

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 1 September 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S A Gray (7.45 p.m.): J Lomas: E P Newell (7.20 p.m.): S J Thorpe: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens:

99/2008

ALSO PRESENT

5 Parishioners.

100/2008

OPEN FORUM

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell complained to Council Members about the poor acoustics at both Blackwell and Newton Community Centres. He was advised by the Chairman of the Council that suitable microphones would be in place at each venue when Council Meetings would be held there.

Mr Clarkson further commented that the new Notice Board at Primrose Hill, Blackwell was still not in use and he was advised by the Clerk that keys were still awaited.

Mr Clarkson also explained to Council Members that the "In Touch" newspaper published by Bolsover District Council had been circulated in South Normanton but not in Blackwell.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as District Councillor, undertook to enquire as to the reasons why the Newspaper had not been circulated in Blackwell.

101/2008

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

The Clerk reported for information that County Councillor C R Moesby was on holiday and that there was no report.

102/2008

POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported for information that, with effect from 1 October 2008, Blackwell/Tibshelf Parish Councils would be under the jurisdiction of the Bolsover Section of Derbyshire Constabulary.

He further advised Members that the local Inspector had advised him that he had already allocated a new experienced Beat Officer to the Parish Councils area and would, as already indicated, be taking over from 1 October 2008.

Councillor A F Tomlinson also advised Council Members that he had spoken with Inspector David Stone who was looking forward to an improved Council/Police working relationship.

103/2008

BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mr D Purdy, Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. Mining Memorial.
2. Wishing Well Planter.
3. Environment – Litter Pick would be carried out on Sunday 7 September 2008 at Blackwell.
4. Future plans for a possible Friday night Disco for 11 to 16 year olds.

RESOLVED that Mr Purdy be thanked for his attendance and report.

104/2008

NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens, Newton Community Association, advised Council Members:

1. Litter Pick to be carried out Sunday 8 September 2008.
2. The monthly Cinema would commence on 24 September 2008. The first film being "Fried Green Tomatoes".
3. A new Waste Bin was now in place at the Alfreton Road end of the Five Pits Trail, Newton. It was agreed the Clerk contact the Ranger Service, Derbyshire County Council with regard to it being emptied.
4. Planning permission had now been granted for the Multi-Use Games Area to be located at the Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton and that sufficient money was now to hand for the work to commence. This was anticipated to be at the beginning of October 2008.

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

105/2008

HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT

There was no Member present from the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project.

106/2008

WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mr D Fowkes requested that consideration be given to the cutting back of the overhanging hedgerow between the former BRSA Club and the old Station Masters house, Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council accordingly.

Mr Fowkes further advised Council Members of arrangements being in hand for Christmas celebrations in Westhouses and that a service would take place at Westhouses Methodist Church on Thursday 11 December 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

He further commented that the Group was giving consideration towards a Garden Competition in 2009.

RESOLVED Mr Fowkes be thanked for his attendance and report.

107/2008

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received Councillors C R Moesby and R J Sainsbury.

108/2008

**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.

109/2008

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 July 2008 and Special Council Meeting on 15 July 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

110/2008

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

111/2008

ALLOTMENTS

Council Members gave consideration to Draft Guidelines on Permissible Structures within the Councils Allotments which had been drawn up by the Newton and Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association. These were approved subject to poultry houses, a maximum of 15% of allotments would be permitted to have poultry.

Councillor N J B Willens and the Clerk reported on their Site Inspection on 29 August 2008 together with Mr I Else, Estates Surveyor, Chatsworth Trustees who had indicated he was satisfied with the manner in which the Allotments at Littlemoor Lane, Newton had been kept.

They further advised Council Members that the structure on Plot 54 (Minute 97/2008 refers) had been removed.

112/2008

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Scott Wilson Limited regarding the A61 accident cluster sites Alfreton Hill but no relevant plan had been submitted.

RESOLVED the Clerk contact Scott Wilson Limited requesting that an up to date plan of the proposals for the A61 at Alfreton Hill be submitted and this in turn would be considered at the next Meeting of the Council on 6 October 2008.

A number of Council Members reported overhanging hedgerows at Alfreton Road, Newton, Church Hill/Hilcote Lane, Old Blackwell, Pasture Lane/Berristow Lane, Hilcote, Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting the overhanging hedgerows at the aforementioned locations be cut back as soon as possible.

113/2008

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Special Projects Officer, Bolsover District Council with regard to the Bolsover District Play Partnership and its objectives and benefits relative to Public Play Area Refurbishment Programme.

RESOLVED that the Council become a Partner to the Bolsover District Play Partnership.

The Chairman of the Council and Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson reported on suspected vandalism at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

RESOLVED:

1. The items of vandalised equipment be repaired as soon as possible.
2. The Clerk contact Bolsover District Council Ranger Service and the Police for appropriate action to be taken.

It was further agreed that appropriate signs be erected at all the Councils Play Areas stating that any person committing an act of vandalism would be prosecuted.

The Chairman of the Council further advised Council Members that the Football Team using the Council's facilities at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton on 30 August 2008 had removed a set of gates to gain access to the Pitch, also a window in the Sports Pavilion had been damaged.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to the Secretary of Shirland Football Club giving a final warning that such behaviour by football team members would not be tolerated and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Secretary of the appropriate Football League.

114/2008

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the County Secretary, Derbyshire County Council stating that the order for the temporary diversion of Public Footpath Number 1 (part) had been sealed by the Authority on 24 July 2008.

115/2008

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £22,945.34

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 Regulations 2003 (SI No. 553).

116/2008

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Solicitor to the Council, Bolsover District Council, regarding appointments of additional Parish/Town Council representatives to the Standards Committee and the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership.

RESOLVED that Councillor N J B Willens be nominated as an additional Parish/Town Council Member to the Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council.

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting would take place on Thursday 11 September 2008 at New Houghton Community Centre, Rotherham Road, New Houghton.

117/2008

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

- 27/2008 – Empowerment White Paper – Communities in Control.
- 28/1008 – DALC President 2008 – 2009.
- 29/2008 – Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.
- 30/2008 – General Circular – Public Catalogue Foundation.
- 31/2008 – The power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being.
- 32/2008 – Moving the date of English Local Government Elections to the date of the European Parliament Elections in 2009.
- 33/2008 – DALC Training – New Clerks Induction Course.
- 34/2008 - Training – 2008 – Law and Good Practice for Parish Councils – an introduction.
- 35/2008 - Quality Parish/Town Council Scheme Accreditation.
- 36/2008 – Being a Good Councillor Training Course.
- 38/2008 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership.
- 39/1008 – General Circular – Parish/Town Council Training Needs.

118/2008

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Clerk reported for information that the new Councils Website was temporarily operating under www.minwage.com/blackwell.

Councillor D G B Bullock reported for information that the Councils Newsletter was ready for printing and would be delivered to all households within the Blackwell Parish Council area during September 2008.

119/2008

PLANS

The following Plan was submitted and determined as indicated:

Mr S Thorpe, 36 Alfreton Road, Westhouses – first floor extension over garage and loft conversion and new brick skin to front elevation – **no objections.**

Councillors Mrs S A Gray and S J Thorpe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing planning application and vacated the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing planning application but remained in the Meeting and took part in the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Head of Planning, Bolsover District Council that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State with regard to the Planning Application by Mr G A Smith for the erection of three dwellings at Old Station Yard, Newton Road, Tibshelf.

The Clerk further reported that an acknowledgement had been received from the Head of Planning, Bolsover District Council with regard to the Councils comments on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

120/2008

PARISH CARETAKER

Councillor E P Newell reported for information his satisfaction with which the Councils Parish Caretaker had carried out his duties on New Street Playing Field, Hilcote.

121/2008

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Shires Development Limited requesting the nomination of one Parish Council representative to the Engine Site Liaison Committee.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson be the Councils representative on the Engine Site Liaison Committee.

122/2008

DOG BINS

Following a request from the Clerk it was agreed that Dog Waste Bins be at the following locations:

1. Blackwell - Gloves Lane.
2. Hilcote - Footpath adjacent to Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote.
3. Newton – Town Lane.
4. Westhouses – junction of Park Mill Drive/Alfreton

123/2008

BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported receipt of quotations for the provision of fire-retardent vertical blinds at Blackwell/Newton Committee Centres.

1. Harley Blinds Limited - £1784.00 plus VAT.
2. Hillarys Blinds Limited - £1808.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED the estimate in the sum of £1784.00 plus VAT for the supply and fitting of fire-retardent vertical blinds at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres by Harley Blinds Limited be accepted.

It was further agreed that the Clerk obtain quotations for the supply and fitting of curtains at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres.

It was further agreed that the Clerk obtain suitable quotations for the replacement of soffit and fascia boards at Blackwell Community Centre.

124/2008

COUNCILLOR I J A NEWHAM

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported that Councillor I J A Newham and his daughter had recently completed a sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Myfanwy Townsend Melanoma Research Fund, from John O' Groats to Lands End, they had raised in excess of £1600.00.

Unanimously **RESOLVED** that a letter of congratulation be sent to Councillor I J A Newham and his daughter on their successful completion of a sponsored cycle ride in of the Myfanwy Townsend Melanoma Research Fund, from John O' Groats to Lands End.

Following a further suggestion from Councillor A F Tomlinson, unanimously **RESOLVED** that a letter of congratulation be sent to Rebecca Adlington, double Gold Medalist at the recent Olympic Games held in China. It was further noted that Miss Adlington's father originated from Blackwell.

125/2008

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 October 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.