

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Main Street, Newton on Monday 1st October 2018 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I Newham (Vice Chairman), C Moesby, S Gill, T Gascoyne, A Naylor, B Stocks and I Cox.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs H J Simpson (Parish Clerk) Mr Richard Walker and six members of the public.

At the start of the meeting the Chairman Cllr D Bullock presented Mr Richard Walker with a leaving card and gift and members thanked Richard for all his hard work, a photo was taken for the next newsletter.

376/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Sainsbury, and R Poulter.

377/2018 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 Item 5, as he is a Derbyshire County Councillor and Cllr D Bullock declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 as he is a member of Newton Carnival Team.

378/2018 PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Several topics were raised by the members of the public including the following;

The signage on Hall Lane, Newton being inadequate, and also the parking in this area at school time along with Heavy Goods Vehicles following Sat Nav using this very narrow lane. Cllr Moesby agreed to follow this up.

The condition of the pathway between 1a Hilcote Lane and the traveller's site was raised, the resident stated that if this is not rectified by Christmas he would take Court Action. Cllr Moesby asked the resident to send an email to the Clerk detailing what action is requested.

Upcoming Meetings in Autumn with HS2 Ltd, and empty properties in Old Blackwell were also discussed.

Planting of Bulbs along Mount Pleasant, Alfreton Road, was discussed along with the need for a Cultivation Licence. It was reported that the storage container on Charnwood

Crescent Recreation Ground had been broken into, and lastly bins overflowing on the recreation areas whilst we are without a Parish Ranger.

There were no representatives from the Police present, the Clerk had circulated the July Crime figures with the Agenda, there had been 22 reported crimes in July and these were noted. **County Cllr Clive Moesby** and **District Councillor D Bullock** had no further topics to add.

379/2018 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd September 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of Blackwell Parish Council held on 3rd September 2018 were moved by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Gascoyne and signed by the Chairman Cllr Bullock as a true and correct record.

380/2018 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman updated members that suggested locations for the Oak Trees were; Newton Allotments Memorial Garden, Westhouses Memorial Playing Fields and beside the Mining Wheel on the corner of Gloves Lane, Blackwell, the location in Blackwell is subject to a Cultivation Licence being granted. It was moved by Cllr Gascoyne, seconded by Cllr Stocks and Resolved that the project proceeds with these locations.

Members were advised that progress is being made with the project to install a further 2 Red Telephone Boxes housing Defibrillators, and that the Clerk has arranged a meeting with Mr Martin Fagin of Heart Start on Monday 8th October 2018.

381/2018 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk advised members that 8 applications have been received for the Parish Ranger position, and 4 candidates have been shortlisted. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

Council members were advised that 3 quotations had been obtained from Inspire, Hiscox and Ecclesiastical for the Parish Council Insurance renewal. The quotation from Ecclesiastical had been accepted at a premium of £6,484.18, a saving of £2,128.53 on last year's premium. The Clerk advised Council on recent correspondence from DALC on the topic of offering financial assistance for the upkeep of Cemeteries.

382/2018 Applications for Funding Support under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972

Three Grant applications were considered as follows:-

Newton Carnival Team - £995 towards the Annual Firework Display, moved by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Gascoyne, a vote then took place and all resolved to approve.

Westhouses Residents Action Group - £2500 towards the Village War Memorial, moved by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Stocks, a vote then took place and all resolved to approve.

Westhouses Community Association - £3000 towards the Feasibility Study for the Multi-Purpose Room at Westhouses School, moved by Cllr Gill, seconded by Cllr Gascoyne, a vote then took place and all resolved to approve.

383/2018 ALLOTMENTS

Council were advised that the residents with gated access in the new fence to the allotment site passed on their thanks.

384/2018 BLACKWELL, NEWTON AND HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

Council members were advised that further quotations are being sought for the replacement flooring at Newton Community Centre. A question was asked about whether community groups are allowed to have bottles of alcoholic drinks (wine, whisky etc) as prizes in raffles; the Clerk confirmed that this is allowed under licensing regulations.

385/2018 HIGHWAYS

A request for a Temporary Road Closure in Westhouses for the unveiling of the War Memorial on Saturday 10th November 2018, 10am to 11.30am had been received, there were no comments or objections raised.

Cllr Newham advised that a model of the old Methodist Chapel along with several old photographs of Blackwell had been uncovered, it was agreed by all that a permanent display is created using these items at Blackwell Community Centre.

386/2018 RECREATION AREAS/PLAY AREAS/FOOTPATHS

A request from a resident was declined to replace an open bin on a recreation ground with a closed bin. It was noted that the bins located at play areas are overflowing in the Rangers absence, and this needs addressing as soon as possible.

The Clerk advised that she was in the process on getting prices for the Wetpour at Scanderlands as it is coming away at the edges creating a trip hazard, and also for replacement of damaged swings at Scanderlands and Westhouses.

A suggested Hire Agreement for the Football Teams using parish recreation grounds, Council members asked for more time to consider this and comments would be emailed to the Clerk.

Council were advised by Cllr Gascoyne that Maun Motors have offered to provide a storage container for use by local Football teams at Charnwood Crescent to solve the storage problems. It was moved by Cllr Stocks, seconded by Cllr Moesby and agreed by all to accept this offer.

387/2018 COMMUNITY/MULTI –PURPOSE ROOM AT WESTHOUSES SCHOOL

Council were advised that further to the approval of the S137 Grant for the Feasibility Study this can now move forward.

388/2018 HS2 – UPDATES

It was confirmed that the visit by HS2 Ltd to the November Parish Council Meeting must not be advertised as a public meeting, and will commence at 6pm.

389/2018 WESTHOUSES WAR MEMORIAL

Members of the group expressed their thanks for the S137 monies towards this project.

390/2018 WESTHOUSES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Nothing further to report.

391/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment totalling £18,346.42 it was moved by Cllr Newham, seconded by Cllr Stocks and Resolved that these be paid.

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

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from Coop Bank asking their intentions with the holding account which has had a Zero balance from over a year.

Council members resolved that it is closed. Members were advised that the second instalment of Precept from Bolsover District Council had been received.

Council members were advised that an Interim Report had been received from PKF Littlejohn and this has been published on the Website.

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for a new Parish Van and bring to the Budget Meeting.

392/2018 BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

Nothing to report.

393/2018 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of the DALC circular 12/2018 and 13/2018 which had been emailed to all members.

394/2018 QUALITY STATUS AND PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME

Members were advised by Cllr Newham that the next issue of the Newsletter is now ready and he will be contacting community groups for help with its distribution. He also advised that the Website has now been updated to show all the current Councillors.

395/2018 PLANNING REPORT

All applications and decisions on the attached report were considered, no comments or objections were raised.

396/2018 DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Cllr Moesby reported the following updates:-

Efforts were continuing to transfer from the Derbyshire to the Durham Community Fund as the terms were more favourable. Love Lane is finally confirmed as a bridleway and the street furniture will now be installed. Regarding the flooding of the Car Park a site visit had taken place, and the matter is still being looked into. A S137 Grant will be submitted in November to contribute to the drainage costs. Volunteers are being sought to help to thin the woodland. HS2 issues are ongoing and a meeting with Victoria Young will be held on Friday 5th October 2018 at Blackwell Community Centre.

397/2018 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Budget Meeting on Monday 22nd October 2018 at 7pm at Hilcote Community Centre.
The next Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th November 2018 at 6pm at Hilcote Community Centre.

398/2018 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed **Date**

PLANNING REPORT – October 2018

Date Received	BDC Ref	Applicant	Location	Details	BPC Recommendations
19 th September	18/00450/FUL	Mr Stephen Bush	12 Hardwick Close, Blackwell DE55 5LL	Proposed Single Storey Extension	
Decision Notices					
17 th September	18/00415/OUT	Mrs Wendy Mears	12 South Street, Newton	Proposed residential development of 3 dwellings	Withdrawn
24 th September	18/00436/FUL	Mr John Hopkinson	2 Penine Close, Newton	Proposed single storey extension	Granted