

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 7 September 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: J Lomas: C R Moesby: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens.

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ALSO PRESENT

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and twelve Parishioners.

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OPEN FORUM

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members that the newly installed litter bin at Cragg Lane, Newton was in need of emptying. It was agreed the Clerk contact the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council requesting that the bin be emptied as soon as possible.

Mr D Lewis, Blackwell advised Council Members that the entrance to the Silver Hill Trail from Gloves Lane, Blackwell was badly overgrown and wheelchair users would have difficulty in accessing same.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council, requesting that urgent attention be given to this matter.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote complained to Council Members that the grass verge outside his property was not being cut. It was agreed the Clerk contact the Environmental Contracts Manager, Bolsover District Council requesting that the grass verge outside 1a Hilcote Lane, Hilcote be cut.

Mr A Goodison, Blackwell asked Council Members what action, if any, had been taken with regard to the renumbering of Council owned properties at Woburn Close, Blackwell. He was advised by the Chairman of the Council that his question would be dealt with later in the Agenda.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 31 August 2009.
2. Nuisance incidents to 31 August 2009.
3. The next Police Drop-In Surgery would be held at Newton Methodist Church on Saturday 3 October 2009 10.00 a.m./12 noon (refreshments and breakfast available at a small charge).

4. The next Community Police Forum would be held at Blackwell Community Centre on Sunday 13 September 2009 1.30 p.m./2.30 p.m.

RESOLVED that PCSO Paul Brownlee be thanked for his attendance and report.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Installation of Vehicle Speed Activated Signs at various locations within the Parish of Blackwell.
2. Improved pedestrian access at the junction of Littlemoor Lane, Main Street, Newton.
3. Provision of the Climbing Wall during the summer school holidays at Westhouses, Blackwell and Newton.
4. The ongoing Operation Relentless. A Scheme operated by Derbyshire County Council in conjunction with the Police involving individuals convicted of minor crime.
5. Outline Plans for a new School at Tibshelf and a Public Meeting would be held sometime during Autumn 2009.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his report.

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members:

1. Survey of Woburn Close, Blackwell with regard to renumbering but this had proved inconclusive.
2. Big Lunch organised July 2009 and it was hoped to organise same next year.
3. A Fund Raising exercise had raised a further £300.00 towards the proposed Mining Memorial and that a Meeting would be held in the near future with Andrew Tebbs. A further fund raising exercise would be held on 10 October 2009 at Blackwell Community Centre and this would be entitled "Drawing on the Past".

RESOLVED Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group be thanked for her report.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT

Mr M Greenwood advised Council Members:

1. The Hilcote "Duck Day" had raised £500.00 towards the Groups funds.
2. Funding had now been received from the Lottery with regard to Phase 2 of the Woodland Project and work would commence on 14 September 2009 and the anticipated completion date would be 2 October 2009.

In response to a question from Councillor A F Tomlinson, Mr Greenwood advised Council Members that the Grant was £26,000.00.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members and the representatives of the Residents Groups that a Big Lottery Presentation had been held at Bolsover District Council and concern had been expressed at the lack of applications from within the District Council area.

Councillor Tomlinson noted the number of problems which various residents/community groups had experienced with Lottery Applications and agreed to raise the concerns at a further Big Lottery Presentation.

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

1. Maintenance of the Planters within the village of Newton.
2. Possible provision of two litter bins at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field.
3. No funding available for improvements of the cinema equipment.
4. Film Shows commence on 30 September with a showing of Slumdog Millionaire and further Film Shows would be held on 28 October, 25 November 2009.

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

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WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

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

1. Concerns regarding motorists speeding through Westhouses.

County Councillor Clive Moesby agreed to request the Police to give further attention to Westhouses and deal with speeding motorists.

2. Feasibility Study etc. regarding the former BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
3. Residents Group Web Site was now functioning.
4. Awards for all Funding was not well organised.

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

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Stocks and S J Thorpe.

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**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.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 July 2009 and Special Council Meetings held on 14/29 July 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council reminded Council Members that the Bolsover District Council's Civic Service would be held on Sunday 11 October 2009 at St Mary Magdalene Church, Elnton Road, Creswell at 3.00 p.m.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported regarding the Site Meeting held at Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton on 27 July 2009 which was chaired by Mr John Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council who had suggested that a further inspection be carried out of the Allotments late October early November 2009 by himself plus one other Council Member and that he would submit a report together with photographs of the Allotments.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Dennis Rye Limited, owner of vacant land at Sherwood Street, Newton claiming Allotment Holders from Littlemoor Lane Site were trespassing on his land.

RESOLVED that the letter from Dennis Rye Limited be noted.

125/2009

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Traffic and Safety Manager, Derbyshire County Council indicating that an Interactive Speed Sign would cost between £6,000.00 and £15,000.00.

RESOLVED:

1. The letter from the Traffic and Safety Manager, Derbyshire County Council be noted.
2. Councillor Clive Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor contact the Traffic and Safety Manager, Derbyshire County Council with a view to arranging a Site Meeting at Westhouses.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from Shelter Maintenance Limited regarding the bus shelter at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote who stated that the shelter was solid in the ground and was not dangerous.

RESOLVED that no action be taken regarding the removal of the bus shelter at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

The Clerk further reported receipt of a letter from the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council stating that to supply and install a Salt Bin inclusive of salt was £252.95 and that the supply and delivery of salt to refill a bin would be £64.46.

It was agreed following a report from the Clerk that additional Grit Bins be located at Blackwell and Westhouses.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson and the Clerk reported on action which had been taken to alleviate a flooding problem at 48 Alfreton Road, Westhouses and it was agreed the Clerk contact the occupier of 46 Alfreton Road, Westhouses to enlist his support in helping in any possible flooding problems at 48 Alfreton Road.

The Clerk presented to Council Members a Site Plan showing proposals by Derbyshire County Council, Highways Department, a general lay-out plan to improve pedestrian crossing facilities at Littlemoor Lane and Main Street, Newton.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to the improvement to pedestrian crossing facilities at Littlemoor Lane/Main Street, Newton.

126/2009

PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk reported on the pitch charges for 2009/2010 and it was agreed that:

1. A Charge of £275.00 be made for the hire of either of Charnwood Crescent Football Pitch, Newton/Scanderlands Football Pitch, Blackwell for 2009/2010 season.
2. Tibshelf Veterans Football Club be charged £10.00 per match. The maximum number of games likely to be played by them would be no more than 12.
3. In recognition of Blackwell Miners Football Club continuing to do the

grass cutting at Scanderlands Football Pitch, Blackwell no charge be made.

Councillor A F Tomlinson reported that one of the steel palisade type fence panels at Scanderlands Playing Field had been damaged and it was agreed the Clerk contact H W Martin Limited requesting replacement of same.

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FOOTPATHS

Following a report from Councillor Mrs P Wilkinson **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to Network Rail requesting that the hedgerow and undergrowth at Alfreton Road, Westhouses be cut back without delay.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £9133.13 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).

129/2009

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that the next Meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Group would take place on 10 September 2009 in the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover.

Councillor Willens further gave a brief overview of the Action Group representation.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 33/2009 East Midlands Regional Plan.
2. 34/2009 Publication of Report Local Authority Investments
3. 35/2009 Derbyshire County Council Siting approval and grants towards bus shelter.
4. 36/2009 County Councillor Geoff Carlisle.
5. 37/2009 Training Course – Power of Wellbeing.
6. 38/2009 British Youth Council – The Youth of Today.
7. 39/2009 Training – Clerks Induction Course.
8. 40/2009 Annual Parish Councils Meeting – Derbyshire

- Police 15 September 2009.
9. 41/2009 County Council Parish/Town Council Liaison Forum – 22 October 2009 County Hall, Matlock.
 10. 42/2009 DALC President 2009/2010.
 11. 43/2009 Training Course – Power of Wellbeing.
 12. 44/2009 Swine Flu/Flu Friend.
 13. 45/2009 Strength in Local Democracy.
 14. 46/2009 Market failure – Can the Traditional Market Survive.
 15. 47/2009 Parish Council Liaison Meeting 22 October 2009.
 16. 48/2009 Derbyshire Police Parish Councils Evening 15/9/2009.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information it was anticipated the next Council Newsletter would be available for distribution late September early October. With regard to the Councils Website a number of difficulties had been encountered but it was anticipated that these would be resolved in the near future.

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PLANS

There were no Plans for consideration.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Derbyshire Victoria County History – request for financial assistance.

Councillor R J Sainsbury had attended a celebratory event at County Hall, Matlock on 30 June 2009 which he had found very interesting. He did, however, point out that the book to be published regarding the Parishes around Bolsover did not include Blackwell.

RESOLVED:

- a. Councillor R J Sainsbury be thanked for his report.
 - b. The letter from Derbyshire Victoria County History be noted.
2. BT Pay Phones inviting the Council to adopt the local red telephone box situated at Cragg Lane, Old Blackwell.

RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

3. Letter from Caroline Spelman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government confirming that if a Conservative Government is returned at the next Election it would abolish the Standards Board for England.
4. Open invitation to Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust

third Annual General Meeting to be held at the Ball Room, Winding Wheel, Hollywell Street, Chesterfield on Wednesday 30 September 2009 at 5.00p.m.

Councillor N J B Willens advised Council Members that he had reviewed the document issued by North East Derbyshire District Council entitled "Climate Change and Renewable Energy Scoping Document" and that the Clerk had forwarded an appropriate reply to North East Derbyshire District Council.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

The Clerk reported for information that the first trainload of coal had left the Engine Reclamation Site, Westhouses on 26 August 2009. He further reported that he had been advised by Shires Development Limited that a technical review of the bank repairs at the Engine Site was required to ensure competence and then coal would be dispatched on a regular basis.

135/2009

COUNCILLOR MRS S A GRAY

Councillor Mrs S A Gray – following comments from a number of Council Members that Councillor Mrs S A Gray was no longer living within the Parish of Blackwell and was now resident in North Wingfield. Unanimously **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to Councillor Mrs S A Gray suggesting that she review her position as a Member of Blackwell Parish Council.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre on Monday 5 October 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.