

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I Newham (Vice Chairman), C Moesby, S Gill, T Gascoyne, N Willens, R Poulter, R Sainsbury, and B Stocks.

## **ALSO PRESENT**

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) and a large crowd of members of the public.

**It was noted that a meeting had been held with Victoria Young and Alistair Forbes of HS2 Ltd, 6pm to 7pm that evening.** The main topics of the meeting covered the Consultation Period – 15<sup>th</sup> October – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 on the Working draft Environmental Statement and the Working draft Equality Impact Assessment Report. Members were encouraged to respond on these by email or using the online response form on the website, with constructive comments and suggestions. The Map Books which cover our Area (LA 08) were considered and discussed; the Clerk will request a copy of these to be made available at the Parish Office. It was noted that the next Information Event will be held at Newton Methodist Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 2pm to 8pm. Concerns were raised about the future of a number of properties within the Parish that were already purchased by HS2 Ltd and stood empty. Members were informed that the intention is to rent these properties out and ensure that they are kept well maintained.

## **402/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Naylor, and I Cox.

## **403/2018 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.

Cllr C Moesby declared an interest in Agenda Items 11 & 16 as he is a member of Bolsover District Council.

## **404/2018 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)**

Several topics were raised by the members of the public including the following;  
When will the public be consulted on the HS2 Spur Line.  
Parking issues on New Lane, Hilcote, concerning 2 large Motor Homes.  
A grass verge on Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Also the public were updated following the HS2 Ltd meeting earlier and encouraged to make constructive responses to the current consultation on HS2.

**County Cllr C Moesby** informed those present that he had held a meeting with Victoria Young during the previous week, in which she had provided feedback and dates of upcoming events. Cllr Moesby also requested suggestions for next year's Budget for the Road Capital Scheme. Council were further advised of Grants which he had made to the Youth Club and the Cricket Club.

Crime figures for August 2018 were noted by all.

#### **405/2018 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AND BUDGET MEETING ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2018.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 were moved by Cllr Stocks, seconded by Cllr Gill and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record. The Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October were moved by Cllr Stocks, seconded by Cllr Sainsbury and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

#### **406/2018 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman updated members that the installation of the Oak Trees is awaiting a decision on the Cultivation Licence which is required for the Tree in Blackwell. Members were advised that the Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Mr Martin Fagin of Community HeartBeat on his return from his holiday to talk about the next stage with the project to install defibrillators in Red Phone Boxes within the Parish.

#### **407/2018 REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

Council were informed that references and checks had been carried out on our new Parish Ranger, it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Ian Newham and agreed by all that his employment is confirmed, a Contract of Employment is issued and application to join the Pension Scheme is submitted.

The Clerk thanked the members of the Community Groups for their help with decorating the Parish with Poppies and to those who have sponsored the Lamp Post Poppies.

The Clerk advised Council members of correspondence received from Brabners Solicitors regarding the next stage in the process of becoming trustees of the Football/Cricket Field at Blackwell Miners Welfare. The Clerk was asked to go back to Brabners for clarification on whether the Trusteeship is just the land or land and pavilion buildings.

#### **408/2018 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT UNDER S137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None received.

#### **409/2018 ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Poulter advised that the next meeting of the Allotment Society is to be held at the end of November, and the outstanding Rents for this financial year is ongoing.

### **410/2018 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.**

Council members were advised that the Clerk is meeting with Amberley Joinery on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November to discuss a further quotation for the replacement flooring at Newton Community Centre. The Clerk advised that she had been looking into Funding Sources for this project, and that she will be submitting an Expression of Interest to Viridor Credits.

### **411/2018 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Newham advised that Severn Trent will be installing temporary traffic lights on Primrose Hill 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The Clerk agreed to arrange for the leaves on the pavement under the old railway bridge on Newton Road to be cleared. Cllr Moesby advised that he had a meeting arranged for later in the week to follow up on the issues raised about Hall Lane at last month's meeting.

### **412/2018 RECREATION AREAS/PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk advised that she has now placed the order with Nova Sport Ltd for the Wetpour Repairs at Scanderlands and for the replacement of the damaged swings at Scanderlands, Hilcote and Westhouses Play Areas along with the replacement Signage for all the Parks from Kaydor Signs Ltd. She is currently looking at options for replacement of the Slide Treads at Hilcote Park.

The suggested Hire Agreement for the Football Teams using parish recreation grounds, considered at the last meeting was moved by Cllr Gascoyne, seconded by Cllr Poulter and agreed by all. It was requested that the Parish Ranger inspect the guttering above the doors at Charnwood Crescent Pavilion and advise on any repairs needed.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Matt Connelly at BDC regarding the timescale on the spending of the Section 106 monies at North Street Park, Newton.

### **413/2018 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL**

The Clerk read out a letter from Pam Stocks thanking Council for the S137 Grant, and updating on the current progress with the project.

### **414/2018 HS2 – UPDATES**

Nothing further to add, following earlier updates.

### **415/2018 WESTHOUSES WAR MEMORIAL**

Everyone was invited to attend the Unveiling Ceremony on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 10.30am.

### **416/2018 PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

Nothing further to report.

#### **417/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £11,638.12 it was moved by Cllr Bullock, seconded by Cllr Willens and Resolved that these be paid.

The Clerk also provided the Bank Balances, a Bank Reconciliation, interest earned on the Public Sector Fund Account and a report on staff holidays planned to members of the Council for their inspection.

#### **418/2018 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP**

Council were advised by Cllr Willens that he will be attending the next meeting of the Executive Board on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Willens and Cllr Poulter will be attending the Parish Council Liaison Meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Clowne.

#### **419/2018 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC circular 14/2018 which had been emailed to all members on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

#### **420/2018 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

Members were advised that the Newsletter has now been passed to the Clerk who will produce all future issues. Work on the next issue of the Newsletter will commence in January 2019.

#### **421/2018 PLANNING REPORT**

All applications and decisions on this month's report were discussed; no comments or objections were raised.

#### **422/2018 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Cllr Newham reported the following updates:-

A large amount of Flytipping had been dumped in the Car Park, this has been reported to Banks Ltd who are arranging clearance. Efforts are being made to recruit the help of Volunteers to help with the thinning out of the Woodland Area. The next meeting of the Friends Group will be held at Blackwell Community Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### **423/2018 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Blackwell Parish Council will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm, at Blackwell Community Centre.

#### **424/2018 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

It was agreed by all that the Letter of Disqualification is sent to Cllr Clare Munks as she has not attended any meetings in the last six months, the Vacancy will not be advertised as it is within 6 months of the next Elections.

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm.**

**Signed .....** **Date .....**