

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors D G B Bullock: T J Gascoyne : S Gill : C R Moesby : A Naylor: I J A Newham : R J Sainsbury.

26/2017

ALSO PRESENT

18 Parishioners.

27/2017

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be elected Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2017/2018

Councillor Willens signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

28/2017

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be elected Vice Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2017/2018.

Councillor Newham signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

29/2017

COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWTON/BLACKWELL ALLOTMENT & LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be the Councils representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association for the year 2017/2018.

30/2017

COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be the Councils representative to the Doe Hill Community Park Committee for the year 2017/2018

31/2017

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Cox, Mrs C Munks, R A Poulter and B Stocks

The Chairman advised Council Members that due to continued ill health Councillor Mrs C Munks had missed six consecutive Meetings of the Council, she had submitted her apologies for each missed Meeting

Following advice given by the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs C Munks remain a Member of the Council and that her situation would be reviewed at the next Meeting of the Council.

32/2017

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman reminded Council Members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in subsequent Agenda items in accordance with the Parish Councils Code of Conduct. Interest that became apparent at a later stage in the proceedings could be declared at that time.

33/2017

PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Ms S Jakymelon, Blackwell, suggested to Council Members that consideration should be given to the Council to become trustees of the former Blackwell Miners Welfare and also to secure funding to refurbish the premises.

With regard to reopening the premises she was advised by the Chairman that this would not be possible as the Council would not be operating licensed premises and added that there was already a Community Centre in Blackwell

Councillor T J Gascoigne also advised Ms Jakymelon that a Meeting of the Blackwell Residents Action Group would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 6 pm, and suggested to her that along with her fellow residents she attend that Meeting. It was possible that Residents Action Group would be able to give advice and assistance regarding an approach to CISWO with positive proposals for the future of the Blackwell Miners Welfare.

Mr R Berry-Hopkins, Westhouses, suggested that the Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses be renamed Tibshelf Road Memorial Playing Field. It was agreed the Clerk check through the deeds relating to the Playing Field and to ensure there was no covenants in place with regard to the possible renaming of the Playing Field.

Ms J Page, Westhouses advised Council members that Ms L Hilton was now Chairman of the Positive Westhouses Residents Group.

She further advised of fund raising with regard to the possible purchase of the former BRSA Club Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

34/2017

POLICE MATTERS

Council Members noted that there was no Police presence at the Meeting however, Councillor I J A Newham had researched the Derbyshire Constabulary web site and handed to Council Members a copy of the document showing how to access the Police website.

35/2017

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members that following the elections on 4 May 2017 the majority party on the County Council was now Conservative but no decision had been made regarding the appointment of Leader of the Authority or any Cabinet Members.

The Chairman congratulated County Councillor C R Moesby on being re-elected to Derbyshire County Council to serve the Tibshelf Division.

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

36/2017

COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK

Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that the Annual Meeting of the Bolsover District Council would take place on 17 May 2017

RESOLVED that Councillor D G B Bullock be thanked for his attendance and report.

37/2017

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 April 2017 were approved and signed as correct record

38/2017

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerk reported that there were no confidential items for discussion

39/2017

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Council Members that an invitation had been received from the Chairman, Bolsover District Council, for

Council Members to attend the Annual Charity Brass Band Concert which would be held on 12 May 2017.

40/2017

HS2 Ltd

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from HS2 Limited requesting the Councils permission to carry out a survey in connection with the construction of HS2 and access would be required at Pasture Lane Recreation Ground, Hilcote, of which the Council were currently trustees.

RESOLVED that approval be given to HS2 Limited to access Pasture Lane Recreation Ground, Hilcote, for survey purposes in connection with the construction of HS2.

41/2017

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported for information

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Allotment-holders Association was held at Blackwell Community Centre on 26 April 2017 and all Committee Members were re-elected

2. The monthly meeting of the Allotment-Holders Association to be held on the last Tuesday of each month.

42/2017

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from Severn Trent Water Ltd regarding repairs to the manhole cover at Primrose Hill, Blackwell. Council Members noted that the work was still outstanding.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Council Members that a programme of redressing roads within the Parish of Blackwell was currently being carried out.

43/2017

PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported for information that he would be meeting the Managing Director, Groundwork Creswell, on 11 May 2017, to ascertain the current situation with regard to the provision of new play equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

Following a short discussion **RESOLVED** that the pitch fees for Charnwood Crescent/Scanderlands football pitches for the season 2017/2018 be £275.

The Clerk reported a receipt of an email from the Play Grounds and Open Spaces Warden, Bolsover District Council, stating that all play equipment at the Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell, was fit for purpose.

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the Councils Solicitors with regard to a suggestion that CISWO make a contribution towards the survey of the boundary wall of the cricket pitch/football pitch adjacent to Blackwell Miners Welfare.

The solicitors pointed out that CISWO had no funding available for such a survey or any remedial work that might be necessary.

Following further discussions it was agreed the Clerk speak to the Engineers Department, Bolsover District Council, to ascertain if it was possible for them to carry out a survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

44/2017

FOOTPATHS

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that there were a number of pot holes on the public bridleway Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council, requesting that the pot-holes on the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell be repaired as soon as possible.

45/2017

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of Accounts for Payment totaling £5754-51p and it was agreed that these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Council Members for their inspection

1. Copy of the Councils Bank Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Councils Audit Form confirming the Councils current financial position.
3. Copy of the Councils Bank Statement.
4. List of Direct Debit Payments.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England 2017) (2011/817)

The Clerk handed to each Member present a copy of the Councils redacted Accounts for Payment.

The Clerk further advised Council Members that the first half of the Precept for the Financial Year 2017/2018 was paid in to the Councils Bank Account on 30 April 2017.

Following a brief report from the Chairman **RESOLVED** that £10,000.00 be deposited into the Councils Public Sector CCLA Fund.

46/2017

BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Bolsover Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting scheduled to take place on 22 May 2017 had now been cancelled. The next meeting would take place on 17 July 2017.

47/2017

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported receipt of the following Derbyshire Association of local council circulars:-

1. 5/2017 DCLG – Guidance on Transparency Funding for Authorities with a turnover of over £25,000.00/ National Living Wage new rates from 1 April 2017 etc.

2. 06/2017 Devolution of Services to Parishes etc.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk reported on their attendance at the DALC Spring Seminar held at Lumb Farm, Ripley, on 27 April 2017. The topic for discussion was “Communication”.

48/2017

QUALITY STATUS PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily and that contributions were required for the Councils Newsletter by no later than 30 May 2017.

49/2017

PLANS

The following plans were submitted and determined as indicated,

1. 17/00165/TC0N – Mr A Hoggard to fell five trees - land between 1 and 1A Manor Close Newton - **No objections.**

Councillor N J B Willens declared an interest in the foregoing planning application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

2. Mr and Mrs D Hartson 7 Thurgaton Way, Newton – 2 storey

extension to side and first floor extension to rear of property

No objections.

3. Mr S Turner 15 Glinton Avenue, Blackwell – 2 storey extension to side of property. **No objections**

Councillor T J Gascoyne declared personal interest in the foregoing planning application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk reported that the following Planning Applications had been approved by Bolsover District Council

1. 17/00057/OUT – Mr I Lancashire - renewal of outline planning permission - 13/00517 for the erection of four dwellings on land to the rear of Littlemoor Farm, Littlemoor Lane, Newton

2. 16/00513/FUL Ms M Wilson – change of use of land to provide a three pitch traveler site – land of west of “Bareen” bungalow and north of “Hilcote Farm”, Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

The Chairman advised Council Members with regard to this planning application strict guidelines had been issued to the applicant by the Planning Department, Bolsover District Council, and failure to conform to any of these would result in appropriate action being taken.

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the Planning Manager, Bolsover District Council with regard to Planning Application 14/00188/FUL MAJ – Mr P Leverton - Storage Area Blackwell Tip.

In light of concerns expressed by Members of the Parish Council the Planning Manager had suggested that investigations take place with the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council to impose a weight restriction through the village of Hilcote.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, requesting that consideration be given to imposing a weight restriction through the village of Hilcote.

Council Members also noted that the Planning Manager, Bolsover District Council had indicated that he would be prepared to attend a future meeting of the Council to give an overview of planning procedures

The Clerk further reported receipt of an e mail from Development Control, Bolsover District Council with regard to the proposed removal of twenty eight pay phones within the Bolsover District and an indication had been given by BritishTelecom that in view of the number of pay phones to be removed in England it was likely that

this project would take approximately to take two years to complete.

The Chairman advised Council Members that following the appeal by Wheeldon Brothers Limited regarding Planning Application 15/00653/OUT – proposed development of up to 80 dwellings including means of access from Cragg Lane, Newton, on land between, Priory Way, Weavers Court and Strutt Close and adjoining the East side of Cragg Lane, Newton, the Planning Inspectorate had made an unannounced visit to the site following objections raised by the Council and local residents to this Planning Application.

50/2017

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of an email from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England concerning the Electoral Review of Bolsover and the draft recommendations. There were to be no alterations with regard to the number of Councillors serving on both the District Council and Blackwell Parish Council or the ward boundaries.

51/2017

BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

Councillor T J Gascoyne reported for information on his discussions with Local Residents Groups and the Head Teacher, Westhouses Primary School, with regard to the possible provision of a multi-user purpose building at the School.

The Chairman advised Councillor Gascoyne that at this juncture the Council could only offer moral support to the project but possible financial support could be forthcoming in the Financial Year 2018/2019.

52/2017

DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information that he had carried out a site inspection at Doe Hill Community Park and everything was in order.

He also advised Council Members that the new litter bin provided by Tibshelf Parish Council had been installed.

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STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/RISK ASSESSMENT/GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

RESOLVED that the Councils Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Risk Assessment/General Power of Competence for the year 2017/2018 be approved.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils to obtain appropriate templates for Standing

Orders/Financial Regulations/Risk Assessment/General Power of Competence

54/2017

MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 5 June 2017 at 7.pm.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45.pm.