

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell, on Monday 7 November 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: C R Moesby (from 7.25 p.m): Mrs C Munks: I J A Newham: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks: A F Tomlinson and L Walker.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and three Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs C Munks advised Council Members that, as a District Councillor, she was a Member of the Planning Committee, Bolsover District Council and would not take part in the discussion or decision with regard to any Planning Applications brought before the Council Meeting. (Minute 161/2011 refers)

Councillor N J B Willens advised Council Members that, as the owner/occupier of a property Green Farm, 8 Alfreton Road, Newton, he would take no part in the discussion and decision with regard to the Planning Application thereon. (Minute 161/2011 refers)

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell asked Council Members if any information was forthcoming with regard to the proposed road closure at Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell.

He was advised by the Clerk that notification has been received from "A One Integrated Highway Services", advising that the over bridge situated on Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell involved certain repairs and that Huthwaite Lane, would be closed from 14 November 2011 to 4 December 2011. Minute 163/2011 refers).

Mr O Goodison. Blackwell advised Council Members that the flashing lights on the 20 mph signs at Primrose Hill were not working. He was

advised by the Chairman that this matter would be dealt with by County Councillor Clive Moesby who would be attending the Meeting later.

Mr D Purdy, Blackwell, speaking on behalf of the Blackwell Residents Action Group, suggested that a Christmas Tree be located adjacent to the Mining Memorial at Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

He was advised by the Chairman and the Clerk that the necessary permissions would have to be obtained from:

1. Bolsover District Council on whose land the Mining Memorial was situated.
2. The relevant electricity supply company.

A Risk Assessment should be carried out and it was suggested that the foregoing items be carried out in 2012 in readiness for Christmas of that year.

Councillor L Walker, Hilcote advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to broken fencing adjacent to the M1 Motorway at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote and of the action taken by the Highways Agency to deal with this matter.

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**CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF MEMBERS
INTERESTS/HOSPITALITY REGISTER**

The Chairman of the Council, 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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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members of the Crime Figures for October 2011.

The Clerk advised PCSO Brownlee of a letter which he had received from the Co-ordinators, Old Blackwell Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, and it was agreed that a copy of this letter be forwarded to PCSO Brownlee for his attention.

RESOLVED that PCSO Paul Brownlee 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. Consultation Document with regard to the part night Street Lighting Initiative.
2. The Police new non-emergency number which was 101.
3. Planning Approval had been given for the Newton link to the Silverhill Trail.
4. Community Action Fund grants of up to £1000.00 being available to constituted voluntary groups.
5. Winter maintenance programme.
6. Food and Drink Festival to be held at Hardwick Hall 2012.
7. Blue Badge Scheme.
8. Guide to Derbyshire County Council services.

RESOLVED that County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 October 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Council Members:

1. The Annual Remembrance Day Service would be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton – Sunday 13 November 2011 at 3.00 p.m.
2. The Councils Annual Pantomime would be held on Monday 5 December 2011
 - a. Newton Community Centre, Newton 9.30 a.m.
 - b. Blackwell Community Centre, Blackwell 1.30 p.m.

Councillor B Stocks, through the Chairman, advised Council Members of the replacement Bus Service which, with effect from 31 October 2011, had been introduced at Hilcote. It was agreed the Timetable be published in the next Council Newsletter.

In response from to a question from Councillor A F Tomlinson,

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Council Members that the replacement Bus Service at Hilcote was for a trial period of twelve months and would be reviewed thereafter and he further advised the Service would be available to the residents of Blackwell.

Councillor I J A Newham, through the Chairman, advised Council Members of his attendance at the Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Group held on 19 October and of the constitution Committee.

Councillor Newham further advised Council Members:

1. Love Lane, Tibshelf, would be reopened to traffic when all outstanding conditions had been met.
2. Derbyshire Community Foundation Fund for maintenance was insufficient to continue working indefinitely so ideas were put forward to devolve this work to voluntary agencies.
3. Maintenance included grass cutting, strimming around picnic tables, path edges, seats, litter picking, repair and replacement of fencing etc.

It had been agreed that the Park appeared to be under utilised and suggestions were put forward to increase usage including the possible construction of BMX Track.

The next Meeting of the Advisory Group would be held on site on 8 March 2012.

It was also agreed that an item with regard to the Doe Hill Community Park be included in the next Council Newsletter.

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HIGHWAYS

The Chairman and the Clerk reported for information that the results of the survey to be carried out at each location for the Entrance/Exit Signs to ascertain that no gas pipes, electricity cables were at each location, was still awaited from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council.

They further advised Council Members that a license was being issued by the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council, for the erection of the Entrance/Exit Signs at each identified location.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the General Manager, "A One Integrated Highways Services", Nottingham, advising the Council that the M1 Motorway underbridge situated at Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell was to undergo structural repair.

As a result of this repair Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell would be closed from 14 November 2011 to 4 December 2011.

During the closure there would be diversions in place and the diversion

would be clearly signed from the B6026 Huthwaite Lane and Church Hill along the B6046 and Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

154/2011

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information the Skate Park at the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Gloves Lane, Blackwell still required painting and the Graffiti Art Work applied thereto but Skate Park had been in use by local youngsters.

It was agreed that Litter Bins be installed at that location as soon as possible.

Councillor A F Tomlinson declared a personal interest in the foregoing item.

The Clerk also reported for information that Planning Approval had been given for the Solar Lighting System to be installed at the Councils Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

The Chairman reported for information that Councillor D G B Bullock as Chair of Newton Carnival Team, had expressed his thanks to the Council for allowing the use of the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, for the Carnival Teams Annual Bonfire which was held on 4 November 2011.

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FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from a Resident of Sherwood Street, Newton for a Grit Bin to be located in that area.

RESOLVED the application for a Grit Bin to be situated at Sherwood Street, Newton be considered at the Councils Precept Meeting to be held in January 2012.

Following a report from Councillor L Walker that Footpath 5 was partially blocked.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that Councillor Walkers complaint be investigated.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £25,771.97 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 Regulation (England 2011) (SI Number 2011/81).

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BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor I J A Newham reported for information his attendance at a Meeting of the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership Parish/Town Council Liaison Committee held on 17 September 2011 and that two Presentations were given:

1. On Local Olympic Celebrations. The Olympic Torch would be in the area 29 June 2011, local involvement by Parish Councils and Residents Group was requested. Fifty volunteers was required from each Parish to line the route and fly the flag for Bolsover. Part of the route would be via Glapwell and Bolsover.

This was also the start date for the month long Arts Festival in Bolsover.

2. A second change from Primary Care Trust to Clinical Commissioning Group (Hardwick Close) devolving managerial responsibility to local Medical Practices and representatives from other Health Organisations.

Councillor Newham also reported on his attendance at a Social Media Training Event held on 13 October 2011 and advised Council Members that initially only Facebook should be considered as a tool for the Council. The main advantage of Facebook was the immediacy information which was easy to post and did not require the intervention of a third party.

The downside was the legal implications of the content of the Facebook page and it was agreed that should the Council use the Facebook page initially it would be as an online notice board for Parish Business with content being placed only by Members of the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor I J A Newham be thanked for his reports.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 47/2011 – Audit Commission work to be put out to tender.
2. 48/2011 – Code of recommended practice for Local Authorities on data transparency.
3. 49/2011 – Training, Law and Good Practice.
4. 50/2011 - Old Bolsover Town Council – appointment of Town Clerk.
5. 51/2011 – Rural Action Derbyshire Oil Buying Scheme.

6. 52/2011 – Clerks Day – 11 April 2012.

It was agreed the Clerk and Councillor I J A Newham be authorized to attend this particular event.

7. 53/2011 – Advice – Derbyshire Conference 2011.
8. 54/2011 – The future of standards of conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England.

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QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily.

Members noted that contributions for the next Councils Newsletter were required by 23 November 2011.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr N J B Willens, Green Farm, 8 Alfreton Road, Newton – reduce height of Cherry Tree in front garden by up to 12 feet and side branches by up to 10 feet –**no objections.**

Councillor N J B Willens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor I J A Newham in the Chair for the foregoing item.

2. George Shipman and Son Limited, Riddings – land west of Cragg Lane, rear of 1A to 19 Alfreton Road and east of Thurgerton Way, Newton – extension of time for start of previously approved scheme – residential development – **no objections,**

The Clerk reminded Council Members that an invitation was available for the Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning event to be held at The Hub, Shiners Way, South Normanton on 9 November 2011.

161/2011

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Returning Officer, Bolsover District Council confirming that for the Blackwell Ward the following locations had been recommended for continued use as Polling Stations -

1. Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell.
2. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre,

New Lane, Hilcote.

3. Newton Community Centre, Main Street, Newton.
4. Westhouses Primary School, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

There were no reports with regard to the Engine Reclamation Site.

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MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on 5 December 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.