

# BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Blackwell on Monday 3 November 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

## PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: Mrs S A Gray: J Lomas: C R Moesby: E P Newell: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: S J Thorpe: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens:

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## ALSO PRESENT

Pc Lorna Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary and 10 parishioners.

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## OPEN FORUM

**Mrs D Willens, Newton** congratulated Council Members on the redecoration etc. of both Blackwell and Newton Community Centres.

Speaking on behalf of Newton Community Association she also advised Council Members that the Multi-User Sports Unit, located at the Council's Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, was almost complete and the cost was approximately £60,000.00.

In answer to a question from Councillor I G Cox, Mrs Willens advised him that no application had been made for the provision of floodlighting the Sports Unit.

**Mrs K Childs, Blackwell** thanked County Councillor Clive Moesby for additional funding which he had provided for the Blackwell Mother and Toddler Group.

She further queried the temporary closure of Blackwell Sub-Post Office and she was advised by the Clerk he had already taken the matter up with the local MP who was, in turn, pursuing the matter with the Minister responsible for Post Offices.

**Mr W Parr, Blackwell** asked the Police Officer present if there were any restrictions with regard to the speed of disability scooters.

PC Evans advised him that currently there was no law enforcement regarding disability scooters.

Mr Parr further advised Council Members that one or two car owners resident on Fernbank Close, Blackwell were accessing Alfreton Road from that particular location and requested consideration be given to the provision of an extra bollard to deter motorists using it as a cut-through.

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Mr Parr that he would take this matter up with the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council.

**Mr D Lewis, Blackwell** advised Council Members that access to the Silverhill Trail via Gloves Lane, Blackwell was becoming restricted due to overhanging hedgerows.

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Mr Lewis that he would pursue his complaint with the Footpaths Officer at Derbyshire County Council.

**Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell** advised Council Members that he had now received his copy of the "In Touch" magazine published by Bolsover District Council.

He further queried the stile which was located at Footpath No. 4 and County Councillor Clive Moesby advised him that he would query his concerns with the Footpaths Officer at Derbyshire County Council.

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**POLICE MATTERS**

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

1. Crime figures for October 2008.
2. Nuisance incidents for October 2008.

PC Evans also outlined to Council Members:

1. Action being taken regarding teenagers congregating outside Newton Community Centre.
2. A joint operation between Derbyshire Constabulary and the Derbyshire Countryside Ranger Service on the Blackwell Trail and that five Section 59 warnings had been issued to off-road motorcyclists.

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

**151/2008**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. County Councillor Members Surgery to be held at Blackwell Community Centre – 22 November, 6 December 2008. Newton Community Centre – 8 November, 13 December 2008 and he hoped that a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team would be present plus the local MP.
2. The winter programme for the gritting of all major highways within Derbyshire.
3. Sex Education in Schools.
4. Sunday opening during December of the Library in Chesterfield.
5. Adult Health and Wellbeing.
6. Delay in Derbyshire County Council taking over from the Police Matters relevant to parking issues.
7. Trusted Trader Scheme launch date – 17 November 2008.

8. Hate crime.
9. Traffic Survey at Hilcote had been completed and he would submit a report to the next Meeting of the Council.
10. The current issue of the Gold Magazine.

In answer to a question from Councillor I G Cox, County Councillor Moesby advised him that the installation of new weight restriction road-signs was imminent at Newtonwood Lane/Main Street, Newton.

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

**152/2008**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A F Tomlinson.

**153/2008**

**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.

**154/2008**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 October 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of apologies were received from Councillor Mrs S A Gray.

**155/2008**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members:

1. The Annual Remembrance Day Service would take place at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 9 November 2008 at 3.00 p.m.
2. The Annual Pantomime to be held at Newton/Blackwell Community Centres would be held on Monday 1 December 2008 – 10.00 a.m./1.30 p.m. respectively.

**156/2008**

**ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils representative on the Allotment Holders Association reported for information that the Association was carrying out a review of fencing requirements at Blackwell/Newton

Allotments and would also be reviewing the Allotment Charges for the

next financial year.

**157/2008**

**HIGHWAYS**

Councillor E P Newell advised Council Members that the Footpath to the rear of Cokefield Terrace, Hilcote was overgrown.

Councillor C Moesby informed him that this was a Bolsover District Council responsibility and that he would speak with the appropriate Officer to try and ensure that the pathway was clear.

In response to a number of complaints from Council Members regarding the gulleys along Cragg Lane, Newton.

Councillor C Moesby further agreed to pursue the matter with the appropriate Officer at Bolsover District Council.

Councillor Mrs S A Gray advised Councillor C Moesby of her concerns regarding access for motorized scooter users on the pavement at Pasture Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor Moesby advised her that he would speak with the appropriate Officer at Derbyshire County Council.

**158/2008**

**PLAYING FIELDS**

**RESOLVED** that the provision of Litter Bins within the Parish of Blackwell be an Agenda Item for the Council Meeting to be held on 1 December 2008.

**159/2008**

**FOOTPATHS**

Following a number of complaints from Council Members with regard to the waterlogged state of Public Footpath 3 and 25, Councillor C Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor agreed to contact the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council with a view to endeavouring to resolve the problems that had been mentioned.

**160/2008**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £7,178.75 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 furnished for Members information a copy of the Bolsover District Council Regeneration Strategy Investment in People and Place

2008/2020.

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**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 45/2008 – Climate Change.
2. 46/2008 – Membership of DALC and NALC.
3. 47/2008 – Freedom of Information Act – New Model Publication Scheme.

Following a report from the Clerk regarding the New Model Publication Scheme

**RESOLVED** that the Scheme as recommended from the Information Commissioner be adopted.

4. 48/2008 – NALC response to Election Day – Weekend Consultation in process.
5. 49/2008 – Quality Parish/Town Council Scheme – Training Course.

**RESOLVED** the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to attend the Training Course to be held at the Parish Rooms, Elvaston Street, Draycott on Tuesday 18 November 2008.

6. 50/2008 – Communities in control – Real People Real Power.

Councillor I J A Newham gave an overview of the Consultation Document issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government which could give communities the power to make local laws to tackle issues like community safety, vandalism and public nuisance.

7. 51/2008 – Banking crisis.

It was further agreed that Councillor I J A Newham, S J Thorpe, Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens be authorised to attend a crash course on the planning system to be held at the Town Hall, Bakewell – 11 March 2009.

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**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman of the Council reported for information the Councils Web-Site was now operational and the Councils News-letter - 99% had been delivered to all households within the Parish of Blackwell and he further reminded Council Members that the dead-line for the next issue was 12 December 2008.

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**PLANS**

The following Plan was submitted and determined as indicated:

Mrs S Shaw, 9 Manor Close, Newton – single-storey extension to rear of

property – **no objections.**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Planning Control Section, Derbyshire County Council that Planning Permission had been granted on 13 October 2008 for the extraction of coal by open-cast methods and reclamation of the former Engine Sheds, Railway Sidings and Mineral Railway Embankment to agricultural and amenity after use at the Engine Reclamation Site off Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.

Councillor Mrs S A Gray declared and personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing Planning Application and left the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

**165/2008**

**PARISH CARETAKER**

The Clerk reported for information his conversation with the Council's Part Time Parish Caretaker who had expressed his satisfaction with his Contract of Employment.

**166/2008**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to Bolsover District Council regarding the recruitment of Members to the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership and to the Bolsover District Councils Standards Committee.

**RESOLVED**

1. Councillor S J Thorpe be nominated to the Local Strategic Partnership Executive Support Group
2. Councillor N J B Willens be nominated on the Local Strategic Partnership Board.
3. Councillor R J Sainsbury as representative on the Bolsover District Council Standards Committee.

Following a report from the Clerk with regard to the installation of UPVC cladding at Blackwell Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that this be included in the precept for the financial year 2009/2010.

Councillor I G Cox declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing item.

**167/2008**

**BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Following a report from the Clerk it was agreed that organisations using Newton Community Centre be allowed to hang Christmas Decorations etc. from the ceiling of the Centre but nothing was to be attached to the walls.

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**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 1 December 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.