

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 September 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

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

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ALSO PRESENT

Mr John Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council, PCSO Stuart Swaby Derbyshire Constabulary and twelve Parishioners.

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OPEN FORUM

Mr L Dumelo, Newton advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to speeding motorists at Wire Lane/Charnwood Crescent, Newton and asked if speed ramps could be installed.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised Mr Dumelo it was unlikely that speed ramps would be installed at either location but he would ask Derbyshire County Councils Highways Department to investigate and would advise him accordingly.

Mrs P Barnes, Newton also expressed concerns with regard to speeding motorists at Hall Lane/Alfreton Road, Newton.

Councillor C R Moesby said that he would request the Derbyshire County Council Highways Department to investigate her complaints.

Mrs C Clement, Newton asked if it was an offence for horse faeces to be left on pavements/public footpaths.

She was advised by PCSO Stuart Swaby there was no law currently in force with regard to prosecuting the owners of any horse where faeces had been left on either footpaths or pavements.

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POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Stuart Swaby advised Council Members of the crime figures for July/August 2010. He further advised Council Members that PCSO Paul Brownlee was remaining with Derbyshire Constabulary.

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. Satellite Navigation Equipment theft.
2. Safer routes to school – Blackwell Primary School.
3. Speed Checks carried out at Main Street, Newton.
4. Speed Checks carried out at Alfreton Road/Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
5. Outstanding work at the Five Pits Trail, Silver Hill Link, Newton.
6. Relocation of 30MPH sign at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.
7. Meeting with Government Ministers with regard to Tibshelf School.
8. Adult Social Care.
9. Installation of 30MPH Sign at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.

RESOLVED County Councillor Clive Moesby be thanked for his attendance and report.

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MISS D CRITCHLEY

The Chairman of the Council welcomed to the Meeting Miss D Critchley, Outreach Worker, North Derbyshire Womens Aid who advised Council Members she was based at the Community House, South Normanton and she was an Outreach Worker covering the South Bolsover District Council area.

Miss Critchley gave a comprehensive overview of her work which included both male and female clients and of her close working links with housing/health/Social Services/Childrens Services etc.

It was her intention to set up a number of drop-in surgeries and she would be attending the Bolsover District Council Customer Care Service Day at Blackwell Community Centre on Tuesday 5 October 2010.

Miss Critchley satisfactorily answered a number of questions from Council Members.

RESOLVED Miss Critchley be thanked for her attendance and report.

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BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

In the absence of Mrs K Childs, Chairman, Blackwell Residents Action Group the Clerk read out her quarterly report which highlighted:

1. Activities that had taken place:

- a. The Centenary Cricket Celebrations, running a Tombola Stall and displaying the plans for the Mining Monument at Blackwell Cricket Ground.
- b. A successful Litter Pick was held on 2 July 2010.
- c. A Big Lunch took place on Sunday 18 July and was attended by about 40 people.
- d. Cream Teas were served at the home of Mr and Mrs I J A Newham which had raised over £200.00 for Group funds.

The following projects were ongoing:

- a. Planters
- b. Mining Monument
The Group was now close to having all the funds in place to meet the £8,000.00 target.
- c. The Snack Bar on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Blackwell Community Centre continued to be popular.

Forthcoming Events:-

- a. The Group would be participating in the Heritage Day on 25 September at the Post Mill Centre South Normanton.
- b. On 5 October the Group would be hosting an Information Market Place at the Blackwell Community Centre.
- c. The Christmas Fayre would be held on 13 November 2010.

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HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE GROUP

Mr M Greenwood advised Council Members;

1. Severn Trent Water Authority had completed all remedial repair work at the South Normanton Brook.
2. The Annual Duck Day would be held in Hilcote on 11 September 2010.

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

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NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

1. Film Nights would be held at Newton Community Centre on the following dates:

30 September
28 October

25 November

2. Possible liaison with other Residents Groups within the Parish Councils area to arrange a Parish Litter Pick.
3. The Association Newsletter was likely to be distributed to all households within the village of Newton during the latter part of September 2010.

RESOLVED Mrs D Willens 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. Current situation with regard to the former BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.
2. The next Meeting of the Westhouses Residents Action Group would be held on 23 September 2010.

RESOLVED Mr D Fowkes be thanked for his attendance and report.

The Chairman and Members of the Council congratulated all four Residents Groups on the various projects that they had undertaken in the different villages within the Parish.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S A Gray, J Lomas, R J Sainsbury and B Stocks.

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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 5 July 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

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ALLOTMENTS

Following a report from Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils Representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association, it was agreed that the following addition to the Allotment Tenancy Regulations be approved.

"The Association may be dissolved at a Special Meeting called with at least two weeks notice to all Members. The Association may be wound up if agreed by a majority of those Members present and voting at the Special General Meeting. In the event of winding up any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to another Group with similar aims working within the bounds of Blackwell Parish. No funds would be payable to any individual Member."

112/2010

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Democratic Services Manager with regard to proposed temporary road closure for the Newton Christmas Fayre and Light Switch On, Sunday 28 November 2010.

RESOLVED that no objections be made to the proposed temporary road closure for the Newton Christmas Fayre, Light Switch On – Sunday 28 November 2010.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal interest in the foregoing item but remained present during the discussion and decision thereon.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council regarding Safer Routes To School, Blackwell Primary School, which included:

1. Upgrading of an existing tactile paved dropped crossing.
2. Installation of four new tactile paved dropped crossings.
3. The removal of two existing signs and installation of two new School Safety Zone signs with 20MPH supplementary plates and flashing Amber Warning Lights on Primrose Hill.

RESOLVED that there be no objections to the Derbyshire County Council proposed Safer Route to School, Blackwell Primary School.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk reported for information that new UPVC doors and windows had been installed at the Councils Sports Pavilion at Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

The Clerk further reported that he had met with the Contractor on site with regard to the possibility of providing a steel roller door at the Sports Pavilion, Charnwood Crescent, Newton but the Contractor had indicated that, due to the pitch of the roof, it would not be possible for a shutter door to be installed.

RESOLVED

1. The Clerks report be noted.
2. The matter be discussed at a future Meeting of the Council.

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FOOTPATHS

The Chairman of the Council reported that the damaged boundary wall at Newton Old Hall had still not been repaired despite being offered grant facilities by Bolsover District Council.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as Deputy Leader, Bolsover District Council said that he would investigate the matter and advise the Council accordingly.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £13,449.44 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).

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BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information:

- a. Communication Grants Fund.
- b. Executive Support Group – Presentation Village Games.
- c. CVP Volunteers.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 36/2010 – Employers Guide and Training 2010.
2. 37/2010 – Local Government Pay 2010/2011 and

- 2011/2012.
3. 38/2010 – Derbyshire Training Partnership, Training 2010/2011.
 4. 39/2010 – New DALC Training Course and HMRC Training – Autumn, Winter 2010.
 5. 40/2010 – Power of Well Being Resolutions.
 6. 41/2010 – County Council Matters (Corporate Property Pack).
 7. 42/2010 – DALC AGM 4 September 2010.
 8. 43/2010 – Parish Council Accounts Service.

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QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily and it was anticipated the Councils Newsletter would be available for distribution week commencing 27 September 2010.

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PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Miss Lisa Liston, Tiny Tots Day Nursery, Gloves Lane, Blackwell – safety surfacing to outdoor Play Area and erection of two post/wall mounted canopies, 2m x 1.8m and 5m x 3.5m – **no objections.**
2. Mr and Mrs S R Ball, 41 Alfreton Road, Westhouses – loft conversion including pitched roof dormer extension across with the building – **no objections.**

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following letters:

1. Chaplins Pantos – the Councils Annual Pantomime would be held at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres on Monday 6 December 2010.
2. Bolsover District Council Old Blackwell/Newton Conservation Area appraisal and management plan.
3. Audit Commission – completion of the Annual Audit 2009/2010 – the external Auditor had no comments to make with regard to the presentation of the Councils Accounts.
4. Mr A Tebbs – proposed Mining Memorial, Blackwell. A letter had been submitted to Bolsover District Council with regard to the license issued to the Council by Bolsover District Council for land at the junction of Gloves Lane/Alfreton Road, Blackwell for the proposed Mining Memorial.
5. Rural Action Derbyshire, this would be held at the Post Mill Centre, South Normanton on Wednesday 29 September 2010.

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ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE

Councillor C R Moesby, Chairman of the Engine Site Liaison Committee gave a brief overview of the Meeting held on 26 May 2010 and that the next Meeting of the Committee would be held on 8 September 2010 at Hilcote Community Centre.

Following a short discussion regarding the former BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses **RESOLVED** Mr K Booth, Director, Shires Development Limited, Eckington be invited to the next Meeting of the Council to be held at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 4 October 2010.

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STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED that the revised Standing Orders, in accordance with the recommendations from the National Association Councils, be discussed at the next Meeting of the 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 4 October 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO MEETINGS

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public are temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

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LITTLEMOOR LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman of the Council welcomed to the Meeting Mr John Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council who commented on correspondence that the Clerk had received from J A Taft Conveyancing, Chesterfield with regard to land owned by Dennis Rye Limited at Sherwood Street, Newton. He suggested that an approach be made to the Legal Department, Bolsover District Council with regard to securing a Prescriptive Right of Way over the said land to the Councils Allotments at Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

RESOLVED the Clerk contact the Legal Department, Bolsover District Council to ascertain if they would be willing to secure a Prescriptive Right of Way over land owned by Dennis Rye Limited at Sherwood Street, Newton.

Mr Yates further advised Council Members that he had had a further inspection of Plots 43, 55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton but there had been no improvement since his previous site visit on 12 May 2010.

RESOLVED that Mr A Bingham, tenant of Plot Numbers 43, 55 and 60 Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton be given Notice to Quit the aforementioned Allotments for failure to bring the Allotments up to the required standard of cultivation and that such Notice to expire on 29 September 2011.

The Notice would be served in pursuance of the Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908, Section 30 Sub-Section 2.

Councillor N J B Willens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing and vacated the room whilst the discussion and decision thereon was taken.

The Chairman and Council Members thanked Mr John Yates, Chairman, Standards Committee, Bolsover District Council for his help and advice with regard to the foregoing matters.

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PART TIME PARISH CARETAKER

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities of the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker and it was agreed that if any Council Member had areas within the Parish which required the attention of the Caretaker they would contact the Clerk who in turn contact the Caretaker.

The Meeting concluded at 9.40 p.m.