

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 3 July 2017 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock : T J Gascoyne : C R Moesby : A Naylor :
R A Poulter : R J Sainsbury and B Stocks:

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ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Brian Murray-Carr, Bolsover District Council - Cabinet Member for Community Safety - PCSO Stephen Cathcart, Derbyshire Constabulary and thirteen parishioners

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox. S Gill, Mrs C Munks and I J A Newham.

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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.

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COUNCILLOR BRIAN MURRAY- CARR

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Councillor Brian Murray-Carr, Bolsover District Council, Cabinet Member responsible for Community Safety.

Councillor Murray-Carr gave a broad overview of Policing within the Bolsover District Council area and advised both Council Members and residents present,

1. Derbyshire Constabulary was second best Police Force in the United Kingdom
2. Funding for the Police from Central Government not distributed on a fair and amicable basis.

3. Lack of visible Police presence within the Parish of Blackwell but Councillor Murray-Carr advised that the current PCSO, Steven Cathcart his area covered from Blackwell to Barlborough

4. The new Chief Constable of Derbyshire was looking at Safer Neighbourhood Funding and his report was currently awaited.

5. CAN Ranger Service provided by Bolsover District Council was active throughout the district.

6. Youth Engagement Officers employed by the District Council to make contact with residents within the Parish of Blackwell who have expressed concerns with regard to youngsters creating a nuisance.

PCSO Stephen Cathcart gave an overview of his duties and whilst he appreciated some of the difficulties facing local residents he explained that normally he was based in Shirebrook but did whenever possible endeavour to patrol the Parish of Blackwell and suggested that if residents did have concerns then they should either contact the Police or the District Council 24 hour telephone line or possibly liaise via the Clerk.

Council Members were appreciative of the report given by both Councillor Murray -Carr and PCSO Cathcart.

Mr I Taylor, Newton advised Councillor Murray-Carr and PCSO Cathcart that that he would be interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and he was given appropriate information regarding the setting up of such a scheme.

RESOLVED that Councillor Brian Murray-Carr and PCSO Stephen Cathcart be thanked for their attendance and report.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES.)

Mr J Dover, Blackwell, asked Council Members who was responsible for the hedge cutting at the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell and he was advised by the Chairman that it was the responsibility of the land owners but there had been difficulties in the past. Derbyshire County Council had undertaken the hedge cutting and then requested payment from the land owners concerned.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Mr Dover that he would raise his concerns with the appropriate Officer at Derbyshire County Council.

Mrs J Siddall, Hilcote, advised Council Members that on behalf of the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project she had been in contact with the Community Heart Beat trust with regard to the replacement of the redundant telephone box at New Lane, Hilcote with a K6 Red Telephone Box to house a defibrillator

She was advised by the Chairman that Council Members fully supported her application on behalf of the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure project for a Red Telephone Box and would give their whole hearted support to the project.

Mr R Berry-Hopkins, Westhouses, speaking on behalf of the Westhouses Residents Action Group requested that the Council give their approval for two trees to be planted on the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

He was advised by Council Members that prior to any consent being given it would be necessary for a plan to be furnished to the Council for Members to peruse before they could give their approval.

Mr I Taylor, Newton, asked Council Members what would be happening with the Section 106 monies currently held by Bolsover District Council in relation to Phase 2 of the Wheeldon Brothers development at Newton Fields He was advised by the Chairman that the Council had already given their approval for upgrading the play equipment at North Street/South Street Play Area, Newton and this would be carried out hopefully during the current Financial Year.

Mrs P Stocks, Westhouses, asked Council Members if it would be possible to ascertain the number of occupiers of properties etc. within the village of Westhouses.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity of County Councillor advised Mrs Stocks that he would be able to obtain such information from the County Council and he would pass this on to her.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members that he still had a small amount of money remaining in his Members Allowance Fund and should any of the residents groups be interested they should make contact with him and he would see what financial assistance he could give towards them.

RESOLVED that County Councillor C R Moesby be thanked for his attendance and report.

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COUNCILLOR D G B D BULLOCK

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that there was no report to give from Bolsover District Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor D G B Bullock be thanked for his attendance and report.

85/2017**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 June 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

86/2017**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

The Clerk reported in view of the confidential nature of Minute No 63/2017 it would be necessary to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) (S1) in order to discuss the item

87/2017**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's Announcements

88/2017**HS2 LIMITED**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from HS2 Limited advising that a new free phone number was in place 08081 434434.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity at County Councillor advised Council Members that a road traffic surveys would be carried out with regard to HS2 Limited passing through Derbyshire but no specific locations had been identified.

89/2017**ALLOTMENTS**

There were no reports with regard to allotments.

90/2017**HIGHWAYS**

Following a request from the Clerk, Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members that the land at the junction of Church Hill/Hilcote Lane Old Blackwell was currently being leased by a local farmer and he said that he would contact the individual concerned to ascertain if this information was correct.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councilor advised Council Members that approximately two weeks previously, along with an Officer from Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department he had visited the junction of Cragg Lane/Alfreton Road, Newton to ascertain the problems caused by HGVs using this

location and he further advised Council Members that plans were being produced by the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council to reorganize the junction at Cragg Lane/Alfreton Road. Councillor Moesby said that before any decision would be taken with regard to any possible alterations at this particular road junction the plans would be submitted to the Parish Council for Members to discuss.

Councillor C R Moesby (in his capacity as County Councillor) also advised Council Members that the Highways Department Derbyshire County Council were preparing plans for improving the road junction at Primrose Hill/Alfreton Road, Blackwell.

The Clerk reported for information that an invitation had been received from calmtraffic4us for Council Members to attend a Meeting on Wednesday 12 July 2017 at the Sitwell Arms, Morton at 7.30 pm,

91/2017

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from the Planning Manager, Bolsover District Council stating that planning consent was not required for the interpretation boards to be located at Royal Oak Meadows, Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

The Chairman reported receipt of an email from a resident of Westhouses complaining about the amount of litter etc. on the Playing Field following the Carnival which was held on 17 June 2017.

The Clerk further reported that he had spoken with the organizers and they had given him a detailed account of action taken to clear rubbish from the field following the Carnival.

The Clerk further reported that it had been brought to his attention that the Westhouses Residents Action Group had been advising people that the Tibshelf Road Playing Field at Westhouses was known as the Memorial Playing Field. It was pointed out that the Council as Trustees of the Tibshelf Road Playing Field had not given their consent for the name of the Playing Field to be changed. It had been proposed at an earlier meeting that the costs associated with a change be discussed at the January 2018 Precept meeting

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from Blackwell Residents Action Group for permission to use the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Gloves Lane Blackwell for a "Save A Life" Festival on Saturday 2 September 2017 and there were no objections to this request.

Councillor T J Gascoyne declared a personal interest in the

foregoing item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the standard of cleanliness that the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton had been left in. He was advised by Councillor T J Gascoyne that he was aware of the football team who had used the facility and that he would be speaking to their manager and requesting that the Sports Pavilion in future be left in a clean and tidy condition.

Councillor T J Gascoyne advised Council Members of the Sports Development Programme for the summer 2017 and it was agreed the programme be circulated to all Council Members.

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FOOTPATHS

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £10,075 10p and it was agreed these be paid,

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members of the Council for their inspection.

1. Copy of the Councils Bank Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Councils Audit Form confirming the Councils current financial position.
3. Copy of the Councils Bank Statement.
4. List of Direct Debit Payments.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations(England 2017) (SI Number 2011/817)

The Clerk handed to each Member present a copy of the redacted accounts for payment.

The Clerk also reported that he had received confirmation from the Public Sector CCLA Deposit Fund of the Councils Investment of £10,000.00

The Clerk further reported receipt of an email from the Councils External Auditors acknowledging receipt of the Councils Annual Statement to 31 March 2017.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP AND PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON GROUP

The Chairman reported for information

1. The next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Executive would take place on 6 July 2017.
2. The Bolsover Partnership Parish Council Liaison Group Meeting would be held on 17 July 2017

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the following DALC Circular.

1. 08/2017 -The DALC Office would be relocating to the Old Loom Shop, Building 23, Ground Floor, Cromford Mill Road, Cromford.

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QUALITY STATUS – PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information

1. The Councils website was functioning satisfactorily.
2. It was suggested by a number of Council Members that a quotation be obtained from Kaydor Signs, New Lane, Hilcote, with regard to the printing of the Councils Newsletter.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated

1. 17/00277/DETRSG – Mr P Smith 59 Main Street, Newton – change of use from A1 Retail to C3 Dwelling House – **No objections.**
2. 17/00266/FUL – Mr and Mrs G Turner 19 New Lane, Hilcote – erection of single storey dwelling – **No Objections.**
3. 17/00299/OUT – Borders Mission Circuit – demolition of the Methodist Church and construction of up to three dwellings Berrister Winning Methodist Church, New Street, Hilcote – **No Objections.**

It was suggested by a number of Members present that the Clerk make contact with the applicant to request that consideration to be given for the stained-glass window and Memorial Plaque at the Church be donated to the Parish Council.

The Clerk further reported that the following planning applications had been approved by Bolsover District Council.

1 17/00205fUL – Mr and Mrs D Hartson 7 Thurgaton Way, Newton
Single storey extension to side of property.

2 17/00213/FUL - Mr S Turner, 15 Ginton Avenue, Blackwell – Two
storey extension to side of dwelling

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt an email from the Councils Solicitors with regard to the Trusteeship of the Cricket/Football Pitch at Blackwell Miners Welfare, Primrose Hill, Blackwell and after due consideration it was agreed that there should be a change of name of the Charity and it known as Blackwell Miners Memorial Playing Field. .

The Clerk further reported receipt of a report from the Senior Engineer, Bolsover District Council, who had inspected the boundary wall adjacent to the Cricket/Football Pitch at Blackwell Miners Welfare, and indicated that it seemed to be in reasonable condition but would benefit some maintenance.

The Clerk also reported receipt of an email from the Administrator, Central England Co-operative Limited, with regard to an application by the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project for funding from the Community Dividend Fund for the provision of a "ride on" mower for use at the Royal Oak Meadows, Pasture Lane, Hilcote

RESOLVED that the Council raise no objections to this proposal.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

There were no reports with regard to Doe Hill Community Park.

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BLACKWELL/HILCOTE/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

There were no reports with regard to the Blackwell/Hilcote/Newton Community Centre's.

Councillor T J Gascoyne reported for information that he had attended a meeting with Head Teacher, Westhouses Primary School and the Westhouses Parent Teachers Association and an Architect to discuss plans for a multi-user room to be built at Westhouses Primary School.

It was agreed that this be an Agenda item for future Meetings of the Council.

101/2017

MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 4 September 2017 at 7.pm.

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (S1) IN ACCORDANCE TO DISCUSS THE ITEM.

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CHAIRMAN – BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman referred to Minute Number 63/2017 in which he had advised Council Members that along with his wife they would moving to be near their family in Sheffield.

It was unanimously agreed that the Councillor N J B Willens remain as Chairman of Blackwell Parish Council until the Annual Parish Council Meeting which would be held in May 2018.

The Meeting concluded at 9.pm.