

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 10 October 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor I J A Newham (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: C R Moesby (from 7.45 p.m.): Mrs C Munks: R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury: B Stocks and L Walker.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary and eight Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D G B Bullock, A F Tomlinson, Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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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 no part in the discussion or decision with regard to any Planning Applications brought before the Council Meeting. (Minute 140/2011 refers).

Councillors I J A Newham and R Poulter advised Council Members that as Members of the Blackwell Residents Action Group they would not take part in the discussion and decision with regard to the request by the Residents Action Group for consideration to be given to professional graffiti art work being applied to the side walls of the proposed new Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Gloves Lane, Blackwell. (Minute 134/2011 refers).

Councillor L Walker advised Council Members that, as the owner/occupier of a property situated at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote, he would take no part in the discussion and decision with regard to flooding which had previously occurred at that particular location. (Minute 133/2011 refers).

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs J Jones, Hilcote advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to the withdrawal of Bus Service 99 from Hilcote.

She was advised by the Clerk that he had received confirmation from Derbyshire County Council Public Transport Unit that with effect from 31 October 2011 the County Council was introducing a new demand responsive service for Hilcote replacing the existing No. 99 Service.

The Clerk further advised Mrs Jones that all properties within the village of Hilcote would be leafleted by the County Council advising of the new Service.

Mrs L Fowkes, Hilcote, advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to the continued retention of Speed Humps at Hilcote Lane/New Lane, Hilcote.

She was advised by the Chairman that the Petition for the removal of the Speed Humps at that location had been submitted to the Derbyshire County Council and an investigation was to take place and the Parish Council would be advised of the outcome in due course.

Miss G Webster, Hilcote advised Council Members of her concerns along with her fellow students of the problems crossing New Lane, Hilcote in the face of speeding traffic.

It was agreed the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council requesting consideration be given to either of a Crossing Patrol Warden or provision of a Zebra Crossing be made at New Lane, Hilcote.

Councillor I Cox advised Council Members that the hedgerow along Huthwaite Lane, Hilcote had recently been cut but a majority of hedge cuttings had been left strewn along the road.

He was advised by the Chairman there was no legal obligation on the part of the farmer concerned to clear the roadway.

Councillor L Walker advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to flooding which had occurred on a number of occasions outside his property Hilcote Lane, Hilcote and said that Derbyshire County Council had not cleared the drains at this location.

The Chairman advised Councillor Walker there was an Agenda item dealing with this particular problem and it would be dealt with at that point.

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members:

1. A Series of Arts Taster Workshops had been successfully held and that a further series of activities were planned for Autumn 2011.
2. A Litter Pick was held on 6 July 2011.
3. A Leavers Party for year 6 children at Blackwell Primary School was held at the conclusion of the Summer Term.

4. The Residents Group had been busy planting and looking after the flowers in the four planters in front of Blackwell Community Centre, the Mining Memorial and around trees on Alfreton Road.
5. The Group had commissioned a local football coach to provide football training for an hour a week for 16 local children as a Summer Holiday activity.
6. Two successful fund raising events had been held, cream teas and a pie and pea/bingo evening.
7. A Consultation Event entitled "Whats Next for Blackwell" had been held and was attended by approximately 30 people.
8. The Group had spoken to teenagers at Blackwell Youth Club about putting some graffiti art on the proposed new Skate Park Ramps at the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Gloves Lane, Blackwell and indicated that this would add a sense of ownership and be a preventive measure against unsightly graffiti. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team was happy to part fund this and the Residents Group would fund the balance. The art work would be carried out by a local company called Urban Canvas who had done similar work on approximately 12 Skate Park Projects within the Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire area.

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

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT GROUP

Mr M Greenwood, Chairman, Hilcote Environmental Leisure Project Group advised Council Members:

1. New benches to be installed alongside the Normanton Brook and it was anticipated that this work would be carried out by the end of the year.
2. A successful "Duck Day" had been held.
3. Two Public Address Systems funded by the Lottery were available for hire.

RESOLVED that Mr M Greenwood, Chairman, Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project Group be thanked for his attendance and report.

NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens advised Council Members:

1. Film Evening to be held on 27 October 2011.
2. Participation by the Association in the delivery of the Councils News Letter.
3. Race Night to be held in conjunction with Blackwell Residents Action Group on 25 February 2012.
4. A Litter Pick would be held on 6 November 2011.

RESOLVED Mrs D Willens, Newton Community Association be thanked for her attendance and report.

WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mr D Fowkes, Chairman, Westhouses Residents Action Group advised Council Members of:

1. A Litter Pick had been held on 10 September 2011.
2. Progress - provision of Solar Lighting, Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

Mr Fowkes asked Council Members if consideration could be given to

- a. The provision of an additional Dog Waste Bin at the junction of the footpaths sidings way/Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.
- b. To combat vandalism could the telephone box, currently located at Tibshelf Road, Westhouses be located to a more suitable location.

It was agreed the Clerk write to British Telecom to ascertain their views with regard to the relocation of this particular phone box,

RESOLVED that Mr D Fowkes, Westhouses Residents Action Group be thanked for his attendance and report.

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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 REPORT

PCSO Stuart Swaby, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures for August/September 2011.
2. The next Drop-in-Surgeries would be held at:
 - a. Blackwell Community Centre 13 October 2011
10. a.m./11.30 a.m.
 - b. Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre –
14 October 2011 10 a.m./11.00 a.m.
 - c. Newton Methodist Church – 5 November 2011
10.00 a.m./12 noon.

PCSO Swaby also advised Council Members that the regular Beat Officer, PC Lorna Evans, was expecting a baby and had been taken off Patrol Duties and was working at Bolsover Police Station.

In response to a question from Councillor I Cox regarding motorists speeding along Main Street, Newton, PCSO Swaby suggested that he refer this particular complaint to the next Community Panel Meeting. He further advised Councillor Cox that he would contact him regarding the date of this Meeting.

RESOLVED that PCSO Stuart Swaby 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. Capital Monies for Tibshelf School.
2. Site Meeting 17 October 2011 with regard to improved signage at Hall Lane, Newton.
3. Silverhill Trail, Planning Committee, Derbyshire County Council, would be considering the application at its Meeting in November 2011.
4. Vacancy for a Governor at Newton Primary School.
5. Election of Police Commissioners on 3 May 2012.

6. Repairs to the traffic lights at Newtonwood Lane, Newton had been completed.
7. Boundary review of County Council Polling Districts.
8. Winter Maintenance Scheme.

Councillor I Cox asked County Councillor Moesby if.

- a. The weight restriction signs at the junction of Main Street/Littlemoor Lane could be resited to focus on Littlemoor Lane.
- b. Speed check be carried out at Main Street, Newton.

County Councillor Moesby undertook to investigate the matter and advise Councillor Cox accordingly.

Councillor R Poulter asked if improved road signage could be carried out at Church Hill, Old Blackwell. County Councillor Moesby said he would investigate the matter.

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

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 August 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor I Cox, through the Chairman, advised Council Members that the Annual Remembrance Day Service would be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Sunday 13 November 2011 at 3.00 p.m.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported for information that Plot Numbers 43,55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments were now vacant and that the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would be taking appropriate steps to tidy the respective Allotment Plots.

The Clerk further advised Council Members that the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association Committee Meeting would be held on 11 October 2011.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information that approval had now been given

by the Highways Department for the entrance/exit signs purchased by the Council could be located at the locations identified by the map submitted to the Department.

It was, however, necessary for a survey to be carried out at each of the locations to ensure that there were no gas pipes/electricity cables at each location.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor undertook to ensure that this was carried out and a report be submitted to the Clerk.

Following a report from Councillors C R Moesby and B Stocks with regard to flooding at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote. Members were advised that the drains at this particular location were regularly inspected by Derbyshire County Council Highways Department and there had been no incidents of flooding within the last few years. Derbyshire County Council would, however, continue to maintain a regular inspection of the drains at Hilcote Lane.

RESOLVED Councillor C R Moesby and B Stocks be thanked for their report.

Councillor L Walker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor L Walker requested the Council to give consideration to additional Bus Shelters at Hilcote but was advised by the Chairman that in light of the new bus service to be introduced on 31 October 2011 at Hilcote which was offering door to door service there was no further need to review the provision of Bus Shelters.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Director of Legal Services, Derbyshire County Council that the request for the creation of a hammer head turning point at Sherwood Street, Newton was being investigated by the Strategic Director Environmental Services, Derbyshire County Council who would be reporting in due course.

The Clerk also reported for information receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department advising the Council that any Grit Bins which are owned by the County Council would have a label fixed to them indicating who to contact in the event of the bin needing refilling.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported for information that Groundwork Creswell were progressing the work for the provision of a new Skate Park at Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell, and approval was given by Council Members for the Clerk to sign the Fee Agreement and also

forward a Purchase Order to Groundwork Creswell.

Council Members given consideration to a request from Blackwell Residents Action Group for some Graffiti Art Work to be added to the Skate Park Ramps once they had been constructed as the Group felt it would give a sense of ownership and be a preventative measure against on unsightly graffiti. Blackwell Youth Club teenage members were in agreement with the idea and it was also indicated that the local Safer Neighbourhood Team would be happy to part fund the work and the Residents Group would fund the balance.

If approved the Art Work would be carried out by a local company called Urban Canvas who had done similar work on approximately 12 Skate Park projects within the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire area and had worked Blackwell Primary School and were highly recommended.

RESOLVED that the Council support the request from Blackwell Residents Action Group for some Graffiti Work be placed on the Skate Park Ramps once constructed.

Councillors I J A Newham and R A Poulter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing item.

Councillor I G Cox in the Chair for the foregoing item.

The Clerk reported for information that he had received a letter from the Construction Manager, Groundwork Creswell indicating that he had not received Planning Consent from Bolsover District Council for Solar Lighting at Tibshelf Playing Field, Westhouses and could not order the appropriate kit until such approval was forthcoming and he outlined that there had been some negative feed back from a couple of local residents.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Groundwork Creswell outlining the benefits of natural play over tradition play areas with regard to Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

RESOLVED that the letter from Groundwork Creswell giving a summary of the benefits of natural play over traditional Play Areas be discussed at a future Meeting of the Council.

Following a report from the Chairman and the Clerk of the Council

RESOLVED Newton Carnival Team be given permission to use Charnwood Crescent Playing Field for their Annual Bonfire to be held on 4 November 2011 at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, this would be subject to the necessary insurance and health and safety regulations being in place.

The Clerk reported he had been contacted by a Ms Kay Gordon, Metro Avenue, Newton who had advised him that she was willing to

open and close the Councils Play Area at Bamford Street, Newton on Saturdays and Sundays.

RESOLVED that the offer from Ms Kay Gordon, Metro Avenue, Newton to open and close the Bamford Street Play Area, Newton on Saturdays and Sundays be accepted.

It was further agreed that if Ms Gordon was unable to open or close the Bamford Street Play area as indicated, Councillors R J Sainsbury and N J B Willens be substitute.

135/2011

FOOTPATHS

Councillor L Walker requested that Council Members give consideration to his request that golf buggy type machines be provided on the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail.

He was advised by both the Chairman and the Clerk of the response that had been given to Councillor Walker from the Head Ranger, Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service which said that the use of a golf buggy type machine was not a reasonable or practical request for use on the Trail.

RESOLVED the Report by the Head Ranger, Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service be noted.

Council Members reminded Councillor Walker of the Councils Standing Orders 10a which state "A Resolution (whether affirmative or negative" of the Council shall not be reversed within six months....."

The Clerk reported for information receipt of letters from Network Rail and the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council with regard to the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell. The Footpaths Officer reported that the Footpath appeared to be in good order when he inspected it last month.

Following a request from the Chairman, Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor undertook to investigate the question of hedge cutting at the lower end of the Public Bridleway, Gloves Lane, Blackwell which was within the Parish of Tibshelf.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £17,542.22 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 20211) (SI Number 2011/81).

It was also agreed that Councillor I J A Newham be added to the Councils Bank Mandate.

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BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported for information that Councillor N J B Willens had attended the Parish/Town Council Liaison Meeting held on 8 September 2011.

The Clerk also reported that a Community Sector Forum Workshop would be held at the Bolsover Assembly Hall on Wednesday 19 October 2011 and that this interactive workshop would be working to develop an action plan on the theme of Cultural and Tourism in the Bolsover District.

The Chairman reported for information that he would be attending the Parish Liaison Social Media Training to be held on 13 October 2011.

The Clerk further reported that the next Parish/Town Council Liaison Meeting would be held on 17 October 2011.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 37/2011 – Localism Bill (current progress)
2. 38/2011 – DALC President 2011/2012
3. 39/2011 – East Midlands Councils Association Membership.
4. 40/2011 – DALC AGM 3 September 2011.
5. 41/2011 – Derbyshire County Council – Gritting the roads.
6. 42/2011 – Localising Support for Council Tax in England
7. 43/2011 – The Bribery Act 2010 which came in to force on 1 July 2011
8. 44/2011 – Supporting communities and neighbourhoods in planning Road Shows to be held at the Hub, Shiners Way, South Normanton 9 November 2011 at 6.00 p.m.
9. 45/2011 – Sport England Iconic Facilities Fund.
10. 46/2011 – 2013 – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England.

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QUALITY STATUS AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman advised Council Members that the latest Council Newsletter would in due course be added to the Councils Web Site.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that the next edition of the Councils Newsletter was scheduled to be printed/delivered early December 2011 and that any contributions from Council Members would be required by 23 November 2011.

It was also agreed that any commercial advertisement in the Councils Newsletter be £25.00 for half a page.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated.

1. Mr J H A Haber, 6a Alfreton Road, Newton – removed Eucalyptus Tree – **no objections.**
2. Mr S Topping, Kennet Vale, Chesterfield – demolition of the Blackwell Hotel, Alfreton Road, Blackwell and erection of five dwellings – **no objections.**
3. Mr T Giles, 231 Alfreton Road, Blackwell – erection of conservatory to rear of property – **no objections.**

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Mr. B Woodcock, Internal Auditor advising the Council that the Audit Fee for the Council had not changed for three years and was now to be increased from £28.65 per hour to £32.25 per hour.

RESOLVED that Mr. B Woodcock continue as the Councils Internal Auditor and the increased payment of £32.25 per hour be paid.

2. The Clerk reminded Council Members that Chaplins Pantos that their Annual Pantomime would take place on Monday 5 December 2011, 9.30 a.m. at Newton Community Centre and 1.30.p.m, at Blackwell Community Centre.
3. Bolsover District Council outlining Polling Districts and Polling Places Review noting that within the Parish of Blackwell the only suitable venue for residents of Westhouses was the local Primary School.

4. Banks Mining with regard to the Doe Hill Community Park Advice Group inviting a Member of the Council to attend the Inaugural Meeting which would be held on Wednesday 19 October 2011 at 11.30 a.m, in Tibshelf Village Hall.

RESOLVED Councillor I J A Newham be authorized to attend the Meeting.

5. Derbyshire County Council Public Transport Unit stating that from Monday 31 October, Derbyshire County Council was introducing a new demand responsive service for Hilcote replacing the existing number 99 bus. The new service would operate to all destinations along the existing Service 99 route all passenger services either start or end in Hilcote. At the discretion of the operator the service would deviate by up to 500m from Service 99 route to provide a door to door service. For example from a residents home to where they would wish to shop, charge a flat fare of £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. Gold Cards and B Line Concessions would be valid on the service. Passengers must book on to the service before travelling and bookings would be placed between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday up to one hour before the bus departure time.

The operator of the service was Community Transport for Town and County and the booking line number was 01773 746652.

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE , BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOLVED the Council support the nomination of the Councillor N J B Willens to the Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council.

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MEETING

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

The Meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.

