

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 7 March 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: C R Moesby(from 8.05 p.m: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

PC Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary and ten Parishioners.

PART 1 NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S A Gray, J Lomas, B Stocks and S J Thorpe.

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST

There were no declaration of Members Interests.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs E Goulding, Blackwell and Mrs J Jones, Hilcote asked Council Members if they had any knowledge with regard to the future of the bus services operating within Blackwell and Hilcote.

The Chairman advised Mrs Goulding and Mrs Jones that no decision had been taken by Derbyshire County Council with regard to the funding of the respective bus services.

Mr A Maris, Newton advised Council Members that street light number 64548 located on Littlemoor Lane, Newton was in an unstable condition. Following a report from the Chairman it was agreed the Clerk write to the Street Lighting Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that urgent remedial action be taken with regard to this particular lamp post.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members that several road/traffic signs within the Parish of Blackwell had been vandalised. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting an inspection be carried out of all road signs within the Parish.

Blackwell Youth Club, a number of youngsters, together with their Group Leaders, attended the Council Meeting and requested Council Members to

give consideration to the provision of a Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

They also presented to Council Members a selection of photographs of the Skate Park currently used in nearby Huthwaite and the Group Leader, Mrs K Mitchell, indicated to Council Members that a donation of £100.00 would be made towards the cost of any Skate Park provided by the Council.

Council Members expressed their appreciation for the Presentation given by the Members of the Youth Club and would give active consideration to their request for the provision of a Skate Park.

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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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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

In the absence of Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group, Councillor I J A Newham read the quarterly report to Council Members which highlighted:

1. Mining Memorial – official Dedication was scheduled for 9th April 2011.
2. Small Arts Grant of £1,000.00 to run Taster Sessions of various different Arts Activities. These were scheduled to take place during the Spring/Summer 2011.
3. The Coffee Bar which operates on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in conjunction with the opening hours of the Post Office celebrated its first birthday in February 2011.
4. A recent Jumble Sale held at Blackwell Community Centre and had raised just over £440.00.

Future events planned by the Group was:

- a. Village Litter Pick – 2 April 2011.

- b. Village Party to be held at Blackwell Community Centre to celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29 April 2011.

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

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT

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

1. The bridge at the Normanton Brook likely to be in place on 24 March 2011.
2. All outstanding Woodlands projects works to be likely to be completed by the end of June 2011.

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

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

1. Film Nights to be held at Newton Community Centre for March/April 2011 and would be held on the last Thursday of each month.
2. Recent successful "Litter Pick".
3. Lottery Bid for the Blackwell Parish Blitz Bonanza was still being considered.

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

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WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mr D Fowkes, Chairman Westhouses Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. Complaints still being received with regard to improved ride signage at the railway bridge located on Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
2. Meeting still awaited with Shires Development Limited with regard to the question of public benefit from the Engine Reclamation Site at Westhouses.
3. Proposed "Litter Pick".

RESOLVED Mr D Fowkes, Chairman, Westhouses Residents Action Group be thanked for his report.

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POLICE MATTERS

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

1. Crime figures to 28 January 2011.
2. Nuisance incidents to 28 February 2011.
3. The next Police Drop-In Surgeries would be held at
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre – 17 March 2011 10.00 a.m./11.30 a.m.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre – 18 March 2011 10.00 a.m./11.00 a.m.
 - c. Newton Methodist Church – 2 April 2011 – 10.00 a.m./12 noon.
4. Teenagers trespassing on the Erewash Valley Railway Line, site of the former Blackwell South Junction, Westhouses, removing concrete blocks and throwing them from the bridge on to Public Footpath 26.

Resolved that the Clerk write to British Transport Police requesting that they investigate the complaint.

PC Evans also advised Council Members that there were two potential Neighbourhood Schemes within the village of Blackwell at

- i. Central Drive area.
- ii. Church View/Chapel Close area.

PC Evans also noted members complaints with regard to:

1. Vandalised BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
2. Nuisance caused by youngsters congregating outside Newton Community Centre.
3. Indiscriminate parking by motorists at Main Street, Newton.

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

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members of:

1. Possible progress with regard to the proposed new Tibshelf School.
2. Action taken with regard to the partial blockage of Footpath 24 Newton.
3. Action taken with regard to the impassable state of the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.
4. Outstanding work at the Five Pits Trail, Silver Hill Link, Newton.

5. Bus Service 99 – no decision had been taken by the County Council with regard to this service.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his attendance and report.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 February 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

EXEMPT ITEMS

There were no Exempt items.

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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

There were no reports with regard to Highways.

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PLAYING FIELDS

Following a lengthy discussion on the provision of a Skate Park at the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

RESOLVED that the Chairman/Vice Chairman Local Members and the Clerk attend a Meeting at Blackwell Youth Club, Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 21 March 2011 at 7.00 p.m. to discuss with Club Members the proposed Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

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FOOTPATHS

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that Network Rail had still not carried out repair work at the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that urgent action be taken with regard to the repair of the Public Bridleway at Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

It was also reported by several Council Members that the owner of the field adjoining Public Footpath 4 had installed an electric fence and no warning notices of any description had been erected.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting urgent action be taken with regard to the

unauthorised erection of an electric fence adjoining Public Footpath 4.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £7,434.06 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 receipt of an invitation from the Partnership Manager, Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership to attend a Parish Social Media Training Event to be held on Tuesday 2 June 2011 – 9.30 a.m./4.00 p.m. at Doe Lea Resource Centre.

RESOLVED Councillor I J A Newham and the Clerk be authorised to attend the Parish Social Media Training Event to be held on Tuesday 2 June 2011 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at Doe Lea Resource Centre.

Councillor N J B Willens advised Council Members of his recent attendance at a Local Strategic Partnership Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 7 March 2011 and, following a report from him, it was agreed the Clerk complete an application form to the Green Communities Experts Resource Service with regard to energy saving at Newton Community Centre.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader Bolsover District Council, reported for information that Wes Lumley, Chief Executive Officer, Bolsover District Council had been appointed Joint Chief Executive of Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council. His appointment was effective from 1 April 2011.

Councillor Tomlinson further commented that the Strategic Alliance between the two Councils would be launched on 1 April 2011 and the Partnerships first task would be to appoint joint Senior Managers and this would enable the respective Councils to reduce their staffing costs. Such savings would be ploughed into protecting front line services and keeping Council Tax bills low.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 12/2011 – Training – Power of Wellbeing.
2. 13/2011 – Allotments Seminar – Code of Publicity, Derbyshire Police Authority.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily and that the Councils Newsletter would be going to print on 8 March 2011 and would be available for distribution during the week commencing 14 March 2011.

The Clerk also reported for information that the Councils application for Quality Status had been submitted to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils on 28 February 2011 and that a provisional date for a Meeting of the Accreditation Panel to consider the Councils request was likely to be held on 24 March 2011.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

Mr G Hampson, 30 Hallfied Road, Newton – first floor extension to rear of property – **no objections.**

Mr D E Haynes, 34 Alfreton Road, Westhouses – erection of detached garage to rear of property – **no objections.**

Mr S Topping, Blackwell Hotel, 229 Alfreton Road, Blackwell – conversion of disused public house to four flats and erection of detached 2-storey dwelling – **no objections.**

Mr D Smith, Grosvenor, Alfreton Road, Newton – retention of two static caravans with associated parking and garden facilities for holidays lets. The retention of facilities for the storage of touring caravans, the retention of stables and livery usage in former farm buildings and a reaction of a ménage – **no objections.**

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Head Teacher, Blackwell Primary School thanking the Council for providing the Annual Pantomime held on 7 December 2010.
2. Derbyshire County Council Cleaning Contract, Newton Community Centre 2011/2012 in the sum of £9,896.04.

RESOLVED that the Caretaking and Cleaning Contract with Derbyshire County Council for Newton Community Centre 2011/2012 in the sum of £9896.04 be accepted.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

There were no reports with regard to the Engine Reclamation Site.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council (and would incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting) be held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 4 April 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.