

# BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 4 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

## PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: C R Moesby: I J A Newham: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens:

2007/2009

## ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary and five Parishioners.

2008/2009

## OPEN FORUM

**Mr J Chapman, Newton** advised Council Members that, along with other residents within the immediate area of the Five Pits Trail, they had been advised by Derbyshire County Council that ditch clearing works were to be carried out within the immediate future.

Mr Chapman was advised by the Clerk that he had spoken with the appropriate Officer at Derbyshire County Council and he would be allowed once the work had been carried out to continue using his gated access to the Five Pits Trail and also to reinstate the small bridge which was currently in situ.

In response to a further question from Councillor I G Cox, the Clerk advised the Council Members that he had spoken with the Officer responsible for arranging for the work to be carried out at the Five Pits Trail and he had been assured that any damage to the Trail would be kept to an absolute minimum

**Mr A Maris, Newton** advised Council Members of further problems of individuals congregating outside both his property and Newton Community Centre.

PC Lorna Evans advised Mr Maris that enquiries were still ongoing and once names and addresses of the individuals concerned was known then further action would be taken.

**Mrs S Bingham, Newton** advised Council Members of correspondence that she had received from the Secretary of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association with regard to Plot 56 Littlemoor Lane Allotments Newton and it was established that neither Mr or Mrs Bingham had deposited tree cuttings on Plot 56 and Council Members had suggested that a letter of apology be sent by the Association to Mr and Mrs Bingham.

**Mr L Walker, Hilcote** claimed that a concrete bus shelter at Westhouses had been replaced by a different structure and he wanted to know the reasons why the Council had agreed to this.

It was agreed the Clerk make further enquiries with regard to Mr Walkers complaint.

He further complained that he was not given adequate time to address Members of the Council and he was informed by the Chairman of the Council that 20 minutes was allowed at the commencement of each Council Meeting for any resident present to address relevant matters to the Council and that Mr Walker had not arrived at the Meeting until 7.15 p.m. and had given no indication that he wished to speak.

**209/2009**

**POLICE MATTERS**

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

1. Crime figures to 31 December 2009.
2. Nuisance incidents to 31 December 2009.
3. The next Police Drop-In Surgery would be held at Newton Methodist Church on Saturday 6 February 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon (refreshments and breakfast would be available at a small charge).

In response to a question from Councillor A F Tomlinson, PC Evans advised Council Members that Centralisation of four Police Divisions to three Divisions within the Chesterfield Police Division Area had been discussed but no firm proposals had been made.

**RESOLVED** that PC Evans be thanked for her attendance and report.

**210/2009**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. The new access proposals for the Silver Hill Trail at Newton.

**RESOLVED** County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report

**211/2009**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S A Gray, J Lomas, R J Sainsbury and S J Thorpe.

**212/2009**

**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.

**213/2009**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 December 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**214/2009**                    **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that letters of thanks had been received from the Head Teachers of Blackwell Primary School and Westhouses Primary School for the Councils recent production of the Pantomime "Aladdin".

**215/2009**                    **ALLOTMENTS**

Following a report from Councillor N J B Willens and the Clerk

**RESOLVED** that Allotments be discussed as a confidential item at the conclusion of the Meeting.

**216/2009**                    **HIGHWAYS**

There were no reports with regard to Highways.

**217/2009**                    **PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported for information that on 20 December 2009 a water burst had occurred at the Sports Pavilion, Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell and of the action that had been taken to resolve the situation.

**218/2009**                    **FOOTPATHS**

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

**219/2009**                    **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £3,817.07 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).

**220/2009**                    **BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information on his attendance at a Parish Councils Liaison Meeting held on 7 December 2009 (Minute 197/2009 refers).

**221/2009**                    **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 61/2009 – Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Forum – 22 October 2009.
2. 62/2009 – DALC Training – Winter 2010.
3. 63/2009 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership/Training 2010.
4. 64/2009 – Section 137 Expenditure.

222/2009

**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Web Site was functioning satisfactorily and with regard to the Councils Newsletter, items for inclusion therein were required by 1 February 2010.

Following a request from Councillor I J A Newham

**RESOLVED** that the Blackwell Residents Action Group be thanked for the efficient manner in which they distributed the latest Council Newsletter.

223/2009

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr L Munday, Rachells Restaurant and Bar, Hilcote Lane, Hilcote – extension to front canopy and alterations to rear to relocate Gents toilets – **no objections**
2. Derbyshire County Council – creation of new access to the Silverhill Trail at Newton – **no objections.**

224/2009

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Ashfield District Council – consultation on the revised statement of Community Involvement for Ashfield District Council – December 2009. The Revised Statement of Community Involvement was now available and could be inspected on the Ashfield District Council Website [www.ashfield-dc.gov.uk](http://www.ashfield-dc.gov.uk).
2. Bolsover District Council, Old Blackwell Conservation Area and Newton Conservation Area – Public Meeting at Newton Community Centre – Thursday 7 January 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

225/2009

**ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE**

There were no reports with regard to the Engine Reclamation Site.

226/2009

**PRECEPT**

**RESOLVED** that the Precept for the Financial Year 2010/2011 be discussed at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 11 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

227/2009

**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 1 February 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.

**228/2009**

**HILCOTE LANE, HILCOTE**

Councillor Clive Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Council Members of action taken by the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council to ensure that all public drains at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote were functioning in a satisfactory manner.

All public drains at this location had been purged and were found to be working in a correct and proper manner.

Councillor Moesby also reported for information that during a Site Meeting, and prior to the Annual Newton Carnival Victorian Street Fayre, A problem had arisen with a resident at Meadow Grove, Newton who had complained that he owned the land out to the centre of the highway at that particular location.

The land outside properties at Meadow Grove, Newton, and indeed in most other areas is part of the adopted highway and in this particular instance the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council.

**229/2009**

**ALLOTMENTS**

Following a short discussion with regard to Plot 56 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton

**RESOLVED** that the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association be advised that this particular plot be allocated to the next applicant on the waiting list.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.