

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 June 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G B Bullock: I G Cox: Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: L Walker and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

51/2011

ALSO PRESENT

11 Parishioners.

52/2011

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Stocks.

53/2011

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST

Councillors D G B Bullock and R J Sainsbury and N J B Willens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 75/2011.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 66/2011.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Prior to the commencement of Public Participation the Chairman of the Council advised residents present that in accordance with the Councils Standing Orders each member of the Public was entitled to speak once in respect of business itemised on the Agenda and should not speak for more than three minutes.

Mrs D Willens, Newton, advised Council Members of concerns that had been expressed with regard to the exterior appearance of The George and Dragon Public House, Cragg Lane, Newton which came within the Newton Conservation Area.

Following a suggestion from Councillor A F Tomlinson it was agreed the Clerk write to the Conservation Officer, Bolsover District Council, Mrs K Wyatt requesting that an investigation be carried out.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members of vandalism etc. which had occurred at the Bolsover District Council Play Area at Ginton Avenue, Blackwell.

It was agreed the Police be notified of the incidents which had occurred and that they visit the area on a regular basis.

A resident speaking on behalf of the occupier of Plot Numbers 43/55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton read a prepared statement to Council Members and concluded by saying that the Appeal against the Notice to Quit for these particular Allotment Plots was withdrawn.

55/2011

BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members:

1. The Mining Monument - this project had been completed and the Official Opening of the Mining Monument had taken place on 9 April and was extremely well attended.
2. A Litter Pick was held on 2 April 2011 and a Family Fun Day for the Royal Wedding on 29 April 2011.
3. Nine Workshops involving a variety of Arts and Crafts using a Small Arts Grant that had been received Derbyshire County Council had been held and the participants had commented on how enjoyable they had been and how much they had learnt.
4. Credit Union - A Meeting with the Credit Union had been held and it was hoped that a Credit Union Collection Point would be established in Blackwell.

Advisor

Bowling Green opposite Blackwell Miners Welfare. The Residents Group was currently investigating the possibility of the Group being the lead organisation in revamping and tidying up the Bowling Green and developing it in to a Garden.

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his report.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT GROUP

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

1. New Footbridge had been installed at the Normanton Brook.
2. Pathways had now been opened.
3. Raised flower beds had been prepared.
4. A Field Work Day would be held by pupils from Blackwell Primary School sometime during July 2011.

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

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens advised Council Members of:

1. Annual General Meeting of the Association had been held on 26th May 2011 followed by the Associations Film Night and the film was "The Kings Speech" and that there had been a good attendance of local residents.
2. A Litter Pick would be held on 30 June 2011.
3. The Planters would be refurbished week commencing 20 June 2011.

RESOLVED Mrs D Willens, Newton Community Associated be thanked for her attendance and report.

58/2011

WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Clerk on behalf of the Chairman of the Westhouses Residents Action Group read out the Groups Report which advised:

1. The Public benefit element of the Engine House Open Cast site had been resolved but the detail still had to be worked on.
2. A Litter Pick would be held in early July 2011.

59/2011

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.

60/2011

POLICE MATTERS

Council Members noted that there was no Police attendance at the Meeting.

61/2011

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Horse Riding/ Cycling maps within the County of Derbyshire.
2. Bus Service 99 through Hilcote to remain for the time being.
3. Localism Bill
4. Community Action Fund.
5. Schools Bus Service (Service 140).
6. Climbing Wall/Street Dancing by Derbyshire County Council during the Summer School holidays.
7. Electoral Review of County Councils seats.
8. Vacancy for School Governor at Newton Primary School and Brigg Infant School, South Street, South Normanton.
9. Capital Grants.
10. Progress Report with regard to Tibshelf School.

In response to a question from Councillor I J A Newham, County Councillor Moesby advised that monies were now available for the work to be completed on the access to the Silver Hill Trail and in response to a further question from Councillor I J A Newham, County Councillor Moesby confirmed he would investigate why part of the roadway at Pendine Close had not been repaired.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson advised County Councillor Moesby of a residents concern with regard to overhanging trees at Midland Terrace, Westhouses. County Councillor Moesby said he would investigate this particular problem.

Councillor L Walker raised a number of queries with regard to Public Footpath Number 5 and he was advised by County Councillor Moesby to apply to Derbyshire County Council under The Freedom of Information Act for answers to the particular questions he had raised.

Councillor Walker also advised that the bridge on Footpath 5 was unsafe and County Councillor Moesby said this particular complaint would be investigated.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

62/2011

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 May 2011 were approved subject to Minute 25/2011 being amended to read "The Chairman of the Council welcomed to the Meeting Councillor Derek Orchard, Chairman of the Accreditation Panel and Alan Cooke, Vice Chairman of the Accreditation Panel.

63/2011

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

64/2011

ALLOTMENTS

In response to a question from Councillor L Walker

RESOLVED the Clerk furnish Councillor Walker with a copy of the Tenancy Conditions with regard to the Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

65/2011

HIGHWAYS

Following a discussion with regard to the new Entrance/Exit Signs within the Parish of Blackwell.

RESOLVED a Site Meeting be held with the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council, Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Councillor D G B Bullock.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Head of Performance and Engagement Derbyshire County Council with regard to proposals by the County Council for part night street lighting which would involve turning off identified street lights between the hours of midnight until 5.30 a.m. each day. The objective being to achieve a £400,00.00 budget saving.

RESOLVED no action be taken with regard to the Derbyshire County Council request for Blackwell Parish Council to be involved in part night street lighting.

Councillor L Walker advised Council Members that the bollards situated at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Newton had been damaged.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer requesting that Councillor Walkers complaint be investigated.

66/2011

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported on a Meeting held at Newton Community Centre on 19 May 2011 between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor A F Tomlinson, representatives from Newton FC, Blackwell Miners Welfare FC, Blackwell Miners Welfare FC Under 15's and Tibshelf Community

FC with regard to the use of the Councils Football Pitches at Charnwood Crescent, Newton and Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell.

It was noted that the Charnwood Crescent Football Pitch would be used by Newton FC who play on Saturday afternoons and at Scanderlands Blackwell Miners Welfare FC Under 15's would play Saturday mornings and Blackwell Miners Welfare FC would play Saturday afternoons.

It was further noted that Tibshelf Community FC would use the Mini Soccer Pitch at Scanderlands Playing Field Saturday/Sunday mornings as required.

It had been agreed to recommend to the Council at its Meeting on 6 June 2011 that the following fees be charged for the Season 2011/2012

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| 1. | Newton FC - | £137.50. |
| 2. | Blackwell Miners Welfare FC Under 15's | £100.00 |
| 3. | Blackwell Miners Welfare FC | £137.50 |
| 4. | Tibshelf Community FC | £100.00 |
| 5. | Any occasional Pitch use by other teams | £22.00 per match. |
| 6. | It was agreed the locks on the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent Playing Field be changed and the key holders to be Newton FC, Tibshelf Community FC, Richard Walker the Parish Caretaker, Chairman of the Council and the Clerk. | |

RESOLVED

1. The Clerks report be noted.
2. The fees and usage of the Pitch outlined in the report be accepted.

The Clerk further reported that an application had been received from Newton New Inn FC to hire Charnwood Crescent Football Pitch for the Season 2011/2012 on Sunday mornings.

RESOLVED that Newton New Inn FC be allowed to hire Charnwood Crescent Football Pitch for the Season 2011/2012 on Sunday mornings and the fee to be £137.50.

The Clerk further advised Council Members that two estimates have been received for replacement of exterior doors and the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

RESOLVED this be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 4 July 2011.

The Clerk gave a progress report with regard to the proposed Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell and that Groundwork Creswell would be submitting a Planning Application with regard to the provision of same.

The Clerk advised Council Members of his conversation with Mr J Trowsdale, Business Development Manager, Groundwork Creswell with regard to the proposed provision of new Play Equipment at Charnwood

Crescent Playing Field and a Site Meeting would be held on Monday 4 July at 1.30 p.m. It was further agreed the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson attend the Site Meeting.

A letter was received from Mrs L Bullock, Secretary, Newton Carnival Team requesting that consideration be given to the Team providing at their own expense a suitable gate at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field to allow access to a field owned by a local farmer for parking facilities for the Newton Carnival Team which would be held on 9 July 2011.

It was unanimously agreed to allow Newton Carnival Team:

1. At the Teams expense to provide suitable gated access at the Councils Charnwood Crescent, Newton Playing Field. This would allow access to a field owned by a local farmer for additional car parking facilities.
2. Pedestrian access be via a separate access point so as not to conflict with car movements.
3. Suitable insurance etc. be in place to ensure there were no claims with regard to the Council.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor L Walker asked the Clerk if there was any further information with regard to the "K" barriers on the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail and he was advised by the Clerk that a report was still awaited from the Ranger Service, Derbyshire County Council.

67/2011

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £5,365.40 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 (England 2011) (SI No. 2011/817).

68/2011

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Council Members noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Committee would take place on 20 June 2011.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 28/2011 – Standing Orders for Local Councils.
2. 29/2011 – Sport England – protecting Playing Fields.
3. 30/2011 – Election for DALC Executive Committee

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be nominated to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee.

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

70/2011

With regard to the Councils Web-site it was agreed that the format and content therein be restructured.

Councillor D G B Bullock reported for information that the June edition of the Councils Newsletter was currently with the printers and it was anticipated that these would be ready for delivery week commencing 20 June 2011.

Following a suggestion from Councillor A F Tomlinson it was agreed that the editorship of the Newsletter be passed to the Clerk with assistance from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and it was further agreed that reports would be included both by the County Council Member and the District Council Member.

It was also agreed that the deadline for the distribution of the Newsletter would be in any year March, June, September and December.

71/2011

PLANS

There were no Plans.

72/2011

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group thanking the Council for its support for the new Mining Memorial at Blackwell.

- RESOLVED**
1. The letter of thanks from the Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group be noted.
 2. A letter be sent to the Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group complimenting the Groups action on various projects within the Village of Blackwell.

RESOLVED that the letter from the Returning Officer, Bolsover District Council regarding the co-option of two Members to the vacant seats within the Parish of Blackwell be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 4 July 2011.

73/2011

ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information on his recent attendance at a Meeting of the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee that a further years production of coal from the site was anticipated.

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson, Councillor A F Tomlinson advised her that funding was now in place for the proposed solar lighting system at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

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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 4 July 2011 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.

75/2011

ALLOTMENTS

Councillor I J A Newham in the Chair

The Clerk advised Council Members that he had sought legal advice from a number of sources and it was noted that Human Rights Legislation did not exist with regard to Allotments.

RESOLVED:

1. The Clerks report be noted.
2. The decision to terminate the tenancy of Plot Numbers 43/55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton be endorsed (Minute No. 124/2010 refers).

Councillors D G B Bullock, R J Sainsbury and N J B Willens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

The Meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.