

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 2 July 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: D Hemingray: J Lomas: C R Moesby: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

PC Amanda Clark, PCSO Clare Pass and seven Parishioners.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported his recent telephone conversation with the Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council who had advised him, that due to work commitments, she was unable to attend the Meeting of the Council to advise Council Members on the new Code of Conduct, and suggested an alternative date.

RESOLVED the Monitoring Officer, Bolsover District Council be invited to a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council to be held on Monday 1 October 2007 at Blackwell Community Centre and the Meeting commence at 6.30 p.m.

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OPEN FORUM

Mrs D Price, Hilcote advised Council Members of flooding problems which had arisen at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote on 25 June last and stated that all twelve drains in that locality were blocked.

Mrs Price asked whose responsibility it was for the cleansing of the grates and she was informed that it was Derbyshire County Council.

Councillor Clive Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Mrs Price that there was a pre-planned programme of gulley cleaning by the County authority which was once a year.

It was agreed the Clerk contact the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting the twelve drains along that particular section of Hilcote Lane, Hilcote be cleared without further delay.

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POLICE MATTERS

PC Amanda Clark, Derbyshire Constabulary advised Council Members of:

1. Crime figures for the Parish of Blackwell to 30 June 2007.

PC Clark also noted Members concerns with regard to the indiscriminate parking by motorists at the junction of Park Mill Drive/Alfreton Road, Westhouses and stated the Police would investigate this matter.

RESOLVED PC Amanda Clark be thanked for her attendance and report.

79/2007

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Child car-seat safety. Checking had been carried out in Chesterfield on 2 July 2007.
2. Further improvements to the pedestrian crossings at Main Street, Newton
3. Emergency Planning Team with regard to the recent spate of flooding.
4. Derbyshire County Council Draft Consultation document – Community Response Plan for Civil Emergencies.

It was agreed that a copy of the document be circulated to all Council Members and that it be an Agenda Item for the September Meeting of the Council.

5. The “Stop Bullying” campaign with regard to youngsters moving from primary schools to senior schools.
6. Likely completion date of the Silverhill Trail.
7. Love Lane, Tibshelf.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox, Mrs S A Gray and E P Newell.

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CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS/HOSPITALITY REGISTER

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor D G B Bullock, 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 4 June 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that a verbal request had been received from the Secretary, Newton/Blackwell Allotment Holders Association requesting consideration be given to the Association erecting a 10ft high steel palisade type fence at Main Street, Newton.

RESOLVED the request by the Newton/Blackwell Allotment Holders Association to erect a 10ft high steel palisade type fence at Main Street, Newton be refused.

The Clerk also reported Allotment Holders were not protected by the Councils Insurance, which only covered pathways at the Allotments.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Secretary, Newton/Blackwell Allotment Holders Association advising her that the Allotment Holders were not covered by the Councils Insurance Policy and suggesting appropriate insurance be obtained by the Allotment Holders Association without delay.

It was further reported a goat had been tethered on the Blackwell Allotments.

RESOLVED the Clerk take appropriate steps to ensure the removal of the goat currently on Blackwell Allotments without delay.

85/2007

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from:

1. Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council advising a bid would be put forward for the Financial Year 2007/8/9 for the erection of a vehicle activated speed sign at Main Street, Newton.
2. Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council stating the land opposite St Werburghs Church, Old Blackwell was not in its ownership.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Legal Department, Bolsover District Council asking if that Authority owned the aforementioned land.

The Clerk reported for information his recent conversation with Contractors

acting on behalf of Severn Trent Water who were installing new sewer pipes at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses and that the road would be closed until 25 September 2007.

Councillor C R Moesby declared a personal interest in items 1 and 2 and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

86/2007

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported that the official opening of the refurbished Bamford Street Play Area, Newton would be on Wednesday 4 July 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

RESOLVED the former Chairman of the Council, Mrs Clare Munks, be invited

to officially open the refurbished Play Area at Bamford Street, Newton.

The Clerk also reported that some minor vandalism had occurred to the new Play Equipment at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell but he had been in contact with Groundwork Creswell to request appropriate repairs be carried out.

The Chairman of the Council also advised Council Members that he would be attending the Meeting of the Blackwell Youth Club on 9 July 2007 and also attending Blackwell School on 17 July 2007 and that he would ensure that vandalism to Council owned equipment would be brought to the attention of all concerned.

87/2007

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £4426.39 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished for Members information:

1. Copy of the Councils Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Councils Audit Form confirming the Councils current financial position.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI No. 553).

88/2007

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Chief Executives and Partnership Manager advising that the next Parish Council Liaison Meeting would be held on 18 September 2007.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

There were no Derbyshire Association of Local Councils circulars.

The Clerk reminded Councillors D Bullock and N Willens of their attendance at a Training Course organised by Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – Saturday 21 July 2007 at Hlland Ward Millennium Village Hall near Ashbourne.

The Clerk also reported a letter from the Secretary/Treasurer Derbyshire Association of Local Councils requesting the Councils vote for representation on the Bolsover District Councils Standards Committee.

RESOLVED that the Councils vote for a Parish Council Representative to serve on Bolsover District Council's Standards Committee be recorded for Councillor R J Sainsbury.

90/2007

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

1. Councillor I J A Newham displayed for Council Members information the proposed redesign of the Councils Web-Site.
2. The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members that the draft Council News Letter would be available for the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 3 September 2007.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr and Mrs G Hopkinson, 3 Hallfield Road, Newton – conservatory to rear of property – **no objections.**
2. Mr S Harris, Blackwell Miners Welfare Football Club, Primrose Hill, Blackwell – construction of Sports Community Changing Facilities etc. – **no objections.**

Councillor A F Tomlinson declared a personal interest in the foregoing Planning Application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

3. Mr and Mrs Gibbons, 14 Helpston Close, Westhouses – two-storey extension to side of property – **no objections.**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Director of Environmental Services, Derbyshire County Council, advising the Council that planning permission had been granted to Shires Developments Limited for the construction of a railhead facility at Blackwell South Junction, Westhouses.

92/2007

PARISH CARETAKER

Councillor A F Tomlinson and the Clerk reported, along with Richard Walker, Part-Time Parish Caretaker, their meeting with Mr A Lowrey, Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council on 21 June 2007.

Councillor Tomlinson had given Mr Lowrey an overview of the requirements for the Part-Time Parish Caretaker i.e. training and equipment etc. and Mr Lowrey advised that the District Council would be willing to help with both training and equipment which would be provided at a discounted price.

Mr Lowrey had been given a copy of the Part-Time Parish Caretakers job specification which he agreed to risk assess and would advise the Clerk accordingly.

RESOLVED:

1. Councillor A F Tomlinson and the Clerk be thanked for their report.
2. Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for his help and assistance with the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council.

The Clerk further reported for information that the lease hire van from Maun Motors would be available to the Council with effect from 3 July 2007.

93/2007

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from:

1. Community Voluntary Partners advising that money had been made available for environmental or educational projects to improve areas and all peoples awareness of local environmental issues. Proposals were invited from local groups .

2. Receipt of a letter from the Northern Area Nursing Area St Johns Ambulance requesting financial support for Neighbourhood First Responders.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100.00 be made to the St Johns Ambulance for Neighbourhood First Responders.

94/2007

AUDIT

The Clerk reported for information that the internal audit of the Council's accounts for the year 2006/2007 had been satisfactorily carried out and the only comment the Auditor had made was to increase the fidelity guarantee insurance from £120,000.00 to £127,500.00 and that the Clerk notify the Council's Insurers accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Councils Accounts and Internal Auditors report for the year 2006/2007 be approved.

95/2007

NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Following a report from the Clerk

RESOLVED the hire arrangements with regard to both Newton and Blackwell Centre's be an agenda item for the September Meeting of the Council

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 3 September 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.