

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Community Centre, Hilcote on Monday 2 November 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: J Lomas: C R Moesby (left the Meeting at 7.30.pm): R J Sainsbury: S J Thorpe (left the Meeting at 8.15.pm): A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

Mr J Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council, PCSO Fearn Barnett, Derbyshire Constabulary and eight Parishioners.

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OPEN FORUM

Mr J Lander, Newton advised Council Members that a quantity of asbestos had been recovered from the Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton and of the difficulty of disposing of this item.

Councillor Clive Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Mr Lander that he would make appropriate enquiries at Derbyshire County Council to see if safe disposal of the asbestos could be carried out by the County Council.

Mr Lander also requested that the Council give consideration to providing a skip on the Littlemoor Lane Allotments but he was advised by the Chairman of the Council there were no funds available in the current years budget but consideration might be given when the Council set its Precept for the financial year 2010/2011.

Mrs K Puris, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns regarding an unknown individual seen on a regular basis along Cragg Lane, Newton.

PCSO Fearn Barnett advised Mrs Puris the Police were well aware of the individual concerned. He was in fact a resident of South Normanton and the Police did not consider him to be a danger to the public.

Mrs S Bingham, Newton advised Council Members of her concerns regarding photographs being taken by the Councils representative on the Allotment Association of her replacement greenhouse at Littlemoor Lane Allotments.

Mr A Maris, Newton advised Council Members of the noise, nuisance etc. being caused by groups of youths congregating outside Newton Community Centre and of the disturbance being caused to adjoining property owners.

PCSO Fearn Barnett advised Mr Maris the police had increased patrols in the area and the names and addresses of one or two of the individuals were known.

Councillor Clive Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, agreed to look in to the possibility of a joint sponsorship by Derbyshire County Council and the Parish Council for the provision of CCTV at the junction of Main Street, Littlemoor Lane/Hall Lane, Newton.

It was agreed that funding for such a scheme be considered when the Council sets its Precept for 2010/2011.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Fearn Barnett, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 31 October 2009
2. Nuisance Incidents to 31 October 2009.
3. The next Police Drop-in Surgery would be held at Newton Methodist Church on Saturday 7 November 2009 10.00 a.m./12 noon (refreshments and breakfast available at a small charge).

PCSO Barnett further commented that she was leaving the Police Force and moving to Derbyshire County Council Youth Service.

RESOLVED that PCSO Fearn Barnett be thanked for her attendance and report and Council Members extended their good wishes to her in her future employment.

The Chairman of the Council and Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that the regular Beat Officer, PC Lorna Evans, was going in to hospital on 13 November 2009 for minor surgery and would not be back at work until January 2010.

They further advised Council Members that cover would be given by PC Adam Galley during the absence of PC Evans and interviews were also taking place for four Police Community Support Officers who, it was hoped, would be in post by January 2010.

RESOLVED the Chairman of the Council and Councillor A F Tomlinson be thanked for their report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Provision of a dropped kerb at Sherwood Street, Newton.
2. Building work had started in South Normanton to transform a disused football pitch in to "The Hub"

which was an ambitious new community development which, when completed, would incorporate a Children's Centre/GP Surgery/Bolsover District Council Contact Centre/Office for South Normanton Parish Council/New Library etc.

3. 25 plus vehicle watch.
4. Funding for local groups to apply for a grant of up to £1,000.00 towards transport running costs etc.
5. Winter Gritting Programme.
6. Transport Management Plan, road closure on behalf of Newton Carnival Team for the Annual Street Fayre and Christmas Lights Switch-on on 27 November 2009.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I J A Newham and B Stocks.

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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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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 October 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

165/2009

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members:

1. Annual Remembrance Day Service to be held at Newton Community Centre – Sunday 8 November 2009 at 3.00 p.m. and Mr J Frost, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, a veteran of World War 2 would be laying a wreath of behalf of the Council.
2. Annual Pantomime Newton/Blackwell Community Centres – Monday 7 December 2009 at 10.00 a.m./1.30 p.m. and the Pantomime this year would be "Aladdin".

3. Community Response Plan **RESOLVED** this be an Agenda item for the Council Meeting to be held on 4 January 2010.
4. Newton Carnival Team –
 - a. Community Bonfire/Firework display – Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton – 5 November 2009 at 7.00 p.m.
 - b. Annual Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-on 27 November 2009.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that Blackwell Post Office would be operating on a part-time basis from Blackwell Community Centre with effect from 26th January 2010.

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ALLOTMENTS

Mr J Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council attended the Meeting and advised Council Members that, along with Councillor S J Thorpe, an inspection had been carried out of the Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton on 21 October 2009 and the Allotments were found to be in good order.

Following a suggestion from Mr Yates, it was agreed he carry out a further inspection in April 2010.

The Chairman of the Council reported receipt of a further letter from Dennis Rye Ltd. complaining about Allotment Holders walking across his land which adjoins the Allotments leased from Chatsworth Trustees at Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

The Clerk advised Council Members that he had spoken with the Legal Advisor at the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Limited who advised that “as Allotment Holders had been walking over land owned by Dennis Rye Limited in excess of 25 years a prescriptive right of way exists and if challenged the Council **RESOLVES** to make a compulsory hiring of the land in dispute pursuant to the provisions of Section 25, Section 39 (2) (7) Small Holding and Allotments 1908.”

RESOLVED the Clerk reply appropriately to the letter from Dennis Rye Limited.

The Chairman of the Council also reported receipt of a letter from an Allotment Holder concerning Plot 56 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

RESOLVED this letter be discussed as a confidential item at the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

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HIGHWAYS

There were no reports with regard to Highways.

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PLAYING FIELDS

There were no reports with regard to Playing Fields.

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FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Bolsover Countryside Partnership Ranger Service advising that they had carried out cut-backs of excess foliage etc. on the Gloves Lane/Silverhill Trail, Blackwell.

Following a report from Councillors S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson

RESOLVED the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department with regard to the clearing of excess undergrowth currently encroaching on to the pavement on Alfreton Road between Westhouses and Blackwell.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £8381.57 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished for Members information:

1. Copy of the Council's 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 on his attendance at a Meeting of the Councils Liaison Group which was held on 26 October 2009, the Agenda Items were Big Lottery Fund Presentation, Community Voluntary Partners Update, Marches Energy and Service Level Agreement Citizens Panel.

Councillor Willens also reported for information on his attendance at a Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Focus Group Meeting held on 21 October 2009.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 53/2009 – Quarterly Employment Tips.
2. 54/2009 – The Power of Well-Being.
3. 55/2009 – Local Accessibility Partnerships.
4. 56/2009 – East Midlands Allotment Officers Forum.
5. 57/2009 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership.
6. 58/2009 – Council Tax Bill Format.
7. 59/2009 – Derbyshire Constabulary – Policing of Parades/Events.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Clerk reported for information that the difficulties which had been encountered with the person responsible for maintaining the Councils Web-Site had now been resolved and that the Web-site would be updated within the next 7/14 days.

The Chairman of the Council also reported for information that the Councils Newsletter was now available for distribution.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr R Collins, land on North side of 73 Sherwood Street, Newton – erection of a 3 storey dwelling – **no objections.**
2. Mrs E Cathcart, 6 New Street, Newton – retention of wooden playhouse on an elevated platform to rear of property – **no objections subject to neighbours being consulted.**

175/2009

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Head Teacher, Westhouses Primary School – installation of finger direction sign at the corner of the Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to the installation of a finger direction sign at the corner of the Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

2. Bolsover District Council, Parish Council Training 2009/2010.

RESOLVED that Parish Council Training be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 December 2009 at 6.15 p.m.

3. Bolsover District Council BT Telephone Kiosk Consultation (Cragg Lane, Newton).

RESOLVED the Council confirm its previous decision not to adopt the BT Telephone Kiosk situated at Cragg Lane, Newton and that British Telecom be requested to repair the equipment therein.

4. Bolsover District Council, Newton and Blackwell Conservation Area Stakeholder Meetings held on 22 October 2009.

The Chairman of the Council and Councillor A F Tomlinson reported for information of their attendance at the Meeting and of comments which were made to the Conservation Officers, Bolsover District Council.

5. Derbyshire County Council, North East Derbyshire Accessibility Partnerships Development Fund.

The Clerk reported for information that this information had been passed to the four Residents Groups within the Parish of Blackwell.

6. Audit Commission Annual Return 31 March 2009.

The Clerk reported for information that the District Auditor was satisfied with the Councils Accounts and had signed them off accordingly.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillors A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson reported for information that coal would be moved by train from the site and of action taken by Environmental Officers in removing water voles to a safer location.

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PRECEPT

The Chairman of the Council requested Members to give consideration to items for possible discussion for the Precept which would be set at a Meeting of the Council in January 2010.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 December 2009.

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.

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LITTLEMOOR LANE ALLOTMENTS, NEWTON

Consideration was given to a letter written by a local resident with regard to Plot 56 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

RESOLVED that Mr J Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council interview all parties concerned with regard to the Allotments and report to a future Meeting of the Council.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.