

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre on Monday 1 February 2010 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: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: S J Thorpe: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens:

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ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, PC Fay Taylor, Derbyshire Constabulary, Brian Wood, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and Ten Parishioners.

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OPEN FORUM

Mrs S Bingham, Newton advised Council Members that she has still not received a letter from the Secretary of the Newton/ Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association with regard to Plot 56 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton. It was agreed the Councils Representative on the Association, Councillor N J B Willens would speak with the Secretary accordingly.

Mr A Maris, Newton thanked Council Members and the local Police Officers for action that had been taken with regard to individuals congregating outside both his property and Newton Community Centre.

Mr K Naylor, Westhouses advised Council Members of an accident which had occurred outside his property and of damage sustained to the property as well as his car.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson advised Mr Naylor that funds had been set aside for a Speed Activated Camera to be located on Alfreton Road, Westhouses but it was likely to be a few months before it would actually be in place.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, further advised Mr Naylor that traffic surveys had been carried out in 2004 and 2007 and a further survey would be carried out week commencing 1 March 2010 along Alfreton Road and Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

Councillor B Stocks, in his capacity as Chairman of the Trustees Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, requested that Council Members give consideration to the request for financial assistance from for the Centre and he handed to Council Members a letter written by the Finance Director, Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation.

The Chairman of the Council advised Councillor Stocks that the request from Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre was an Agenda item

and would be dealt with as an exempt item at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Mr Brian Wood, Secretary/Treasurer, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils, advised Council Members on the legality of the request and his comments were noted.

235/2009

POLICE MATTERS

PC Lorna Evans and PC Fay Taylor, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 31 January 2010.
2. Nuisance incidents to 31 January 2010.
3. Police Drop-in Surgeries would be held at:
 - a. Newton Methodist Church Saturday 6 February 2010 at 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
 - b. Hilcote Community Centre Saturday 13 February 2010 at 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

In response to a question from the Clerk, PC Evans advised Council Members that Inspector G J Lamin was now in charge of the Bolsover Section.

RESOLVED that PC Evans and PC Taylor be thanked for their attendance and report.

236/2009

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. The issue of Personalised Alarms to elderly residents by Derbyshire County Council.
2. County Council Budget proposals 2010/2011 to be considered at a Meeting of the Council to be held week commencing 8 February 2010.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

237/2009

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A F Tomlinson.

238/2009

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.

239/2009

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 January 2010 and Special Council Meeting held on 14 January 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

240/2009

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council reported for information:

1. Provisional arrangements for the Official Opening of the Blackwell Post Office, Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell – Friday 12 February 2010 at 2.00 p.m. and that Dennis Skinner MP would officiate.
2. Old Blackwell/Newton Conservation Areas. The Meeting held at Newton Community Centre 28 January 2010.
3. The Training Session with regard to the Code of Conduct which had taken place earlier with Mrs S Sternberg, Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council, Mr A Turner, Deputy Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council and Mr B Wood, Secretary/Treasurer Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

241/2009

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported for information that the Council had received a report with regard to Plot 27 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton from Mr J Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council and that a copy had been handed to Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association.

242/2009

HIGHWAYS

Following a request from the Clerk, it was agreed that additional Grit Bins be installed at the following locations.

1. Blackwell - Central Drive/Church View.
2. Hilcote - Junction of New Lane/New Street and junction of Pasture Lane/New Lane.
3. Newton – Charnwood Crescent/New Street.
4. Westhouses – Midland Terrace and Park Mill Drive/Alfreton Road.

The Clerk reported for information that following a query from a local resident, the Bus Shelter adjacent to 6 Alfreton Road, Westhouses was owned by Derbyshire County Council and had been replaced following a road traffic accident.

The Clerk also reported that a request had been received from

Derbyshire County Council to consider 50% funding towards providing a Bus Shelter adjacent to 183 Alfreton Road, Blackwell and it was **RESOLVED** that this be discussed at the January Precept Meeting 2011.

243/2009

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that an order for additional Litter Bins at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field Newton and Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell had been placed with Glasdon Products Limited.

244/2009

FOOTPATHS

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

245/2009

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £6,416.21 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished for Members information:

1. Copy of the Council's 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).

246/2009

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor N J B Willens reported on his attendance at a Parish Councils Liaison Meeting held on 18 January 2010 and that a Presentation on the Community Response Plan was given.

247/2009

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 01/2010 – Index of the most important 2009 DALC Circulars.
2. 02/2010 – Freedom of Information Act 2000.
3. 03/2010 – Police Matters.
4. 04/2010 – Additional Training 2010.
5. 05/2010 – Local Government Pay 2010/2011.
6. 06/2010 – Local Government Review.
7. 07/2010 – Level of Burial Fees.
8. 08/2010 – H.M. Revenue and Customs.

248/2009

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman of the Council reported for information:

1. Council Website functioning satisfactorily.
2. The Council Newsletter - it was anticipated that this would be available for distribution late February /early March.

249/2009

PLANS

The following Plan was submitted and determined as indicated:

Mr W Dye, 1 Hillcrest, The Ridge, Blackwell – erection of conservatory to rear of property – **no objections.**

250/2009

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letter:

Chesterfield Law Centre – launch of Free Legal Advice Service in Bolsover District which was funded in partnership by Bolsover District Council, Derbyshire Primary Care Trust and the Legal Services Commission.

It was agreed that a representative of the Chesterfield Law Centre be invited to a future Meeting of the Council to give a short Presentation on the services given by the Centre.

251/2009

ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson reported for information on her recent attendance at a Committee Meeting regarding the Engine Reclamation Site:

1. Footpath Number 1 had been restored.
2. Coal was now being transported by rail to Ferrybridge Power Station.

252/2009

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 1 March 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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.

253/2009

HILCOTE MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Following a lengthy discussion on the request for financial assistance from the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre **RESOLVED** that the request for financial assistance from the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre be deferred for further information.

Councillor C R Moesby requested that his vote be recorded against the resolution.

Councillor B Stocks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon and left the room.

The Meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.