

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 July 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

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

**78/2009**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

PC Lorna Evans and 10 Parishioners

**79/2009**

## **OPEN FORUM**

**Mrs C Adams, Hilcote** advised Council Members of the potential dangers for pedestrians at the junction on New Street/New Lane, Hilcote and requested that consideration be given to improved entrance/exit at this particular location.

She further commented about the indiscriminate parking by motorists along New Street, Hilcote and she was advised by PC Lorna Evans that the Police would look into her complaint.

**Mr J Lander, Newton** advised Council Members that a complaint had been received from an Allotment Holder at North Street, Newton regarding the spraying by Bolsover District Council of the undergrowth adjoining the allotments and asked if the chemicals used were organic.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as District Councillor, advised Mr Lander he would make enquiries with regard to his complaint and advise him accordingly.

**Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell** advised Council Members of his concerns regarding dog fouling along Love Lane, Tibshelf.

He was advised that Love Lane is in the Shirland and Higham Parish Council area and the Clerk would refer Mr Clarkson's complaint to that Council.

Mr Clarkson further advised Council Members that the dog waste bin situated on Gloves Lane, Blackwell required the grass etc. at the base of the bin to be cut and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Parish Caretaker to deal with this matter.

He also advised Council Members the Litter Bin adjacent to 29 Cragg Lane, Newton was missing and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council for a replacement.

**Mr L Walker, Hilcote** advised Council Members of his concerns regarding the Bus Shelter adjacent to his property. He was advised by the Chairman of the Council that a safety check had been carried out approximately eighteen months ago but a further check would be made in due course.

**Mr A Maris, Newton** advised Council Members of his concerns regarding the poor state of a privately owned garage adjoining his property.

It was agreed the Clerk contact the Engineering Services Office at Bolsover District Council requesting him to make a further inspection of the premises and also to call and see Mr Maris.

**80/2009**

**POLICE MATTERS**

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

1. Crime figures to 30 June 2009.
2. Nuisance incidents to 30 June 2009.
3. Efforts being made to arrange activities for children during the Summer Holidays and once these had been set up, arrangements would be made to advertise them within the Parish of Blackwell.
4. The next Police Drop-In Surgery would be held at Newton Methodist Church Saturday 1 August 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs S A Gray, PC Evans advised her that the Police were paying attention to off-road motorcyclists using the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail.

PC Evans also advised Council Members of proposed action being taken in conjunction with Environmental Officers Bolsover District Council, with regard to the removal of the large number of burnt-out vehicles on the Trail

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

**81/2009**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Outline Plans for a new School at Tibshelf and that a Public Meeting would hopefully be held before the end of July 2009.
2. Minor road improvements at the junction of Littlemoor Lane/Hall Lane, Newton.
3. Improved road signage/markings at the junction of Cragg Lane/Hall Lane, Newton.

County Councillor Moesby also noted Members concerns with regard to parking outside Newton Primary School and agreed to liaise with the Police to try and resolve the traffic issues.

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

**82/2009**

**MR JOHN YATES**

The Chairman of the Council welcomed to the Meeting Mr John Yates who was Chairman of the Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council.

Mr Yates gave a brief outline of his duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Standards Committee. He said the Committee was formed seven years ago and its remit to check any complaints received from either District, Town or Parish Councillors who had breached the Code of Conduct.

**RESOLVED** that Mr Yates be thanked for his attendance and report.

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported for information that he had recently attended a Local Government Conference in Harrogate and the Conservative Speaker had indicated that, if the Conservatives were returned to power at the next General Election, the Standards Board for England would be abolished.

**83/2009**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I J A Newham and R J Sainsbury.

**84/2009**

**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.

**85/2009**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 June 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**86/2009**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported:

1. The Annual Newton Carnival would take place on Saturday 11 July 2009.
2. An invitation had been received to attend the Bolsover District Council Civic Service on Sunday 6 September 2009 at St Mary Magdalene Church, Elmton Road, Cresswell.

**RESOLVED** the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillor N J B Willens be authorized to attend the Bolsover District Council Civic Service on Sunday 6 September 2009 at St Mary Magdalene Church, Elmton Road, Cresswell.

3. A new Vicar had been appointed for the Tibshelf/Blackwell Parish and she would be ordained on 23 September 2009.

**87/2009**

**HIGHWAYS**

**RESOLVED** the Clerk contact the Highways Officer, Derbyshire County Council to ascertain the cost of supply and installation of a Speed Activated Sign at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

**89/2009**

**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported for information that the Footpath at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses had been completed.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson advised Council Members that the Head Teacher at Westhouses Primary School had expressed his appreciation for the work that had been done regarding the Footpath.

The Clerk also reported for information his attendance, along with Mr F Harris, Blackwell Miners Welfare Football Club at the Derbyshire Football Association Headquarters, Pride Park, Derby and of their Meeting with representatives from the Derbyshire Football Association and Football Foundation regarding the Changing Rooms at Scanderlands Football Pitch, Blackwell.

Following a report from the Chairman of the Council, it was agreed to look at the possibility of providing Litter Bins at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field.

It was further agreed the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor S J Thorpe and the Clerk meet and set a scale of charges for Football Teams using the Councils Football Pitches.

**90/2009**

**FOOTPATHS**

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

**91/2009**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £29,802.17

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).

**92/2009**

**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor N J B Willens, along with Councillor I J A Newham, attended a Marches Agency Work Shop which was held at Pinxton Village Hall on 15 June 2009.

Councillor Willens, in his report, said that each Council should have an Energy Champion who would monitor costs, check current practice and performance (boiler timings, temperatures, lighting arrangements etc.) and that there are new versions of low energy lighting, including strip lighting, which did not take an age to light up and have energy usages as low as 20% of the conventional ones.

He also said the Bolsover Energy Partnership and Marches Energy Agency were offering 23 energy surveys including a Site Visit on a first come, first served basis which would come up with concrete suggestions on possible energy and cost saving measures and also possible projects to use and/or generate sustainable energy.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor N J B Willens be thanked for his report.

The Clerk also reported for information that, along with Councillor I J A Newham, they had completed an Application Form for both Blackwell and Newton Community Centres and these had been submitted to the Marches Energy Agency and a reply was awaited.

Councillor N J B Willens also reported on his attendance at a Parish Councils Liaison Meeting also held on 15 June 2009 and of the Action Group Representation that was discussed. It was agreed Councillor N J B Willens be nominated to the Employment and Enterprise Group.

**93/2009**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The following Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars were received:

1. 26/2009 – Availability of Locum Clerks.
2. 27/2009 – Winter Gritting.
3. 28/2009 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership.
4. 29/2009 – Free Energy Audits for Community Buildings.
5. 30/2009 – VAT Workshops and Training.
6. 31/2009 – Responding to a Planning Application.

7. 32/2009 – Charles Arnold Baker.

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**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman of the Council reported that the current Manager of the Councils Website was moving away from the area and it would be better to have someone local to manage the Website.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk contact the Website Manager of the Bolsover Residents Action Group to ascertain whether or not he would be interested in managing the Councils Website.

The Chairman also commented that the next Council Newsletter would be published during the Summer 2009.

95/2009

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr H Kirkland, 6 Westfield Drive, Blackwell – single storey extension to rear of property – **no objections.**
2. E.ON – Electricity Sub-station Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell. Business Park, Blackwell – rebuild approximately 75m of existing 33 KV Overhead Line – erect two new terminal H Poles to facilitate the complete dismantlement and permanent removal of 425 of existing 33 KV Overhead Line – **no objections.**
3. Mrs D Marshall-Curtis, 72 Charnwood Crescent, Newton – two storey extension to the rear of the property.

Councillor N J B Willens and the Clerk reported they had been unable to access Bolsover District Council Planning Website (Associated Documents) to download any information regarding this Application.

**RESOLVED** that a corporate complaint be submitted to Bolsover District Council regarding access to the Planning Website.

96/2009

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Derbyshire Victoria County History Trust – Invitation to Celebratory Event at County Hall, Matlock 30 June 2009.

The Clerk reported that Councillor R J Sainsbury had attended this event and would be submitting a report to the September Meeting of the Council.

2. North East Derbyshire District Council, North East Derbyshire Development Framework – Climate Change and Renewable Energy Scoping Document.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor N J B Willens review the document and any comments be forwarded to the Clerk for onward transmission to North East Derbyshire District Council.

3. Chaplins Limited, Annual Pantomime to be held at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres on 7 December 2009.

**97/2009**                    **ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE**

Councillor C R Moesby reported for information the next Meeting of the Engine Site Reclamation Committee would be held at Hilcote Community Centre on Wednesday 15 July 2009.

**98/2009**                    **PARISH CARETAKER**

The Clerk reported for information a compensation order for £30.80 had been made against a juvenile in South Normanton for the damage to the Councils Lease Hire Van on 13 January 2009. The Clerk further reported that the amount in question had now been received from the Derby Enforcement Court.

**99/2009**                    **BLACKWELL POST OFFICE**

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported on his recent Site Meeting with two representatives from Post Office Limited regarding the possibility of the Office at Blackwell Community Centre being used on a part time basis for Blackwell Post Office.

Councillor Tomlinson went on to explain that the Post Office initially would only operate 6/8 hours per week and it would be the satellite of another Post Office. In the mean time Post Office Limited would be carrying out a scoping exercise and a further report would be given to Councillor Tomlinson in due course.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Tomlinson be thanked for his report

**100/2009**                    **MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 September 2009 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

**101/2009**                    **ALLOTMENTS**

Following a short discussion with regard to the tenancy of Plots 42, 43, 53, 54, 55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

**RESOLVED** a Special Meeting of the Council be held at Hilcote

Community Centre on Tuesday 14 July 2009 at 8.00 p.m. and the Allotment Holders and two Officers of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association be invited to attend.

It was further **RESOLVED** that Mr J Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council Chair the Meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.