

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 January 2008 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: E P Newell: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens:

201/2007

ALSO PRESENT

21 Parishioners

202/2007

OPEN FORUM

Mr P Wass/Mrs D Willens speaking on behalf of Newton Community Association requested the Council to consider giving their support to the Associations proposed installation of a Multi-User Sports Unit on the Council's Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

The Chairman of the Council advised Mr Wass and Mrs Willens that it would be necessary for the Community Association to undertake a Feasibility Study with residents at Charnwood Crescent to ascertain their views.

Mr J Foulkes spoke on behalf of the teenagers in the Newton Area supporting the request for a Multi-User Sports Unit.

Mr I Lancashire suggested to Council Members that they may wish to speak with the applicant of a Planning Application being considered by the Council, to ascertain the views of the individual concerned.

Council Members agreed to note Mr Lancashires remarks.

Mrs D Lloyd, Blackwell advised Council Members that the Sub-Post Office at Alfreton Road, Blackwell had been closed for a short period of time and no satisfactory reason given.

The Chairman of the Council advised Mrs Lloyd the Clerk had been in contact with Post Office Limited both by telephone and letter but no satisfactory response had been received.

It was noted that the Sub-Post Office was now open.

Mrs K Childs, Blackwell advised Council Members that the Blackwell Residents Action Group was hoping to secure a Cultivation Licence to enable bulb planting to take place within the village of Blackwell.

203/2007

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Temporary stopping up of Public Footpath No. 1 (part) in the Parish of Blackwell.
2. Permanent diversion of Public Footpath No. 9 (part) in the Parish of South Normanton and Public Footpath 29 (part) in the Parish of Blackwell.
3. Temporary Road Closure South Side Junction of High View Road and Berristowe Lane, South Normanton.
4. The proposed Children's Centre at Blackwell Primary School - Meeting had been held with a local resident to discuss the security issues at the premises and these had been satisfactorily resolved.
5. Derbyshire County Council had once again secured a four star rating for its services.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

204/2007

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

205/2007

**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.

206/2007

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 December 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

207/2007

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council reported:

1. Receipt of an estimate for the erection of fencing along the boundary of Newton Community Centre from Rainworth Fencing in the sum of £3180.00 including VAT.

No other estimates had been received.

RESOLVED that the Estimate from Rainworth Fencing for the erection of fencing along the boundary of Newton Community Centre in the sum of £3180.00 including VAT be accepted.

2. Former Councillor Derek Hemingray, who had recently had major surgery was now at home and recovering satisfactorily.

208/2007

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of two letters from the Secretary, Newton and Blackwell Allotment Holders Association advising the Council :

1. That the recent complaint of burning waste at the Littlemoor Lane Allotment site was not in actual fact on the Allotments but at an adjoining property.
2. Rat infestation at Littlemoor Lane Allotment site. The allotment holder concerned had been issued with a warning letter regarding keeping his poultry in good order and failure to do so would result in a further report being submitted to the Council and the possibility of the tenancy being terminated.

Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils representative on the Allotment Holders Association presented to the Council revised Draft Tenancy Conditions.

RESOLVED that the revised Draft Tenancy Conditions be accepted and copies be circulated to all Allotment Holders.

209/2007

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council stating:-

1. Additional signage of Berristow Lane, Blackwell/South Normanton indicating the correct way to the A38/M1 Motorway would be dealt with in due course.
2. Introduction of a set of Dragons Teeth on the approach to the 30MPH signs at Berristow Lane/New Lane, Hilcote and Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.
3. No Through Road sign to be installed at Oak Tree Road, Hilcote.
4. New Lane, Hilcote was a "B" Classification Road and as such no Weight Limit to be introduced.
5. Dropped kerb at Pasture Lane, Hilcote to be provided in due course.

210/2007

PLAYING FIELDS

1. The Council gave consideration to a request from Newton Community Association with regard to the proposed provision of a Multi-User Sports Unit at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

RESOLVED the Council agree in principal to a request from the Newton Community Association regarding the proposed provision of a Multi-User Sports Unit at the Councils Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

Councillor N J B Willens declared a personal interest in the foregoing item but took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

2. The Clerk submitted a report with regard to a Meeting he had attended along with the Head Teacher, Westhouses Primary School, representatives from Derbyshire County Council and Severn Trent Water Authority regarding flooding which had occurred at Westhouses Primary School in June/July 2007.

The Clerk outlined his conversation with the owner of the field adjoining the School and he had indicated that, subject to improvements in the weather, he would clear all ditches alongside the School boundary.

Councillor C R Moesby also advised Council Members that Derbyshire County Council had been assured by Severn Trent Water Authority that funding would be in place for the financial year 2010/2011 to improve the drainage system outside Westhouses Primary School.

211/2007

FOOTPATHS

Council Members reported:

1. Damage to gate post Five Pits Trail, Newton.
2. Footpath 26 partially blocked by concrete blocks.
3. Off-road motorcyclists causing nuisance etc. on the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County

Council with regard to the foregoing complaints.

212/2007

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £7472.99 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).

213/2007

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported for information that a Health and Well-Being Meeting would be held at Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover 8 January 2008.

Councillor N J B Willens also reported for information that an Employment and Enterprise Meeting would take place at Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover on 26 January 2008.

Councillor A F Tomlinson asked if there had been any feedback from the last Meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Group and he was advised no correspondence had been received.

Councillor Tomlinson further advised Council Members that the Environmental Health Department, Bolsover District Council would be initiating a No Dog Fouling scheme in which dog bags would be provided to all Parish Councils and it was agreed that they be held by the Part-Time Parish Caretaker.

It was further agreed that additional Dog Waste Bins be provided at different locations throughout the Parish.

214/2007

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

- 32/2007 – Availability of Locum Clerk and Internal Auditors.
- 33/2007 – General Circular – Credit Arrangements and Borrowing.
- 34/2007 - Training 2008

It was agreed the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk attend the Course "How to become a Quality Council" to be held at Ripley Town Hall on 11 March 2008

- 35/2007 – General Circular – Police Annual Parish Councils Evening.

215/2007

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

1. Councillor I J A Newham displayed to Council Members the redesigned Councils Web Site.

RESOLVED Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his work with regard to the redesigning of the Councils Web Site.

2. The Chairman of the Council circulated to all Council Members the draft Parish Newsletter.

RESOLVED the Chairman of the Council be thanked for

producing the Parish Newsletter and that this be printed as soon as possible and circulated to all households throughout the Parish.

216/2007

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr J Ralston, McArthur Glen Designer Outlet, Mansfield Road, Pinxton – erection of single wind turbine (100m high to tip of blade) and associated site works land to rear of Units 2 and 5 McArthur Glen Designer Outlet – **no objections**.
2. F D A Landscape, Denby Dale – pruning of trees T13, T11, T9, T7, T5 and T3 (TPO 27) Pendine Nursing Home, Primrose Hill, Blackwell – **no objections**.

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

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Freeth Cartwright, Solicitors, Nottingham, outlining proposals to be submitted to Bolsover District Council Planning Department for the residential development of land to the rear of 156/158 Alfreton Road, Newton.

Council Members expressed concern with regard to the proposals but agreed not to make any decision until a formal planning application was received.

217/2007

PART TIME PARISH CARETAKER

RESOLVED that Mr R Walker, Part Time Parish Caretaker be placed on a permanent contract as soon as possible.

218/2007

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Government Office for the East Midlands – Publication of the Draft East Midlands Plan Panel Report.
2. Derbyshire County Council Environmental Services Publication of its Rights of Way improvement Plan for Derbyshire 2007/20012.
3. North East Derbyshire District Council – consultation regarding North East Derbyshire Development Framework Core Strategy.
4. Letter from the Head Teacher, Westhouses Primary School, thanking the Council for the Annual Pantomime held on 3 December 2007.
5. Councillors Commission Report and Recommendations (LGIU).
6. Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government the Councils Commission – Helping Councils Meet the Challenge.

7. Invitation from the Chief Constable, Derbyshire Constabulary to attend:

- a. Annual Parish Councils Evening – 9 January 2008.
- b. Building on Relentless Partner Event – 13 February 2008.
- c. Safer Neighbourhood Team Event – 28 February 2008.
- d. Crime figures for the Parish of Blackwell to 31 December 2007.

219/2007

MINING MEMORIAL HILCOTE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Hilcote Environmental Leisure and Leisure Project asking when the Mining Memorial to be sited at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote, was installed would the Council accept responsibility for its care and maintenance.

RESOLVED that subject to Derbyshire County Councils Highways Department having no objections to the siting of the proposed Mining Memorial at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote the Council accept its responsibility for its care and maintenance.

220/2007

NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU.

The Clerk reported that Advice Sessions would be held at:

- a. Blackwell Community Centre – Thursday 10 January 2008.
- b. Hilcote Community Centre – Friday 18 January 2008.
- c. Newton Community Centre – Friday 18 January 2008.
- d. Westhouses Methodist Chapel – Wednesday 6 February 2008.

221/2007

COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN

RESOLVED that a Sub-Committee be formed of Councillors D G B Bullock, E P Newell, I J A Newham, R J Sainsbury, Mrs P R Wilkinson and the Clerk to complete the Community Response Plan for Civil Emergencies.

222/2007

VACANCY WESTHOUSES WARD

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Returning Officer, Bolsover District Council stating there had not been a request for an Election in the Westhouses Ward and that the Council could fill the vacancy by co-option.

RESOLVED Mr S J Thorpe, 19 Tibshelf Road, Westhouses be co-opted to serve on the Council as Council Member for the Westhouses Ward.

223/2007

HIRE CHARGES – BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

Following a report from the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk the hire charges for Blackwell/Newton Community Centres from 1 April 2008 be as follows:-

- a. Hourly rate to be increased to £10.00.
- b. All day rate to be increased to £100.00.

- c. Saturday evening Dance, Newton Community Centre be increased to £50.00.
- d. Mother and Toddler Group or Charity Fund Raisers - £5.00 per hour.

224/2007

PRECEPT

The Chairman of the Council outlined proposals with regard to the Precept for the financial year 2008/2009.

RESOLVED:

- 1. The Chairman of the Councils proposal be noted.
- 2. A Special Meeting of the Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre on 22 January 2008 at 7.00 p.m

225/2007

MEETING

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

The Meeting concluded at 9.15.p.m.