

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Main Street, Newton on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: C Moesby, S Gill, T Gascoyne, N Willens, A Naylor, R Sainsbury and B Stocks.

## **ALSO PRESENT**

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) and four members of the public.

## **447/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Newham, R Poulter and I Cox.

## **448/2019 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Chairman reminded Council Members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in subsequent Agenda items in accordance with the Parish Councils Code of Conduct. Interest that became apparent at a later stage in the proceedings could be declared at that time.

Cllr C Moesby declared an interest in Agenda Items 6 and 15 as he is a member of Bolsover District Council and Doe Hill Advisory Group. Cllr Gascoyne declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 as he is BRAGG Chairman. Cllr Gill declared an interest in Item 6 as he is a member of BRAGG.

## **449/2019 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

Several topics were raised by the members of the public including the following; The S106 Monies allocated to the replacement of the Play Area between North and South Street. Drainage on the Newton Link Trail. A thank you to Council for the New Grit Bin on Charnwood Crescent. Council were advised that the Solar Lights on the MUGA at Westhouses were not working. Issues around HS2, including concerns around how open and accessible the land around the former Robin Hood Pub in Old Blackwell is and the ease with which Travellers or Squatters can access this area. The condition of the cottage next door to the former Robin Hood Pub, Old Blackwell.

**County Cllr C Moesby** advised Council that he would be attending a meeting the following day with the Police, he would raise the issue of how far behind the Crime Figures are on the Police.UK website. He advised that the Police precept amounts will be announced at this meeting. Cllr Moesby advised that the date of the Civic Service had been announced and that Invitations are on their way. A Local Calendar had been printed and was available for purchase at £5.99; £1 from each Calendar will go to the I-Venture Trips for local children. A small amount of money was still available for grants to local community groups, before the end of the financial year.

Crime figures for September 2018 were noted by all.

## **450/2019 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 were moved by Cllr Willens, seconded by Cllr Gascoyne and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

## **451/2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman updated members that the Commemorative Oak Trees are scheduled to be planted the following day. The Newton Tree will be planted in the Memorial Garden off Littlemoor Lane, Blackwell Tree will be planted beside the Community Centre, Woburn Close and the Westhouses Tree will be planted at the top of the Recreation Ground between the MUGA and the Play Area. It was moved by Cllr Stocks, seconded by Cllr Sainsbury and agreed by all that a Plaque is made for all four trees to say the following:- This Oak Tree is to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. Blackwell Parish Council.

Council were advised that no further progress has been made towards the installation of Defibrillators in the Red Telephone Boxes.

## **452/2019 REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

The Clerk provided an update on current projects:-

The Funding Application had been submitted to Viridor before the Christmas Break and would go before the Panel for decision at the end of January 2019.

A Get Well Card had been sent to Cllr Cox who is still in the Stroke Unit, Kings Mill Hospital, the Fruit Basket will be sent when he is in residential care.

A response to the HS2 Consultations had been submitted on the Council's behalf in time for the closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The decoration of the back wall at Blackwell Community Centre and the installation of the Model and Pictures were scheduled for w/c 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

It was moved by Cllr Gascoyne, seconded by Cllr Bullock and agreed by all to accept the quotation from King Street Framing, Alfreton for £301.46 to frame 3 old Maps of the Parish, for display in the three Community Centres.

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a further meeting with Wayne Hatton to agree a programme of Activities for the Parish and bring details to a future meeting.

Council were advised that the renovation of the Toilets at Blackwell Community Centre were now completed.

Council were advised that a Cheque for £1,027.22 was to be issued from Nat West Bank Plc which represents a refund of bank charges made in error to Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre. It was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed by all that this money is made available to local Community Groups through the S137 Grants scheme.

## **453/2019 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT UNDER S137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None.

**454/2019 HS2**

In addition to the update provided in Public Speaking, Council were further advised that the Community Engagement events were completed.

Council were further informed that Tree Felling Contracts are already being allocated to local companies for land preparation by HS2 Ltd.

**455/2019 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.**

No further updates other than those already covered in the Report from the Clerk.

**456/2019 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Moesby advised Council Members that funding is still very tight, but encouraged residents to continue reporting problems with the Highways around the Parish.

**457/2019 RECREATION AREAS/PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Matt Connelly BDC who had confirmed that the Gates at the Play Area at Scanderlands would be refitted early in January 2019. Council were advised that Gloves Lane going towards the Blackwell Crossing area of the Trail had become almost impassable due to overgrown hedges, Cllr Moesby agreed to follow up on this with the highways team at DCC, the Clerk also agreed to report this to DCC on the online reporting system. The Clerk was asked to report overgrown Conifer Trees on Oak Tree Road, Hilcote along with rotten fencing in the same location to the High Hedges Committee at BDC.

**458/2019 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL**

Council were advised that the Feasibility Study had now been circulated and was receiving positive feedback; the closing date for the consultation is 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The meeting with Reaching the Communities had to be rearranged due to a bereavement.

**459/2019 ALLOTMENTS**

Nothing to report.

**460/2019 PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

Nothing further to report.

**461/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £13,439.45 it was moved by Cllr Naylor, seconded by Cllr Sainsbury and Resolved that these be authorised for payment.

The Clerk also provided the Bank Balances, a Bank Reconciliation, and interest earned on the Public Sector Fund Account to members of the Council for their inspection.

The Clerk also advised that she had started work on preparing the next VAT reclaim for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 totalling £12,697.82, and would claim VAT at 3 monthly intervals in the future.

The Budget prepared at the October 2018 Budget Meeting was reviewed and updated and it was moved by Cllr Gill, seconded by Cllr Sainsbury and agreed by all that the Precept Request is submitted to Bolsover District Council for a total of £134,980, which is made up of £128,557 precept and £6,423 CTSG, representing an overall increase of 5%.

#### **462/2019 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

Council were advised that the Meeting scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 had been cancelled. The meeting of the Executive Board on 10<sup>th</sup> January would be attended by Cllr Willens where he will request an update on the changes to the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership.

#### **463/2019 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC circular 16/2018 which had been emailed to all members on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

#### **464/2019 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

Council were advised that the deadline for submissions to the Spring Newsletter will be Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, and all information from Community Groups on Community Events within the parish would be welcomed.

#### **465/2019 PLANNING REPORT**

All applications and decisions on this month's report were discussed; the Clerk was not asked to make any comments this occasion.

#### **466/2019 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

The S137 Grant approved at December's meeting was paid on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

#### **467/2019 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Blackwell Parish Council will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm, at Hilcote Community Centre.

#### **468/2019 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Cllr Moesby raised a point about the reading out of the Chairman's Report at the April Parish Meeting which falls within the Purdah period. The majority of Council members voted not to change this, Cllr Moesby voted against. It was therefore agreed that the Chairman's Report would continue to be read out at the April Meeting, but the Clerk would read it out this year.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm.**

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**