

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 7 February 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: C R Moesby (from 8.10 p.m.): I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee,/PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary, and 12 Parishioners.

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OPEN FORUM

Mr A Maris, Newton advised Council Members that Lamp 6458 at Littlemoor Lane, Newton was not working and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Street Lighting Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting the Lamp be repaired as soon as possible.

Mrs D Willens, Newton advised Council Members that on behalf of the Community Groups within the Parish of Blackwell a bid had been placed with the Lottery Fund for £21,000.00 to be used for a general Parish tidying-up Campaign and would be entitled "Blackwell Parish Blitz Bonanza".

Council Members wished Mrs Willens every success with her endeavours.

Mrs J Smith, Newton asked Council Members when the outstanding work at the Five Pits Trail Silver Link, Newton was likely to be completed. She was advised by the Chairman of the Council that a Site Meeting would be held on 10 February 2010 when it was anticipated that the Cabinet Member responsible for such projects, and the appropriate Officers from Derbyshire County Council, would be present.

Mr J Marriott, Newton queried why there was a proposed increase in Allotment Rent. He was advised by the Councils Representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association, Councillor N J B Willens, that this was necessary to cover costs for the Lease of Land from Chatsworth Trustees and also Water Charges.

Miss C Clement, Newton asked if there was any likelihood of an alteration by Bolsover District Council Refuse Collection Service to the current weekly bin collection and she was advised by Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council there were no such plans.

In answer to a further question from Miss Clement, Councillor Tomlinson advised her that due to threats to staff it was no longer to provide skip hire at

South Normanton and that the nearest closest collection point now was the former Oxcroft Colliery Site, at Bolsover.

He further advised Miss Clement that in the event of any resident wishing to dispose of a bulky item i.e a refrigerator, then a bulk collection service was available at a reasonable charge.

Miss P Barnes, Newton suggested that the Council should consider the provision of Entrance/Exit signs to all the villages within the Parish of Blackwell and she was reminded by the Chairman that this matter had already been suggested and discussed by the Council at its Precept Meeting on 17 January last and a sum of money had been put on one side for the provision of such signs.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell asked if any information was available as to when "The Hub" community unit would be opened at South Normanton and he was advised by the Chairman the opening date was 21 February 2011.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Stuart Swaby and PCSO Paul Brownlee Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members of:

1. Crime Figures to 31 January 2011.
2. Nuisance incidents to 31 January 2011.
3. The next Police Drop In Surgeries would be held at:
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre Tuesday 15 February 2011 – 10.00 a.m./11.30 a.m.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre Friday 18 February 10.00 a.m./11.00 a.m.
 - c. Newton Methodist Church, Saturday 5 March 2011 10.a.m./12 noon.

RESOLVED PCSO Stuart Swaby and PCSO Paul Brownlee be thanked for their attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members of:

1. Derbyshire County Council Annual Budget Report which was discussed at County Offices, Matlock on 2 February 2011 and the resulting cut-backs in Local Authority Expenditure.
2. Transport Capital Programme which would be discussed on 11 February 2011.
3. Action taken with regard to the partial blockage of Footpath 24, Newton.
4. Repairs to the Speed Activated Sign, Alfreton Road, Westhouses.
5. Derbyshire Constabulary - reduction in expenditure for the Financial Year 2011/2012 and the likely cut backs in front line staff.

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

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Lomas, S J Thorpe and 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 10 January 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 17 January 2011 were approved subject to Minute No. 219/2010, being amended to read,

“it was agreed to prioritise the following items:

1. Village Signs (Entrance/Exit) - £12,000.00.
2. Pebbledashing repairs at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres - £940.00.
3. Improved kitchen facilities for Sports Pavilion Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell - £1,000.00.
4. Election expenses (Parish Elections 5 May 2011) - £3,000.00.
5. Two additional Grit Bins – Glington Avenue, Blackwell, Metro Avenue, Newton - £600.00.
6. Provision of Skate Board facilities at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell - £16,000.00.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported for information that the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association Annual General Meeting would be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Tuesday 5 April 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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HIGHWAYS

There were no reports with regard to Highways.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Secretary, Newton Carnival Team to use the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field for its Annual Carnival on 9 July 2011 also the Annual Bonfire to be held on 4 November 2011.

RESOLVED that, subject to the usual Insurance Indemnity being in place, no objections be replaced to the request from the Secretary, Newton Carnival Team to use the Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton for the Annual Carnival on 9 July 2011 and the Annual Bonfire on 4 November 2011.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk reported that, along with Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson, he had attended a Site Meeting at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell on 2 February 2011 at which the Marketing Director, Record RSS, was present who gave advice to the possible provision of a Skate Park at that particular location.

Following an additional report from the Chairman, it was agreed the Clerk write to Playground Services Limited, Newton Mews, Hungerford, Berkshire for an Estimate for Skate Board Facilities at the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell.

Council Members also agreed that before any work was commenced at the Scanderlands Playing Field all potential users of the Skate Board facilities, along with local residents, would be consulted.

The Clerk further reported that a number of complaints had been received with regard to dog fouling at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses and of the action taken by Bolsover District Council Dog Warden Service and the Ranger Service to try and apprehend the offending dog owners.

It was further agreed the Clerk write to the Environmental Health Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to a possible "deep clean" of the Tibshelf Road Playing Field.

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FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information that the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council, had written to the land owner adjoining Footpath 24 at Newton requesting that the fencing obstructing the Footpath be removed without delay.

The Clerk further reported that the Footpaths Officer had also written to Network Rail requesting that the Public Bridleway Gloves Lane, Blackwell be restored to a usable condition.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £6873.31 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 reported for information on his attendance at a Parish Councils Liaison Meeting held on 17 January 2011 and that a Community Grant Fund payment of £933.00 had been made available to the Parish Council.

Councillor Willens and Councillor A F Tomlinson gave Council Members an overview of the Corporate Parish Charter Framework for Bolsover District which embodied:

1. Mutual Acknowledgement.
2. General Communication and Liaison.
3. General Support and Training.
4. Closer Joint Governance.
5. Participation and Consultation.
6. Town and Country Planning.
7. Meeting General Housing Needs and Aspirations.
8. Community Planning.
9. Concurrent functioning and Financial Arrangements.
10. Developing the Partnership.
11. Monitoring and Review.

Members also noted that Community Voluntary Partners were also involved in the Parish Charter Framework.

Both Council Members also reported on the Presentation given by the Chief Executive Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to the comprehensive spending review and of the reductions of various grants from Central Government.

Councillor Tomlinson also reported of meetings which had taken place between Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the formation of a Strategic Alliance.

If an Alliance was formed this would involve merging the responsive Councils Management Teams under a single Chief Executive and

further ways would be examined to share costs, expertise, and deliver bigger savings.

Councillor Tomlinson stated that he would keep Council Members aware of progress on this particular matter.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

- 1.01/2011 – Index of DALC Circulars 2010.
- 2.02/2011 – Keeping of documents.
- 3.03.2011 - Building Resilience to Climate Change through Water Management.
4. 04/2011 – Local Council Review Subscription Form.
5. 05/2011 – Training.
6. 06/2011 – The Queens 2012 Diamond Jubilee.
7. 07/2011 – Revised Venue for Police Public Engagement Event.
8. 08/2011 – Clerks Day 13 April 2011.
9. 09/2011 – HMRC Business Education.
- 10.10/2011 – Annual Parish Meeting.
- 11.11/2011 – Abolition of the default retirement age.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information:

1. The Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.
2. With regard to the Councils Newsletter a different printer had been identified and this would involve a saving to the Council of approximately of £120.00 per quarter.

The Clerk advised Council Members that he anticipated submitting to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils the Councils Application for Quality Status by 28 February 2011 and he had a further examination to take with regard to the Power of Wellbeing.

The Clerk also reported for information that, with effect from the Council Meeting to be held on 7 March 2011, there would be a slight amendment to the Councils Agenda to conform with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No. 1159 the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils including paragraph 12 (2).

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr S Jackson, Silver Birch Crescent, Westhouses – erection of 2 storey eco-dwelling – **no objections.**
2. Mr S Garrard, 41 Alfreton Road, Newton – alterations and extensions to bungalow to form two-storey dwelling including increase in height by .6m formation of dormer window and four roof lights in rear roof slope, single-storey kitchen extension to rear and replacement detached garage – **no objections.**

The Clerk also reported that planning consent had been given by Bolsover District Council for the installation of an Artwork/Mining Memorial on land adjacent to the junction of Alfretton Road and Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipts of letters from:-

1. Bolsover District Council requesting a contribution of £100.00 towards Poop Scoop bags and this was agreed.
2. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre – letter of thanks from the Trustees and Management Committee for the Councils financial support.
3. The Bolsover Financial Inclusion Team Magazine on its article with regard to Blackwell had omitted to refer to the support given by the Parish Council and Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader Bolsover District Council, with regard to the reopening of the Post Office at the Councils Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell.

The Chairman advised Council Members that both himself and the Clerk had spoken with Mr J O’Neil, Project Manager and advised him of the omission and he had indicated that this would be corrected in a future issue of the magazine.

4. The Chairman advised Councillor A F Tomlinson that the Bolsover District Council Newsletter “In Touch” and the Derbyshire County Council Derbyshire First News Letter had not been delivered to all properties within the village of Newton and Councillor A F Tomlinson said that he would investigate the matter and advise the Chairman accordingly.
5. Receipt of an Estimate from Sign of the Times with regard to the provision of entrance/exit signs at all four villages within the Parish of Blackwell and that the cost of same would be £11,879.98.
6. Receipt of an estimate from Civic Pride Limited with regard to the provision of the hanging baskets within the Parish of Blackwell and this was in the sum of £6490.00 but a further Estimate had been received from Woolley Moor Nurseries in the sum of £5,075.00 (plus a one off cost for providing the baskets)

It was agreed that the contract for the provision of the summer hanging baskets within the Parish of Blackwell be placed with Woolley Moor Nurseries.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Planning Control, Derbyshire County Council with regard to the final restored land levels and final restored channel of Normanton Brook on the Engine Reclamation Site off Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.

RESOLVED that no objections be made to the aforementioned proposals.

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NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Following a report from the Clerk with regard to the application by a Dog Training Group to use Newton Community Centre on a Thursday evening.

RESOLVED that the Group be granted a three month trial to use the Community Centre at the conclusion of which the Council would review any concerns which other Centre users may have.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from Mrs L Bullock with regard to her weekend caretaking duties and requested clarification thereon.

RESOLVED

1. That a check list be produced for Mrs L Bullock to carry out her weekend caretaking duties at Newton Community Centre.
2. The Key Holders to the Community Centre to remain as the Parish Caretaker, (Mr R Walker), the Clerk, Mrs L Bullock and Mrs D Willens.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 7 March 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.