the Meeting.

**Mr and Mrs B Cox, Mrs B Mee, Newton** all expressed strong objections to the proposed development siting traffic issues, inadequate entrance/exit facilities and possible lack of space at Newton Primary School for any additional children from the proposed site.

**Mrs D Bonsor, Newton** spoke against the Application outlining loss of privacy and also that the development was on land outside of the Bolsover District Local Settlement Framework.

Councillor A F Tomlinson in his capacity as a District Councillor advised both Council Members and residents present that, as and when the Planning Application came before the Planning Committee at Bolsover District Council, he would attend that Meeting and strongly object to the proposals.

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## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby was not present at the Meeting therefore there was no report.

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## **COUNCILLOR S J THORPE**

The Chairman of the Council welcomed to the Meeting the new Co-opted Member for the Westhouses Ward, Councillor Steven James Thorpe and hoped he would enjoy his term of office as a Member of Blackwell Parish Council.

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I G Cox and Councillor C R Moesby.

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### **CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS/HOSPITALITY REGISTER**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor D 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.

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### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 January 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to Minute No. 210/2007 Playing Fields being amended to read -“**RESOLVED** the Council agree in principal to support a request from the Newton Community Association regarding the proposed provision of a Multi-User Sports Unit at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field Newton.

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 22 January 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members that it was his sad duty to have to report that former Council Member Derek Hemingray, Westhouses died suddenly on 12 January 2008.

A minutes silence was held in memory of him.

Following a report from Councillor A F Tomlinson it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that a suitable Memorial Seat be purchased in memory of former Councillor Derek Hemingray and installed at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

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### **HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported for information he was still awaiting a response to his letter to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council regarding Highway Expenditure for the Parish of Blackwell 2007/2008.

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### **PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported for information he had written to the Charity Commission with regard to the proposals by Newton Community Association for the provision of a Multi-Sports Unit at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field and that no planning application could be submitted to Bolsover District Council until the Charity Commission had given their approval to the project.

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**FOOTPATHS**

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

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**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £7522.95 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**

The Clerk reported for information that the next Meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Group would take place on Monday 25 February 2008 at Pinxton Village Hall.

The Clerk further reported receipt of a letter from the Principal Environmental Health Officer (Commercial) requesting the Council to give consideration to the payment of £100.00 per annum towards the cost of Poop Scoop Bags.

**RESOLVED** the Council pay £100.00 per annum to Bolsover District Council for the provision Poop Scoop Bags.

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**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1/2008 – Index of Circulars 2007.

2/2008 - Training Circular – New one day course for Chairman and other prospective Chairmen of Parish Councils 5 April 2008.

**RESOLVED** the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorized to attend the next one-day Training Course for Chairman and other prospective Chairmen to be held on 5 April 2008.

5/2008 – Representing the future.

6/2008 – Clerk and Council of the Year.

7/2008 – Draft Freedom of Information and Data Protection.

8/2008 – The Green Space Community Network.

9/2008 – Derbyshire Playing Fields.

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**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that work was progressing on the redesigning of the Councils Web Site.

Councillor D G B Bullock also reported for information that the Draft Council Newsletter had now been prepared and would be submitted to the Printers for publication on 11 February 2008.

It was also agreed that the following Council Members form a Sub-Group to facilitate information to be placed on both the Councils Web Site and Councils Newsletter.

In addition to Councillors I J A Newham and D Bullock the following Members be part of the Sub-Group – Councillors Mrs S A Gray, R J Sainsbury and P R Wilkinson.

**243/2007**

### **PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

Mr and Mrs M Kelly, 9 Pixall Drive off Wellington Road, Edgbaston – two-storey extension to side and rear of Pendean Nursing Home, Primrose Hill, Blackwell – **no objections.**

Councillor I J A Newham declared an interest in the foregoing application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Godwin Developments Limited, c/o Freeth Cartwright LLP, 80 Mount Street, Nottingham – residential development and creation of estate access road involving demolition of 156/158 Alfreton Road, Newton – **not approved.**

Amber Medical Services, Gloves Lane, Blackwell – side extension to form Pharmacy at Blackwell Medical Centre – **no objections.**

Mr I Plastow, Unit 2, Whites Lane, Blackwell – erection of MOT Bay – **not approved.**

Mr M Bailey, 51 Alfreton Road, Newton – two-storey extension to rear and new roof over existing single-storey of the property – **no objections.**

Councillor Mrs S A Gray declared a personal interest in the foregoing Planning Applications and left the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

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### **PART TIME PARISH CARETAKER**

The Clerk reported for information that a Formal Contract of Employment was being prepared for the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker, Mr R Walker and would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of:

1. Letter from the National Probation Service regarding the Community Pay-Back Scheme.

**RESOLVED** the Council investigate the possibility of utilizing the aforementioned Scheme.

2. Receipt of a letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government regarding Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England.

**RESOLVED** the letter be noted.

3. Receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council regarding year 2 of a 3 year Contract for caretaking and cleaning at Newton Community Centre in the sum of £8596.00.

**RESOLVED** the Council accept from Derbyshire County Council Caretaking and Cleaning Contract 2008/2009 for Newton Community Centre in the sum of £8596.00.

4. Receipt of a letter from Derbyshire Constabulary advising that PC Adam Podam was, with effect from 31 January 2008, the Beat Officer for the Parish of Blackwell.

The crime figures for the Parish of Blackwell to 31 January 2008 were also received.

With regard to Police Matters, Councillor N J B Willens advised Council Members that he had attended a Meeting of the Derbyshire Police Authority and Constabulary Budget Consultation at Chesterfield on 16 January 2008. He was advised by the Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent Debbie Kelly, that there was no reason why local Constables should not attend Parish Council Meetings if invited.

**RESOLVED:**

- a. Councillor N J Willens report be noted.
- b. The Clerk write to PC Adam Podum, the local Beat Officer inviting him to the next Meeting of the Council.

### **ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

**246/2007**

### **ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council and Clerk reported that an Allotment Holder had received an anonymous threatening letter and had reported the matter to Council Members.

Following a discussion on the matter

**RESOLVED** the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Mrs S A Gray and the Clerk attend a Committee Meeting of the Newton and Blackwell Allotment Gardeners Association to be held at the George and Dragon Public House, Newton on 13 February 2008 at 7.30 p.m. and the Committee be suitably advised regarding the conduct of Allotment Holders towards each other.

**247/2007**

### **CLERKS CONTRACT**

Councillor N J B Willens presented to Council Members a copy of the Clerks Contract for consideration.

**RESOLVED** the Clerks Contract as presented be accepted and signed by both

the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk.

The Clerk was absent from the Meeting during the discussion thereon.

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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 3 March 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.25 pm.