

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 5 January 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: Mrs S A Gray: 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

PCSO F Barnett, Derbyshire Constabulary and nine Parishioners.

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OPEN FORUM

Mrs D Willens, Newton, speaking on behalf of Newton Community Association, advised Council Members that the Multi-User Sport Unit located at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton had been completed with the exception of one or two minor items and that a money transfer of £56,872.00 to the Councils bank account. She further informed Members that a retention of £1700.00 had been made by the Association until the minor items had been completed.

Mr R Key, Newton advised Council Members that certain individuals using the new Silverhill Trail were creating an unauthorised access on to his farm land.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that appropriate security measures be effected where the unauthorised access had been obtained.

Mr Key further advised Council Members that the barriers to the Tibshelf Motorway Service Area had been left in the open position. It was agreed the Clerk write to the Planning Enforcement Officer, Bolsover District Council requesting that action be taken with regard to this particular matter.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell asked Council Members what steps had been taken with regard to an improved Public Address System at both Blackwell and Newton Community Centres and he was advised by the Chairman of the Council that it was anticipated this would be in place for the next Meeting.

Mr D Kirk, Hilcote enquired about the number of lorry movements permitted at the Engine Reclamation Site, Westhouses and he was advised by Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson the maximum number of lorry movements in and out of the site was two in/two out per day and part

of the planning consent was that these lorry movements would not be via the village of Hilcote.

Mr Kirk further commented about the speed with which motorists etc. were using Newton and Hilcote Lane, Hilcote and also the noise etc. from lorries owned by H W Martin Ltd.

It was agreed the Clerk contact H W Martin Ltd with regard to the lorry movements from H W Martin Limited.

Mr D Lewis, Blackwell advised Council Members of the overgrown state of the hedgerows along the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

It was agreed the Clerk contact the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that urgent attention be given to this particular matter.

196/2008

POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Fearn Barnett, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime figures for December 2008.
2. Nuisance incidents for November 2008.

Councillors S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson asked what further action had been taken with regard to the village of Westhouses being included in the Bolsover Police Division. They were advised by the Clerk that he in turn had been advised by the local Inspector that the proposal had not been shelved but, problems that were preventing a simple additional Police area being policed by the Bolsover Section were made difficult because of computer systems and also the geographic area had to be taken into account.

RESOLVED:

1. PCSO Fearn Barnett be thanked for her attendance and report.
2. The Clerk write to the Divisional Commander, Derbyshire
3. Constabulary requesting that urgent consideration be given to the transfer of the village of Westhouses from the Clay Cross Police Division to the Bolsover Division.
4. Councillors S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson be authorised to attend the Annual Parish Councils Meeting with the Chief Constable, Derbyshire Constabulary at Police Headquarters, Ripley on Wednesday 7 January 2009.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

Members noted that County Councillor Clive Moesby was absent from the Meeting.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor J Lomas.

199/2008

**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.

200/2008

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 December 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

201/2008

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

202/2008

ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to Allotments.

203/2008

HIGHWAYS

Following a report from Councillor I G Cox with regard to Weight Limit signs adjacent to the former railway bridge at Newtonwood Lane, Newton. He was advised by Councillor A F Tomlinson and the Clerk that new replacement signs viz. 13 ton were currently being made on behalf of Derbyshire County Council Highways Department and when these were available they would be installed.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the County Secretary, Derbyshire County Council stating that permission to site a Mining Memorial at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote had been approved.

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk further advised Council Members that they had been in contact with Mr A Tebbs requesting a schedule of work for the installation of the Memorial be provided.

Following comments from a number of Council Members

RESOLVED the Clerk contact the Engineering Services Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to a replacement Littlemoor sign being provided at Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

204/2008

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that further acts of vandalism had occurred to fencing at the Councils Bamford Street Play Area, Newton and New Street Play Area, Hilcote and he had been in contact with a suitable contractor for a quotation for the provision of steel type palisade fencing.

205/2008

FOOTPATHS

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

206/2008

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £10,509.38 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).

207/2008

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillors A F Tomlinson and N J B Willens gave Council Members a comprehensive overview of the document issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government Tackling Worklessness Review and of the comments that had been made thereto.

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of documents – Local Democracy Bill (Second Reading) and Policing and Crime Bill.

208/2008

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 55/2008 – General Circular – Voting Day 4 June 2009.
2. 56/2008 – Training – Training Course for Chairmen.
3. 57/2008 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership.
4. 58/2008 – Training Programme – January/May 2009.
5. 59/2008 – General Circular – Annual Parish Councils Evening – 7 January 2009.

6. 60/2008 – Derbyshire Transport Group.

209/2008

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman of the Council reported for information:

1. The Councils Website was working satisfactorily.
2. The Councils Newsletter was ready for printing and subsequent distribution.
3. The Training Course attended by himself and the Clerk with regard to the Quality Parish Council Scheme and held at Darley Dale on 10 December 2008.

Councillor A F Tomlinson expressed reservations with regard to the Councils seeking Quality Status.

210/2008

PLANS

1. Mr S J Thorpe, 36 Alfreton Road, Westhouses – first floor extension over garage, loft extension and brick skin to front elevation.

The Council were unable to comment on the application as it had not been possible to download any associated documents from the Bolsover District Council Website.

Councillor S J Thorpe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing application and left the room whilst the discussion and decision was taken thereon.

2. Mr T Wass, 8 North Street, Newton – erection of conservatory to rear of property.

The Council were unable to comment on the application as it had not been possible to download associated documents from the Bolsover District Council Website.

3. Derbyshire County Council, Westhouses Primary School – proposed timberline gazova on the playground for use as an external learning/teaching area – **no objections.**

The Clerk reported for information that the application by George Shipman and Son Limited, Thurgaton Way, Newton for residential development with partial access detail submitted for approval and the revised junction layout plan had been approved by Bolsover District Council.

Councillor Mrs S A Gray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in all the foregoing planning applications and left the room whilst the discussion and decision thereon was taken.

211/2008

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Secretary, St Werburghs PCC request for financial support towards church yard maintenance.

RESOLVED that this application be discussed during the setting of the Councils precept for the financial year 2009/2010.

Councillors I G Cox and R J Sainsbury declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing application and left the room whilst the discussion and decision thereon was taken.

2. Dennis Skinner MP – a further letter had been sent to the Network Development Manager, Post Office regarding Blackwell Post Office and its future.
3. Project Manager, South Normanton Community Church regarding the provision of Youth Services.

RESOLVED that the Project Manager, South Normanton Community Church be invited to the next Meeting of the Council on Monday 2 February 2009 to give a presentation on the provision of Youth Services.

1. Bolsover District Council Free Tree Scheme/2008/2009

RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

2. Consultation Paper – Communities in Control.

It was agreed that Councillor N J B Willens peruse the document and make appropriate comments.

212/2008

ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillors A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson gave Council Members a comprehensive overview of their recent attendance at the Engine Site Liaison Committee Meeting.

213/2008

PRECEPT

RESOLVED that the Precept for the financial year 2009/2010 be deferred to a Special Meeting of the Council on a date to be determined.

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.

214/2008

HILCOTE MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Chairman of the Trustees, Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre requesting the Council to give consideration to the provision of financial support.

Following a lengthy discussion thereon **RESOLVED**

1. The Chairman of the Trustees, Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre be advised that the Council are unable to provide financial assistance.
2. The Chairman of the Council and Councillor Mrs S A Gray be authorised to meet with the Trustees of the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre to give appropriate guidance and advice.

215/2008

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.