

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 10 May 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: Mrs S A Gray: 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.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO S Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary, Miss E Williams, Project Manager, Learner Support Office, Chesterfield College and five Parishioners.

25/2010

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011

RESOLVED that Councillor D G B Bullock be Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2010/2011.

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ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be Vice-Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2010/2011.

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWTON/BLACKWELL ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be the Councils representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association for the year 2010/2011.

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011.

RESOLVED That Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson be the Councils representative to the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee for the year 2010/2011.

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OPEN FORUM

Mrs J Smith, Newton thanked Council Members for their swift response in providing a dog waste bin at the entrance to the North Street/South Street Play Area, Newton.

30/2010

MISS E WILLIAMS, PROJECT MANAGER, LEARNER SUPPORT OFFICE CHESTERFIELD

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Miss Emily Williams, Project Manager, Learner Support Office, Chesterfield who gave a short presentation on Raising Aspirations in Bolsover.

Miss Williams advised Council Members that raising aspirations was a community based project funded by Bolsover District Council which aimed to support local residents who are currently unemployed or economically inactive but are interested in exploring routes in to work or taking part in training/education. The Project would address issues around low confidence, motivation and access to support. The eligible participants would need to live within the Bolsover area, be aged over 19 and be currently unemployed. The Course would be delivered over 16 weeks by experienced staff who know the local area and the Project provided one to one assessment and action planning. Achievement of an accredited qualification, access to specialised advice and guidance on areas such as debt, housing, healthy eating and benefits, one to one mentoring and positive progression in to employment, training, volunteering, self employment, apprenticeship or work placements.

Council Members asked Miss Williams questions which were all satisfactorily answered.

RESOLVED that Miss Emily Williams, Project Manager, Learner Support Officer, Chesterfield be thanked for her attendance and report.

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POLICE MATTERS

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

1. Crime figures to 30 April 2010.
2. Nuisance incidents to 30 April 2010.
3. Police Drop-In Surgeries would be held at:
 - a. Hilcote Community Centre - Wednesday 19 May 2010 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 - b. Newton Methodist Church - Saturday 5 June 2010 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (refreshments and breakfast available at a small charge)

PCSO Swaby also advised Council Members of joint Police action with Derbyshire County Council Youth Service and Bolsover District Council Ranger Service to try and eliminate problems caused by groups of youths congregating in Newton on a Friday evening.

The Chairman of the Council and Councillors P Stocks and Mrs P R Wilkinson thanked PCSO Swaby for the assistance which he had given at recent village events held at Newton, Hilcote and Westhouses.

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. Proposals for improved road signage adjacent to the low bridge at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
2. SATS test refusal at Westhouses Primary School.
3. Grants to various village organisations at Hilcote.
4. OZ Box Project on Thursday evenings at Newton Methodist Chapel.
5. Proposed crossing Five Pits Trail/Silverhill Trail, Main Street, Newton.

Councillor I G Cox advised County Councillor C R Moesby that there were loose kerbstones at the junction of Hall Lane/Main Street, Newton and County Councillor Moesby undertook to deal with this matter at County Offices.

In response to a question from Councillor R J Sainsbury, County Councillor Moesby also advised that he would make enquiries with regard to when the contract for clearing the ditch along the Five Pits Trail between Main Street/Alfreton Road, Newton would likely to commence.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Lomas.

34/2010

**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.

35/2010

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 April 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

36/2010

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that Newton Community Association had provided new permanent and fixed cinema equipment in the Councils Newton Community Centre and this was officially inaugurated on Thursday 29 April 2010.

The Chairman congratulated all Members of the Association in their efforts to raise funding for this film equipment.

37/2010

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported receipt of two estimates for the provision of palisade type fencing at The Ridge Allotments, Blackwell.

1. F H Brundell, Ilkeston - £1089.54 (plus VAT) but not installed.
2. H W Martin Fencing Contractors Limited - £1816.50 supplied and erected plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the estimate from H W Martin Fencing Contractors Limited in the sum of £1816.50 plus VAT be accepted.

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that Mr J Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council would be carrying out a further inspection of the Littelmoor Lane Allotments, Newton on 12 May 2010.

Following a suggestion from the Chairman of the Council, Councillor S J Thorpe also be in attendance.

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HIGHWAYS

There were no reports with regard to Highways.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Environmental Contracts Officer, Bolsover District Council for grass cutting at all seven of the Councils Playing Fields. The quotation for the year 2010/2011 was £3137.91 (excluding VAT).

RESOLVED that the estimate from Bolsover District Council for grass cutting at all seven of the Councils Recreation Areas in the sum of £3137.91 (plus VAT) be accepted.

Councillors A F Tomlinson and Mrs S A Gray declared a personal interest in the foregoing item.

Following a request from the Chairman of the Council it was agreed the use by various football teams of the Councils football pitches be discussed at the June 2010 Meeting of the Council.

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FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Senior Engineer, Bolsover District Council and the letter was addressed to the owners of Newton Old Hall and it concerned the boundary wall adjacent to the George and Dragon Public House, Newton.

The report highlighted that a substantial section of wall had already collapsed on to the adjoining children's Play Area which belonged to the George and Dragon Public House and the Engineer had serious concerns as to the structural stability of parts of the remaining wall structure immediately either side of this collapsed section.

Bolsover District Council had a duty under the terms of the Building Act 1984, Section 77 advising the owners of the wall that immediate action to remove the danger must be taken and to ensure that all work was carried out within 28 days from the date of the letter which was 15 April 2010.

The Clerk further reported receipt of a notification from Derbyshire County Council indicating that works would commence on 26 April 2010 on the proposed crossing for the Five Pits and Silverhill Trails, Newton Road, Newton.

41/2010

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £17,223.38 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

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information his attendance at a Meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Committee on 26 April 2010 and that the three main items of discussion were:

1. Purchase of Energy. Bob Truswell of Bolsover District Council was aiming to collect usage figures for gas and electricity at each consuming location (in the case of the Parish Council, Community Centres and Sports Pavilions) the purpose was to buy energy as a package for Parish, Town and District Councils in Bolsover, Bassetlaw and North East Derbyshire. The energy would be brought forward in parcels covering say one month at a time as the deal attractive up to three years in advance.
2. Purchase of Insurance. John Yates, Chairman,

Standards Committee Bolsover District Council was collecting data to see if a similar deal could be done with insurance.

3. Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Ian Collis, Planning Policy Manager, Bolsover District Council introduced the latest version of the District Councils preferred options for development over the period up to 2026, apart from two specific sites in Clowne and Bolsover, the document dealt in general terms. Residential development would be confined to the four towns of Bolsover, Clowne, Shirebrook and South Normanton and the main villages of Barlborough, Creswell, Pinxton, Tibshelf, Whitwell some development was foreseen at Bramley Vale/Doe Lea, Hodthorpe, Langwith/Whalley Thorns, New Houghton and Shuttlewood. Only limited development and infilling would be permitted in other villages including those within the Parish of Blackwell.

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:

1. 19/2010 – Derbyshire County Training Programme
2. 20/2010 – Additional Training Summer 2010.
3. 21/2010 – Registering your Parish Council property with Land Registry.
4. 22/2010 – New powers for Local Councils to boost affordable rural housing.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

The Chairman of the Council requested Council Members to provide items for inclusion in the next Council Newsletter.

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PLANS

1. The Clerk reported receipt of one letter from the Development Control Manager, Bolsover District Council advising that the Planning Application submitted by Mr and Mrs A Steward, 4 Church Hill, Blackwell for the demolition of a factory building and erection of a new dwelling had been withdrawn.
2. Letter from the Planning Policy Manager, Bolsover District Council, Local Development Framework Interim Sustainability appraisal advising that any comments on the Appraisal were to be submitted by 1 July 2010.
3. Letter from the Heritage Conservation Manager, Bolsover

District Council giving notice of adoption of the Blackwell/Newton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

4. Letter from the Planning Policy Manager, Bolsover District Council with regard to the Bolsover Green Space Strategy Community Workshops one of which was to be held at South Normanton Post Mill Centre on Wednesday 29 May 2010.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Blackwell Residents Action Group, when the Mining Memorial is finally installed in the village of Blackwell for the Council to accept responsibility for insurance and maintenance thereon.

RESOLVED the request from Blackwell Residents Action Group with regard to the proposed Mining Memorial at Blackwell, when this has been installed the Council, accept the responsibility for maintenance and insurance.

2. Notice of Audit – Notice of Audit had been received from the District Auditor and the Clerk was able to confirm that the Internal Audit had satisfactorily carried out. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Annual Governance Statement be approved:

1. The Council prepared its Accounting Statements in the way prescribed by law.
2. The Council made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. The Council had only done things that it has the legal powers to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.
4. The Council during the year had given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the Councils accounts.
5. The Council considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6. The Council arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the Council and reviewed the impact of this work.
7. The Council responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. The Council disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson reported for information that the next Meeting of the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee would take place on 26 May 2010.

48/2010 **STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/RISK ASSESSMENT**

RESOLVED that the Councils Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment for 2010/2011 be approved.

49/2010 **MEETING**

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close Blackwell on Monday 7 June 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 advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

50/2010 **MR R WALKER – PART-TIME PARISH CARETAKER**

Following a report from the Clerk **RESOLVED** that the hourly rate of pay for Mr R Walker, Part-Time Parish Caretaker be in line with that paid by Derbyshire County Council at £7.11 per hour effective from 1 April 2010.

51/2010 **COUNCIL INSURANCE 2010/2011**

The Clerk reported that he had received the Schedule of Insurance from the Councils current Insurance Allianz in the sum of £9440.37.

The Clerk further advised Council Members that he had been contact with Came Company, Odiham, Hampshire, Parish Council Insurers, and underwritten by Aviva and they had quoted an Insurance Renewal based on a three year fixed contract of £6839.53.

RESOLVED that the Insurance Premium quoted by Came and Company, underwritten by Aviva in the sum of £6839.53 be accepted.

The Meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.