

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: J Lomas: C R Moesby: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: S J Thorpe: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

23/2009

ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and eleven Parishioners.

24/2009

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

RESOLVED that Councillor D G B Bullock be Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2009/2010.

25/2009

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be Vice Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2009/10.

26/2009

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWTON/BLACKWELL ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be the Councils Representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotments and Gardeners Association for the year 2009/2010.

27/2009

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson be the Councils Representative to the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee for the year 2009/2010.

28/2009

OPEN FORUM

Mr B Land, Blackwell who advised Members of the difficulties encountered by residents of Woburn House/Woburn Close, Blackwell due to similar numbering.

It was agreed the Clerk contact Bolsover District Council to ascertain the possibility of a renumbering scheme for Woburn Close.

Mrs M Gosley, Westhouses advised Council Members of obstructions placed on the footpath between Westhouses and Stonebroom.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Mrs Gosley that the land owner in question had been interviewed by Officers of Derbyshire County Council and instructed to reinstate the path without delay. Whilst not at present time on the definitive footpath map it would in approximately 2024 be included as a Public Footpath.

Mr B Barnes, Shirland Parish Council advised Council Members of the concerns expressed by local residents with regard to the Footpath referred to by Mrs Gosley and advised that a Public Meeting would be held in Stonebroom Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 13 May 2009.

Mrs D Willens, Newton Community Association advised Council Members that the official opening of the Multi-User Sports Unit at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton was officially opened on 9 May 2009. She asked Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as District Councillor, if he would thank the Chairman of Bolsover District Council, Councillor K F Walker, for his attendance at the official opening.

Mrs Willens further advised Council Members that the Litter Bin was missing from Cragg Lane, Newton, also the telephone box situated on Alfreton Road, Newton had been damaged. It was agreed the Clerk contact the relevant authorities to deal with these two items.

Finally she advised Council Members that the Annual General Meeting of the Newton Community Association would take place at Newton Community Centre on 18 May 2009.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote queried the provision of security fencing on land adjacent to Public Footpath 5 and he was advised by the Chairman of the Council that the fencing was not a Parish Council matter and he should refer his enquiry to Derbyshire County Council.

He further advised Council Members that he would be gathering signatures to a petition for the removal of speed humps at New Lane and Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Mr P Johnson, Secretary, Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association advised Council Members of the increase in the number of allotments now occupied at Littlemoor Lane, Newton, North Street/South Street Newton and The Ridge, Blackwell.

He further commented that there was a waiting list for allotments at Littlemoor Lane site.

Mr J Lander, Newton asked Council Members about the possibility of providing security fencing at the Allotments at The Ridge, Blackwell and he was advised by the Clerk there were no funds available in the current financial year to provide security fencing.

Mr Lander further commented about dog fouling on the Five Pits Trail, Newton and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Derbyshire County Council Ranger Service requesting "Dog Fouling" signs be provided.

29/2009

POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Paul Brownlee Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 31 March 2009.
2. The next Police Drop-In Surgery would be held at Newton Methodist Church on Saturday 6 June 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

PCSO Brownlee further advised Council Members that he was being recalled to patrol Tibshelf Parish and, whilst he would attend future Meetings of the Blackwell Parish Council, he would no longer be patrolling the Parish Council area.

RESOLVED

1. PCSO Brownlee be thanked for his attendance and report.
2. The Clerk write to the Divisional Commander, Derbyshire Constabulary expressing concern that PCSO Brownlee was being withdrawn from the Blackwell Parish, but highlighting his dedication and commitment towards the residents of the Blackwell Parish area.

30/2009

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Impending provision of Speed Activated Signs at Marathon Hill, Newton/Tibshelf, Alfreton Road, Newton and Primrose Hill, Blackwell.
2. Impending land purchase to complete the Five Pits Trail Link at Newton.
3. Theft of caravans.

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

Councillor I G Cox asked County Councillor Clive Moesby if it would be possible to provide additional trees on the Five Pits Trail at Newton and it was agreed that County Councillor Moesby contact the Derbyshire

County Council Ranger Service to ascertain their views on this particular matter.

31/2009

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S A Gray.

32/2009

**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.

33/2009

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 April 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

34/2009

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council welcomed to the Meeting Councillor B Stocks who had been elected to serve as Member for the Hilcote Ward on 30 April 2009.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that the Blackwell Residents Action Group would be holding a Local History Weekend 16/17 May 2009 at Blackwell Community Centre.

35/2009

ALLOTMENTS

Following a brief report from Councillor N J B Willens and the Clerk **RESOLVED** that their report be discussed as a confidential item at the conclusion of the Councils business.

36/2009

HIGHWAYS

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported for information bus shelter situated at Cragg Lane, Newton had been badly damaged and the removal had been carried out by Bolsover District Council.

The bus shelter was owned by the District Council and would, therefore, be replaced in the near future.

Councillor S J Thorpe queried the removal of the 7.5 ton weight limit on the road bridge at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council to ascertain the current situation with regard to any weight limit on the road bridge at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

The Chairman of the Council commented that the height restriction signs on the Railway Bridge at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses had been removed.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council to ascertain the reason why the height restriction signs had been removed from the Railway Bridge at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

37/2009

PLAYING FIELDS

Councillors A F Tomlinson, Mrs P R Wilkinson and the Clerk reported on their Site Meeting held at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses on 14 April 2009 together with representatives from Groundwork Creswell and RTC Safety Surfaces Limited and that vandalized Play Surfaces had now been satisfactorily repaired.

The Clerk reported for information that “Dog Fouling” stencils had now been received viz. “Pick Up or Pay Up” and the Parish Caretaker would be in contact with the Dog Warden, Bolsover District Council to identify appropriate areas within the Parish where the Signs should be located.

38/2009

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Environmental Services Department, Derbyshire County Council advising the Council of a forthcoming temporary closure of Public Right of Way to Blackwell Footpath 1 (part) Blackwell Footpath 26 (whole) Blackwell Footpath 34 (whole).

This was to facilitate public safety during the laying of a new rising water main by Seven Trent Water Limited.

39/2009

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £31,909.21 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).

40/2009

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that the next Meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Group would be held at Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover on 15 June 2009.

41/2009

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 13/2009 – General Circular – Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 28 February 2009.
2. 14/2009 – The Power of Well Being.
3. 15/2009 - Training
4. 16/2009 - Certificate in Local Council Administration.
5. 17/2009 – Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils Evening.
6. 18/2009 - Action with Communities in Rural England.
7. 19/2009 - Government response to Matthew Taylors Report on issues facing rural communities.
8. 20/2009 - Employment Act 2008.

42/2009

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that the Councils Website was in satisfactory order and that preparations were being made for the publication of the next Council Newsletter.

43/2009

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr F Nesbitt, 4 Alfreton Road, Newton – retention of 1.5/1.8m high gates to front of property – **no objections.**
2. Mr J Phelps, 24 Bamford Street, Newton – 2-storey extension to side and new pitched roof over existing extension to rear of property – **no objections.**
3. Mr D Watson, 29 Main Street, Newton – erection of 2-storey extension on site of existing outbuilding with single storey link – **no objections.**
4. Mrs E Moore, 6 Peveril Road, Tibshelf – erection of field shelter, horse grazing and construction of manege – land to the rear of 2/50 Alfreton Road, Westhouses and 1/29 Tibshelf Road, Westhouses – **not approved.**

Councillors S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson declared a level one interest in the foregoing planning application.

5. Mr I Plastow, Unit 2, Whites Lane, Blackwell – application for certificate of Lawful Existing Use For use as a Vehicle Servicing Centre (including 75% vehicle servicing and 25% MOT business) – **deferred**.

44/2009

PARISH CARETAKER

There were no reports with regard to the Parish Caretaker.

45/2009

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Dennis Skinner MP together with a copy of a letter from Pat McFadden, Minister for Employment Relations and Postal Affairs in which he stated that Post Office Limited was currently seeking applications from potential retail partners who would be interested in running Blackwell Post Office as part of Post Office Limited commitment to reinstating the service to the local community as soon as practically possible.

Councillor A F Tomlinson also reported that he had been in contact with Post Office Limited and also the local shopkeeper concerned with the re-opening of Blackwell Post Office and it had been indicated that the Post Office, when re- opened, would be only open for 16 hours per week but that the shopkeeper had indicated that no cash was forthcoming from Post Office Limited and that he would face a cost of approximately of £15,000.00 to reinstate the postal facilities.

RESOLVED:

- a. The letter from Dennis Skinner MP be noted.
 - b. Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for his report.
2. Civic Pride Limited advising that hanging baskets would be provided within the Parish of Blackwell from June to October 2009 and that all relevant lamp post testing had been carried out.
 3. Equality and Human Rights Commission, Public Sector Duties – these changes would not likely come into force until the latter part of 2011.
 4. North East Derbyshire District Council – North East Derbyshire Development Framework – Councillor N J B Willens agreed to examine this document and comment as appropriate.
 5. Chair of Governors, Newton Primary School requesting the

Council to nominate a Community Governor.

RESOLVED that Councillor R J Sainsbury be nominated Community Governor, Newton Primary School.

6. Chair, Newton Carnival Team requesting the Council to consider allowing the Team on 8th August 2009 to use Charnwood Crescent Playing Field for a Community "Thank You" Party following the Annual Newton Carnival.

RESOLVED that Newton Carnival Team be given permission to use the Charnwood Crescent Playing Field for a Community "Thank You" Party on 8th August 2009.

7. Youth Section Secretary Newton Carnival Team requesting the Council to consider allowing the Youth Section to site a small container on land at the rear of Newton Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the request from the Youth Section Secretary, Newton Carnival Team to site a small container on land at the rear of Newton Community Centre be deferred for a Site Meeting.

The Chairman of the Council declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 6/7 and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor N J B Willens in the Chair for items 6/7.

46/2009

ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as Chairman of the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee, gave a brief overview with regard to the current progress on the site.

The Chairman of the Council reported his recent conversation with Mr K Booth, Shires Development Limited and the nomination of Council Members to a Parish Liaison Committee for the Site.

RESOLVED that Councillors I J A Newham, R J Sainsbury, S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson be appointed to the Parish Liaison Committee.

47/2009

PARISH CLEAN UP

Following a report from the Chairman of the Council **RESOLVED** that inspection be carried out of all villages within the Parish to identify "Grot Spots". It was also agreed that local Residents Groups be involved.

48/2009

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN TO CIVIL EMERGENCIES

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council

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.

49/2009**ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor N J B Willens gave a brief overview of his attendance at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association of a number of minor procedural items which had occurred.

The Clerk also reported that he had written to the Legal Consultant, National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association requesting his opinion on the items raised together with the non-acceptance of Allotment Rent.

RESOLVED that when the letter from the Legal Consultant, National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association is received it be discussed at an appropriate Meeting of the Council.

50/2009**MEETING**

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 1 June 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.25 p.m.