

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 July 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: J Lomas: C R Moesby: E P Newell: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson and N J B Willens:

**74/2008**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

22 Parishioners.

**75/2008**

## **OPEN FORUM**

**Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell** advised Council Members the Notice Board which had been promised at the June Meeting of the Council had still not been erected at the junction of Primrose Hill, Alfreton Road, Blackwell. He was advised by the Chairman of the Council the suppliers of the Notice Board had had a number of problems but they assured the Council the Notice Board would be erected week commencing 14 July 2008.

**Mr B Land, Blackwell** complained that fencing which had been promised with regard to the elderly persons bungalows at Woburn Close, Blackwell had still not been erected. He was advised by the Chairman of the Council this was a District Council responsibility and not a Parish one.

He was further advised by Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, that funding had been provided by the County Council to the District Council for the fencing to be supplied and erected and he would be contacting the Community Services Manager, Bolsover District Council to ascertain the delay.

**Mr H Goodison, Blackwell** requested consideration be given to the renumbering of the elderly persons bungalows on Woburn Close in order that they did not clash with the numbering of the flats at Woburn House which was close by.

It was agreed the Clerk write to:

1. The Post Office regarding poor postal delivery service.
2. Planning Department, Bolsover District Council suggesting that renumbering of the bungalows in question be considered.

**Mrs E Goodison, Blackwell** advised Council Members that the grass on the nearby Council owned allotments had not been cut. She was advised

by the Chairman of the Council arrangements had been made with a local farmer to cut the grass and as soon as this was possible it would be carried out.

**Mrs S Bingham, Newton** read a prepared statement regarding Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton and handed to the Clerk a folder of photographs regarding same.

The Clerk handed the photographs to the Councils representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment Holders Association Committee, Council N J B Willens.

**Mrs J Brown/Mr D Purdy, Blackwell** advised Council Members of the irregular collection of the green bins by Bolsover District Council.

They were advised by Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as District Councillor, the green bin collection service was contracted out by the District Council but, he would endeavour to try and sort out the problems regarding the green bin collection at Alfreton Road, Blackwell/Newton.

**76/2008**

**POLICE MATTERS**

Council Members noted there was no Police presence at the Meeting.

The Clerk reported for information that there were 11 reported crimes within the Parish of Blackwell to 30 June 2008.

**77/2008**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Glove Lane, Tibshelf - progress with regard to the re-opening of this roadway.
2. The Children's Centre at Blackwell Primary School had now been completed.
3. A further traffic survey had been carried out at Hilcote and the data was currently being collated.
4. 10p increase in the price of school meals now £1.80.
5. Warning with regard to internet scams in particular e-mails requesting an individuals bank details.
6. Excellence in Community awards.
7. Improved recycling figures viz. from 32% to 37%.
8. RDF monies i.e. £2.4 million pounds for the financial year 2009/2010.
9. European Road Assessment.
10. Publication of the Derbyshire Care Directory.
11. Warning that counterfeit vodka was being sold within the County Council area.
12. Junction 29 M1 Motorway now open.
13. Parking enforcement regulations to be effective from 24 November 2008.

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

78/2008

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

79/2008

**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.

80/2008

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 June 2008 were approved subject to Minute 51/2008 (4) being amended to read "possible traffic calming measures Alfreton Road/Main Street Newton 2009/2010".

81/2008

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that the Councils Annual Pantomime, which this year would be "Dick Whittington", would be held at Blackwell/Newton Community Centre on Monday 1 December 2008.

82/2008

**ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment Holders Association gave a brief overview with regard to a structure being erected on Plot 54, Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

Following a suggestion from Councillor A F Tomlinson **RESOLVED** that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on 15 July 2008, venue to be determined, and the Allotment Holder/Secretary and Committee Members of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment Holders Association be invited to attend.

83/2008

**HIGHWAYS**

Following a report from Councillor A F Tomlinson regarding the road surface at the junction of Fordbridge Lane/Primrose Hill, Blackwell.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that repairs be carried out as soon as

possible.

**84/2008**

**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported that the Football Pitch hire charges had not been reviewed for the last two years.

**RESOLVED** the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be authorised to review the hire charges for the Councils Football Pitches for the Season 2008/2009 and report to the next Meeting of the Council on 1 September 2008.

The Clerk also reported on the Electrical Contractors Report regarding the state of the electrics at the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

**RESOLVED**

1. The report be noted.
2. The boost emerging heaters be restored to working order.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as a District Councillor, advised Council Members:

1. The supply and installation of Dog Waste Bins by the District Council would be £200.00 per bin and £100.00 per year charge for emptying same.
2. The District Council were currently reviewing their policy with regard to Litter Bins and it was anticipated that a Consultation Document would be sent to all Parish/Towns Councils for consideration.

**RESOLVED** Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for his report.

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that the Newton Community Association had been successful in securing a further £12,000.00 towards the cost of the Multi-User Sports Area to be located at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, bringing the total of funding to date to £29,000.00.

**85/2008**

**FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk reported for information:

1. Police action with regard to off-road motorcyclists at New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail.
2. Action taken by British Transport Police/Network Rail with regard to Public Footpath 26 at Westhouses where the Footpath passed beneath the Erewash Valley Railway Line.

**86/2008**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £16,304.01

and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished for Members information:

1. Copy of the Council's 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).

**87/2008**

**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported for information that the Planning Policy Statement 12 – Local Spatial Planning was available for inspection on the following website:

[www.lgiu.gov.uk/briefing'detail](http://www.lgiu.gov.uk/briefing'detail).

**88/2008**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

24/2008 – Fly Tipping.

25/2008 – General Circular – the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – a Practitioners Guide 2008 (England).

26/2008 – Derbyshire selected as a state holder to a pilot compact for Code of Conduct Training.

**89/2008**

**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

Councillor D G B Bullock asked Council Members for any contributions for the next Parish Newsletter which would be distributed in September 2008.

**90/2008**

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr D Eccles, Woburn House, Woburn Close, Blackwell alteration to window to form new entrance doorway – **no objections.**

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

2. Mr and Mrs A Castledine, land off Gloves Lane, Blackwell – retention of temporary siting of residential caravan for equine business – **not approved.**

3. Derbyshire County Council – Blackwell Primary School – proposed alterations to gateway to provide pedestrian access to the School – **no objections.**

Councillors C R Moesby and I J A Newham declared a personal interest in the foregoing application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

4. Mr J Radford, Blackwell Parish Council – Multi-Use Games Area with an all-weather surface (revised scheme) – **no objections.**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Planning Officer, Chesterfield Borough Council with regard to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Councillor N J B Willens gave a comprehensive overview of the document.

Councillor A F Tomlinson also advised Council Members the document had been reviewed by Bolsover District Council who were working in conjunction with Bassetlaw District Council, North East Derbyshire District Council as well as Chesterfield Borough Council.

**RESOLVED** Councillors N J B Willens and A F Tomlinson be thanked for their report and comments.

91/2008

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from:

1. Bolsover District Council advising that Community Forums would be held on
  - a. Wednesday 9 July – Bolsover Assembly Rooms - 6.30 p.m.
  - b. Monday 21 July – Shirebrook Village Hall – 6.30 p.m.

The theme would be Highways.

2. Letter from The Village Sports Development Officer, Bolsover District Council advising that a Community Archery Course would be held at Oxcroft Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club, Stanfree on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. and the sessions are free of charge.
3. The Planning Policy and Projects Manager, Ashfield District Council – Strategic Flood Assessment Consultation 16 June to 16 July 2008.
4. Data Protection Registration – Good Practice for Elected Members. Councillor C R Moesby strongly urged all Council Members regardless of political persuasion to register with the Information Commissioners Office and the annual fee was £35.00.
5. Internal Auditors Report – the Internal Audit of the Councils Accounts had been carried out and the Internal Auditor had no adverse comments to make.
6. Risk Assessment – the Clerk outlined a draft Risk

Assessment Programme for the Council and of the details contained therein.

**RESOLVED** the Clerks Draft Risk Assessment Programme be adopted by the Council and amended as necessary on a yearly basis.

### **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.

#### **92/2008                    BLACKWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported receipt of Quotations for the replacement central heating boiler at Blackwell Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** the Quotation in the sum of £6,996.00 excluding VAT from Elyo Services Limited, Sheffield be accepted.

Consideration was also given to the provision of new curtains/blinds at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres.

**RESOLVED** the Chairman and Councillors R J Sainsbury, Mrs P R Wilkinson and the Clerk be authorized to obtain quotations for same.

#### **93/2008                    PARISH CARETAKER**

Following a report from the Clerk regarding the provision of a petrol driven lawnmower for the Councils Parish Caretaker.

**RESOLVED** that a Honda Self Propelled Lawnmower with 21" cut be purchased from Belmont Van and Mower Hire Limited, South Normanton in the sum of £835.00 including VAT.

It was also agreed that enquiries be made with regard to the provision of a small steel container for storage purposes to be located at the rear of Newton Community Centre.

#### **94/2008                    COUNCILS WEBSITE**

Council Members gave consideration to the development of the Councils Website.

**RESOLVED** the Quotation in the sum of £300.00 from Stewart J McKenna Web Design, Mansfield Woodhouse be accepted.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his work on the Councils existing Website.

#### **95/2008                    MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre on Monday 1 September 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.