

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 June 2010 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: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: S J Thorpe and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary, Emma Atkins, Youth Worker, Derbyshire County Council and ten Parishioners

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OPEN FORUM

Mr D Mottram, Blackwell advised Council Members that a mound of soil had been dumped along the Allotment boundary close to elderly persons bungalows at Woburn Close, Blackwell and requested the Council take urgent action to remove the soil as this had now become a dumping ground for various building materials.

It was agreed that Councillor N J B Willens, in his capacity as the Councils representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association arrange for its removal.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime figures to 31 May 2010.
2. Nuisance incidents to 31 May 2010.
3. Police Drop-In Surgeries would be held at:
 - a. Hilcote Community Centre – Saturday 19 June 10.00 a.m/11.00 a. m.

RESOLVED that PCSO Stuart Swaby be thanked for his attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Impending works at the crossing for the Five Pits Trail, Main Street, Newton/improved road signage at this location and the provision of a second planter on

the opposite side of the road which hopefully would match in with the one provided by Newton Community Association.

2. Speed readings Main Street, Newton.
3. Green Watch Action Grants.
4. Sale of Compost Bins (£14.00/£17.00) by Derbyshire County Council.
5. Fire at the Blackwell Hotel, Blackwell on 18 May 2010. This was caused by a faulty electrical installation.

With the Chairman of the Council and Council Members permission, County Councillor Moesby introduced to the Meeting Miss Emma Atkins, Youth Worker, Derbyshire County Council who gave a brief outline of activities being promoted for youngsters by Derbyshire County Council during the Summer 2010.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby and Miss Emma Atkins, Youth Worker, Derbyshire County Council be thanked for their respective reports.

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. Local History Weekend.
2. Provision of Planters (4 self watering items).
3. Annual General Meeting.
4. Mining Monument.
5. Litter Pick.
6. Big Lunch to be organised on 18 July 2010.

RESOLVED Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group be thanked for her report.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT

Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project advised Council Members

1. Progress on Phase 2 of the Woodland Project.
2. Pathway in the woodland area currently being restored.
3. Litter Pick.

RESOLVED Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project be thanked for his report.

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association advised Council Members:

1. The new permanent and fixture Cinema equipment at the Councils Newton Community Centre and this was officially inaugurated on 29 April 2010.
2. Planters at various locations within the village of Newton were to be upgraded.

RESOLVED Mrs D Willens, Secretary, Newton Community Association be thanked for her report.

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WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Clerk advised Council Members that Mr D Fowkes, Chairman, Westhouses Residents Action Group was unable to be present due to teaching commitments and had asked the Clerk to read his brief report which stated:

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“The Agent working on WRAG’s behalf has come up with a proposal to half of the former Railway Institute building on a short term lease as the Westhouses share of the public benefit element for the Engine House Opencast site.

I have written to Halls, the operators of the site, simply to see how they react to the idea. I am sure they in turn will liaise with the Parish Council. The idea obviously appears to conflict with the principle of providing something of lasting benefit but it just could act as a catalyst for improving this significant local building.”

RESOLVED the report from Mr D Fowkes, Chairman, Westhouses Residents Action Group be noted.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Stocks, A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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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 10 May 2010 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

There were no reports with regard to Allotments.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Acting County Secretary, Derbyshire County Council giving permission to site Planters at various locations within the village of Blackwell.

66/2010

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported that four applications had been received from Football Teams to use the Councils Football Pitches at Charnwood Crescent, Newton and Scanderlands, Blackwell.

Deferred for further information.

The Clerk also reported receipt of two estimates for the replacement of windows, doors at the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

Defer for further investigation.

Following a report from the Chairman of the Council **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the local Beat Officer requesting a Police presence at Charnwood Crescent, Playing Field to attempt curb the unruly behaviour etc. thereon.

67/2010

FOOTPATHS

Following reports from several Council Members with regard to overgrown hedgerows etc. at Cragg Lane, Newton, Gloves Lane, Blackwell, Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

RESOLVED County Councillor C R Moesby contact the appropriate Officer at Derbyshire County Council with regard to having the offending hedgerows etc. cut back.

Following a request from Councillor I J A Newham, it was agreed that a dog waste bin be located at Alfreton Road, Blackwell (opposite the shop).

68/2010

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £10,161.79 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).

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BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported for information the next Parish Councils Liaison Meeting would take place in the Committee Room No. 1 Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover on Thursday 17 June 2010 at 1.30 p.m.

The Clerk further confirmed that, following a Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 26 April 2010, he had completed the appropriate forms with regard to the joint purchasing of energy and insurance.

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of a letter from the Project Manager, Community Voluntary Partnership, with regard to the Bolsover Financial Inclusion Project which was a joint partnership consisting of the Community Voluntary Partnership, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centres, North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau and Worksop and District Credit Union. Their aim was to address four key areas:

1. Access to Welfare Benefits advice.
2. Providing access to faced face debt advice.
3. Improving access to affordable credit and financial services, namely by promoting the Credit Union.
4. By improving peoples knowledge of and ability to access financial services.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 23/2010 – Broadband Line Information Monitoring Project.
2. 24/2010 – Employee absence occasioned by volcanic ash.
3. 25/2010 – Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils evening to be held on Tuesday 12 October 2010.

Councillors I J A Newham and N J B Willens be authorized to attend the Meeting.

4. 26/2010 – New recommended Standing Orders for local

Councils.

5. 27/2010 – Land Registry Training Event – 9 June 2010.
6. 28/2010 – Future quarrying – Striking the Balance.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily and the Councils Newsletter, together with his Annual Report, was now available for distribution.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mrs E Thorpe, 4 Silver Birch Crescent, Westhouses – front and rear extensions, alterations including raising roof to form rooms in the roof served by dormer windows to front and rear to form six bedroom two storey dwelling – **approved**.

Councillor S J Thorpe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing Planning Application and vacated the room while the discussion and decision was taken thereon.

2. Mrs J Lynegar, 135 New Lane, Hilcote – Retrospective Planning Permission – retention of four cattery pens – **approved**.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members that he had been on a Site Inspection at the Engine Reclamation Site and that Council Members were welcome to carry out same provided they made appropriate arrangements with the Site Manager prior to their attendance.

Councillor Moesby also advised that of the grants which had been paid to various organisations within South Normanton, Blackwell and Hilcote.

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

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 5 July 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO MEETINGS

RESOLVED THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE AND THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED IT IS ADVISEABLE

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW.

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LITTLEMOOR LANE ALLOTMENTS, NEWTON

The Clerk reported receipt of the Inspection Report received from Mr John Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council of his site inspection of the Councils Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton on 12 May 2010.

RESOLVED:

1. Mr John Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council be thanked for his report.
2. The Clerk seek appropriate legal advice with regard to Mr Yates comments about a number of plots at Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

Councillor N J B Willens declared a personal interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room whilst the discussion and decision was taken thereon.

The Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.