

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Community Centre, Hilcote on Monday 2 June 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: S J Thorpe: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

14 Parishioners

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OPEN FORUM

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell asked Council Members when the Notice Board would likely to be erected at the junction of Primrose Hill/Alfreton Road, Blackwell and he was advised by the Chairman of the Council it was likely to be on 5 June 2008.

Mrs D Willens, Newton advised Council Members that Members of the Newton Community Association had collected broken glass etc. from the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field.

She further expressed concerns with regard to motorists parking on Cragg Lane, Newton and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Police regarding this matter.

Mr G Rollinson, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns, in what he regarded the lack of action by the Newton/Blackwell Allotment Holders Association, about his complaints of vandalism to his Allotment.

Two Members of the Allotment Holders Association Committee were present at the Meeting and advised Mr Rollinson to be a Member of the Committee but he declined.

Several Council Members suggested to Mr Rollinson that he reconsider his decision as they considered it was time to move forward.

Mr C Adams, Hilcote expressed concern with regard to double parking at New Street, Hilcote and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Police regarding this matter. He also stated that there had been damage to the pavement at Cokefield Terrace Hilcote and it was further agreed the Clerk contact the Highways Inspector, Derbyshire County Council requesting that remedial repair work be carried out.

Mrs J Jones, Hilcote advised Council Members of the indiscriminate parking by motorists at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Police regarding this matter.

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POLICE MATTERS

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that the next Meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team would take place at Hilcote Community Centre, Hilcote on Monday 9 June 2008 at 6.00 p.m.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Gloves Lane, Tibshelf – plans had finally been received from H J Banks Limited with regard to the reopening of this roadway.
2. Blackwell Primary School and Children's Centre Open Day – 26 June 2008.
3. Vandalism at Blackwell Primary School.
4. Upgrading of Public Footpath 25 – likely to be towards the latter end of 2008 and this would involve possible traffic calming measures adjacent to the former Tibshelf and Newton Railway Station.
5. School Term and Holiday dates for the 2009/2010 Academic Year had been decided
6. Child Safety Seats that 85% plus failure rate had been recorded in the recent Survey.
7. Tibshelf School £17 million pound expenditure 2010.
8. Bolsover Food Fair – this had been successful.
9. New Legislation with regard to Trading Standards that came in to force on 26 May 2008.
10. The County Council part funding a fleet of new handy vans, which were anticipated to be on the road from the Summer 2008, working to support vulnerable and older people living in their own homes.
11. Provision of compost bins at a discounted price of £17.00 contact number 08450770757.
12. Six week consultation on Faith school transport funding.
13. The Traffic Survey at Hilcote to be repeated.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens, Secretary Newton Community Association thanked County Councillor Clive Moesby for his generous contribution towards the Planters in the village and stated that plants had now been purchased and the Planters were being prepared.

Mrs Willens further advised Council Members that a group of youngsters were going to tidy up the flower beds outside Newton Community Centre and their Youth Leader, Brian Marshall was supervising some fresh planting.

A Litter Pick had been arranged for Sunday 18 May 2008.

The Film Shows that the Organisation had organised were running successfully but there would be no more films shown until September 2008. The new licence that the Association had got was financed by a small grant from Derbyshire Community Foundations which meant the Association might not have to advertise or charge an entrance fee but could rent or buy a film from any source, thereby making it considerably cheaper to show such films.

Derbyshire Film who had facilitated the introduction of Cinema in to Newton, and from whom the equipment was borrowed, had now disbanded because the funding had run out and had donated the equipment worth approximately £10,000.00 to the Association.

The Association had initiated the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Area at the top end of Alfreton Road and was hoping to see other Watches set up to cover all areas of the village.

The Multi-Games Unit - because of the change of position and increase in size of the proposed Games Area, the quotation had increased from £43,000.00 to £70,000.00 but £10,000.00 had been secured from Viridor Credits and other bids for finance were being processed.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held at Newton Community Centre on 5 June 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

RESOLVED Mrs Willens be thanked for her attendance and report.

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WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Due to other commitments the Chairman of the Westhouses Residents Action Group Mr D Fowkes authorised the Clerk to read out his report.

1. A successful Litter Pick had been held on 26 April 2008 but unfortunately the 25 bags of litter were not, despite repeated requests to Bolsover District Council, collected by them and it was finally resolved by the Councils Parish Caretaker taking the bags to the dump.
2. The Floral Displays i.e. Planters had been planted for the Summer Season.
3. A Main Fund raising for 2008 was being concentrated on the Christmas Season with a Carol Concert at the Westhouses Methodist Chapel and organised Carol Singing.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE GROUP

Mrs J Jones, a Committee Member of the Project advised Council Members:

1. The Community Garden/Tree Planting etc. had been completed.
2. Work still to be carried out was fencing to the Picnic Area.
3. It was anticipated that the Group would be organising Fund Raising a further Litter Pick and a Family Fun Day.

RESOLVED Mrs J Jones be thanked for her attendance and report.

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mrs K Childs Chairman of the Group advised Council Members:

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Group had taken place and currently there was a vacancy for Vice-Chairperson.

2. The Blackwell Survey had been completed, 126 Questionnaires had been returned which was approximately 10% of the population of the village and the results were currently being analysed.
3. The proposed Wishing Well Planter, drawings etc. were presented for Members consideration and the likely location for the Planter was on land owned by Bolsover District Council opposite the Blackwell Hotel.

Council Members agreed to support the proposed Planning Application for the Planter and advised Mrs Childs that she should speak with the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that Mrs K Childs be thanked for her attendance and report.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S A Gray and A F Tomlinson.

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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.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 May 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

59/2008

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information that the Blackwell Primary School Open Day would be held on Thursday 26 June 2008 from 9.30 a.m.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk reported for information that an arson attack had occurred at Littlemoor Lane Allotments on 25 May 2008. Two adjoining Allotment Holders had their four sheds and two greenhouses had been burnt down.

A Fire Investigation Officer had attended the incident and a Police Scenes of Crime Officer had also attended.

The Police had carried out house to house enquiries.

An inspection of all the Councils Allotment Sites had been carried out on 31

May 2008 and in general were maintained to a satisfactory order.

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HIGHWAYS

There were no reports with regard to Highways.

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PLAYING FIELDS

Consideration was given to the provision of Dog Waste Bins and locations were identified in the villages of Blackwell, Hilcote, Newton and Westhouses.

It was, however, decided before any action was taken, the Clerk ascertain from Bolsover District Council whether or not they would be able to facilitate the emptying of the Bins and what the likely cost would be.

The Clerk reported for information that the Memorial Seat for the late Councillor Derek Hemingray had been delivered and the family had suggested that the seat be placed near to the Playground at the Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

RESOLVED the Clerks report be noted and the Memorial Seat for the late Councillor Derek Hemingray be installed as soon as possible.

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FOOTPATHS

Councillor S J Thorpe advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the numbers of off-road motorcyclists accessing the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail and of the damage to fencing etc. adjacent to the Erewash Valley Railway Line at Park Mill Drive, Westhouses.

RESOLVED:

1. Councillor S J Thorpe's comments be noted.
2. The Clerk contact Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service/Network Rail/British Transport Police/Derbyshire Constabulary, with regard to the foregoing matters.

Councillor R J Sainsbury reported for information the excellent standard to which the section of Five Pits Trail between Main Street/Alfreton Road, Newton had been carried out by Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service.

64/2008

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £6486.95 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished for Members information:

1. Copy of the Council's Bank 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).

65/2008

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor N J B Willens advised Council Members of his attendance at the Parish Councils Liaison Meeting which was held at Whitwell Community Centre, Whitwell on 19 May 2008 and of:

1. Bolsover District Council/Parish Council Elections – 3 May 2007 – Customer Satisfaction Survey.
2. Presentation by Ms M Chambers/Ms J Derricot, Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust Health and Well Being.

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

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

- 22/2008 – Training Circular/Cilca Training.
23/2008 - General Circular Aggregate Levy Sustainability Fund.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

Following a report from Councillor I J A Newham and comments from other Council Members.

RESOLVED the Clerk obtain estimates for upgrading the Councils Web Site.

Councillor D G B Bullock reported for information that the majority of household within the Parish of Blackwell had received the Councils Newsletter and the next Newsletter would be published in August 2008.

68/2008

PLANS

The following Plan was submitted and determined as indicated:

Mr T Steed, 34 Alfreton Road, Newton – creation of vehicular access, raised parking area and new steps – **not approved**.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Planning Officer, Chesterfield Borough Council advising the Council that, on behalf of Bassetlaw District Council, Bolsover District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council, a joint methodology for undertaking strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLLA) for the Northern Housing Market Area (NHMA) Methodology out for consultation.

The requirement to undertake a strategic housing land availability Assessment was embodied in Planning Policy Statement 3 Housing. The aim of the SHLLA was to identify enough sites with potential for delivering sufficient housing to the level required by the regional Spatial Strategy. The SHLLA would essentially be a long list of suitable available and deliverable sites from which the Local Development Framework could shortlist in line with its core strategy.

RESOLVED:

1. The letter be noted.

2. Councillor N J B Willens undertook to peruse the document and advised Council Members accordingly.

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PARISH CARETAKER

Following a report from Councillor R J Sainsbury

RESOLVED

1. Appropriate arrangements be made for the Parish Caretaker to attend a Training Course at the Agricultural College, Derby with regard to the use of pesticides.
2. The Clerk obtain suitable quotations for the provision of a 21" Rotary Cut Lawn Mower.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Westhouses Residents Action Group provision of four Litter Bins.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Chief Environmental Health Officer Bolsover District Council to ascertain the likelihood of emptying such Litter Bins and the cost.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing and left the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

2. Civic Pride UK Lighting Column Examination Report – the Chairman of the Council further reported the commencement date for the installation of the hanging baskets throughout the Parish of Blackwell was likely to be 5 June 2007.
3. Bolsover District Council Local Assessment of Complaints Against Councillors.

Councillor C R Moesby suggested that Members should give consideration to the provision of Data Protection Registration and it was agreed the Clerk contact the appropriate Officer at Bolsover District Council for appropriate advice.

4. Bolsover District Council – confirmation from the Head of Planning that the District Council supported the Parish Council in its objections to the withdrawal of Pay Phones situated at:

- a. Cragg Lane/Church Hill, Old Blackwell.
- b. Alfreton Road, Blackwell.
- c. Alfreton Road, Newton.
- d. Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

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BUDGET REPORT

The Clerk reported for information the income and expenditure of the Council to date and answered Members questions accordingly.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported receipt of two Estimates for the installation of UPVC

windows at Blackwell Community Centre:

1. Everseal Limited, Mansfield Woodhouse - £2,215.56 plus VAT.
2. Cash and Carry Windows, Mansfield - £2,488.52 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the Estimate from Everseal Limited, Mansfield Woodhouse in the sum of £2,215.56 be accepted.

Councillor I G Cox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and left the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk also reported receipt of Estimates for the internal decoration of Blackwell/Newton Community Centres:

1. Riley & Co. (Mansfield) Limited - £6,320.00 plus VAT.
2. Lane Sheppard & Co. Mansfield - £7,490.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED the Estimate in the sum of £6,320.00 plus VAT from Riley & Co. (Mansfield) Limited be accepted.

It was also agreed that the Chairman, Councillors R J Sainsbury, Mrs P R Wilkinson and the Clerk meet with the Contracts Manager, Riley & Co (Mansfield) Ltd to approve a suitable decorating scheme.

The Clerk further reported that he had received notification from Elyo Services Limited, Sheffield for the replacement of the heating boiler at Blackwell Community Centre and the cost would be £6,996.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to suitable Commercial Heating Engineers requesting Estimates for the replacement of the Heating Boiler at Blackwell Community Centre.

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MEETING

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

The Meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.