

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 3 September 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors: D G Bullock: I G Cox: C R Moesby : R A Poulter: R J Sainsbury and L Walker

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ALSO PRESENT

P C Dan Evans (14054), Derbyshire Constabulary and five Parishioners.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Munks, I J A Newham, B Stocks, A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

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DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/ CODE OF CONDUCT.

The Chairman reminded Council Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests 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.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that all Members of the Council had been given a copy of the Parish Councils Code of Conduct and it was agreed that a copy of the Code be placed in the Councils Minute Book

The Chairman requested all Members present to sign the Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interest Form together with the General Conduct Form.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING (TWENTY MINUTES)

Miss L Fisher, Westhouses asked Council Members for an up to date report with regard to the Engine Reclamation Site and she was advised by Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor, that Derbyshire County Council were continuing to monitor the project and that work was progressing satisfactorily.

Councillor Moesby also advised Miss Fisher that eight car parking spaces would be provided on the Westhouses/New Hucknall Trail at Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell and that height barriers would be erected.

Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to fly tipping which had recently occurred on the Play Area adjacent to Pendean Close, Blackwell but the offending rubbish has now been removed.

Mr Clarkson also request information with regard to the grass cutting schedule with particular reference to Cragg Lane, Newton and Fordbridge Lane, Blackwell.

It was agreed the Clerk contact the Street Services Manager, Bolsover District Council with regard to ascertaining this information.

Councillor I G Cox, Newton advised Council Members that following grass cutting at Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell rubbish etc. which had evolved from the area was unsightly.

It was agreed that an item be placed in the next edition of the Councils Newsletter regarding the dumping of rubbish not only in this particular area but elsewhere within the Parish of Blackwell.

Mr G Williams, Blackwell advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the overhanging hedgerow on the Public Bridleway Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

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

Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote speaking on behalf of the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project advised Council Members that the Duck Day had now been rescheduled to be held on 6 October 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

Councillor L Walker, Hilcote advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to horses fouling the footpaths along Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

He further advised Council Members that the drains at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote had not been pressure treated and it was agreed this be checked with Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council.

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POLICE MATTERS

P C Dan Evans, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime Figures to 31 August 2012.
2. The next Police Drop-In Surgeries would be
 - a. Held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre – Friday 14 September 2012 – 10.00 a.m./112.00 a.m.
 - b. Blackwell Community Centre, Thursday 27 September 2012 10.00 a.m. 11 a.m.

RESOLVED PC Dan Evans 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. The unauthorised 30MPH Speed Activated Sign at Main Street, Newton had been removed.
2. Tibshelf School - work in progress.
3. Election of Police Commissioners 15 November 2012.
4. Health and Well Being – an invitation for Members of the Public to apply to become Members of the Health Watch Scrutiny Committee To apply contact 01629 539172 or e-mail, policy@Derbyshire.gov.uk.
5. Doe Hill Community Park, the Advisory Panel Meeting would be held at Tibshelf Village Hall on 13 September 2012.
6. The Boundary Commission had completed its report and a number of changes had now been approved.
7. Snow clearance - volunteers requested to contact [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/winter help](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/winter_help).
8. Temporary road closure A38 Mansfield Road, South Normanton 24 September 2012 to 1 October 2012 between 19.00 hours and 05.00 hours each night – work on the East bound and West bound carriage ways which would be phased.
9. GCSE results - Derbyshire County Council reported an exceptionally good year with regard to the results.
10. Improved signage at Huthwaite Lane, Old Blackwell.
11. Safer Derbyshire Magazine.

RESOLVED That County Councillor C R Moesby be thanked for his attendance and report.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 July 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items to be discussed.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Council Members that the Councils annual Pantomime would be held at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres on Monday 3 December 2012.

The Chairman also reported that an invitation had been received from the Chairman (Councillor Ken Walker) Bolsover District Council to attend a charity Brass Concert featuring Shirebrook

Miners Welfare Unison Bank in The Auditorium, Sports Direct, Brook Park, Meadow Lane, Shirebrook on Friday 5 October 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

A copy of the Invitation had been circulated to all Council Members.

The Chairman also reported an Open Garden Scheme(six gardens open to the general public) had been held in Blackwell/Newton on 12 August 2012 in which three Council Members had participated and approximately £800.00 had been raised which had been shared between St Werburghs Church, Blackwell and Newton Methodist Church.

Also reported, the Blackwell Parish Council Winter Response Plan which was being produced in conjunction with Bolsover District Council and a Questionnaire would be included in the next Council Newsletter asking for volunteers from within the Parish to participate during inclement weather.

The Chairman also reported that a Community Voluntary Partnership Seminar Food Poverty Forum would be held at Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover on 20 September 2012.

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ALLOTMENTS

Following a report from the Clerk, it was agreed that a Site Meeting be held with the occupier of 62 The Ridge, Blackwell with regard to the boundary alongside the Councils Allotments at the Ridge, Blackwell.

Following a report from Councillor D G B Bullock with regard to the garden Plot at Littlemoor Lane Site, Newton, it was agreed Councillor R J Sainsbury, in his capacity as a Governor of Newton Primary School, speak with the Head Teacher with regard to the said allotment plot being properly cultivated. The Chairman said he would raise this matter at a meeting of the Committee of the Allotment Association.

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HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported for information that the letter of complaint/petition with regard to traffic etc. at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote had been received by the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council and a report was being prepared for submission to the Cabinet Member for Highways for a response thereon.

The Clerk also reported for information that he had completed an application form received from Street Lighting Services, Derbyshire County Council with regard to hanging baskets being attached to Street Lighting Columns within the Parish of Blackwell.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Groundwork Creswell outlining the design brief and fee proposal for new Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton. He further reported on the Site Meeting which had been held on 9 July with Mrs C Buckley, Landscape Architect, Groundwork Creswell.

RESOLVED the design brief fee in the sum of £3,600.00 be paid to Groundwork Creswell and that it was noted this would be deducted from the £6000.00 which the Council had allowed for in its Precept held on 23 January 2012 (Minute 212/2011 refers).

Councillor D G B Bullock suggested to the Chairman that it might be prudent to inspect the new play equipment that had been installed at Morton.

Following comments from Councillors D G B Bullock, I G Cox, R J Sainsbury and the Chairman

RESOLVED all existing Play Equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field be removed as soon as possible.

It was further agreed an item be placed in the next edition of the Councils Newsletter advising the residents of Newton of the Councils intention with regard to the provision of Play Equipment at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field.

Councillor L Walker advised Council Members that he had had a Meeting with Officers from Bolsover District Council and had visited a number of the Councils Play Areas and was awaiting reports with regard to the standard of equipment at the various Play Areas inspected.

The Chairman reminded Council Walker of Minute 94/2012 which stated should Council Members have any concerns with regard to the state of Play Equipment they should contact the Clerk direct who in turn would contact the Officer responsible for inspections/repair work at Bolsover District Council with appropriate instructions.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that, along with the Clerk, they had met Mr. J Tipton and Mr. A Tyson, Leisure Services Department, Bolsover District Council on 30 August 2012 to discuss Play Area inspections. The Officers concerned had noted that any Inspection Reports with regard to the Parish Councils Play Equipment should be forwarded direct to the Clerk who in turn would discuss any outstanding problems with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from Dennis Skinner MP, enclosing copy of a petition that he had received from a number of pupils at Newton Primary School, Newton who had requested the provision of a Skate Park at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

RESOLVED:

1. The Petition be noted.
2. The organizers of the Petition be advised to contact the Lottery Fund "Involving Communities", who may be able to assist with financial support.

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FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Solicitor, Derbyshire County Council, with regard to the use of mobility scooters on the Five Pits/Silver Hill Trail/Westhouses/Blackwell Trail who advised the Parish Council that Golf Type Buggies would not be permitted on the Trail and there was no breach of the Equalities Act 2010.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £53,718.06 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members of the Council for their inspection

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 2011) (SI Number 2011/817).

Following remarks made by Councillor L Walker to the Clerk, the Clerk advised Councillor Walker that he (the Clerk) had a right to expect respect and that Councillor Walker failed to do this and that he had verbally abused the Clerk and endeavoured to intimidate him.

Councillor Walker did not apologise for his remarks.

At this point in the Meeting Councillor Walker further repeated his demand to know the names of all the representatives on the Engine Reclamation Site Liaison Committee.

He was advised by Councillor R A Poulter that he (Councillor Walker) had already been given the information at a previous Council Meeting that this Councils' representative was Councillor J A Newham. The identity of other representatives was of no concern to this Council.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman advised Council Members that the next Meeting of the Bolsover Partnership Parish Council Liaison Group would be held in Committee Room Number 1, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover on 13 September 2012 at 1.30 p.m.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that the Corporate Parish Charter Framework document for Bolsover District 2011 was available for inspection.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 30/2012 – Right to build funding.
2. 31/2012 – NALC S Template – code of conduct for Parish Councils (final version)
- 3/ 32/2012 – Neighbourhood Planning Referendum Question.
4. 33/2012 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership.
5. 34/2012 – Funding arrangements for localizing support for Council Tax.
6. 35/2012 - Derbyshire County Council Community Building Grant.
7. 36/2012 – Community right to challenge.
8. 37/2012 – DALCs new recommended agenda for Parish and Town Councils.
9. 38/2012 – DALC Annual General Meeting – 1 September 2012.
10. 39/2012 – Code of Conduct.

The Clerk reported on his attendance at a DALC Training Course – general power of competence on 16 August 2012 and that he had completed the Module and submitted it the Chief Verifier for his consideration.

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QUALITY STATUS PARISH /TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils Website was functioning satisfactorily and that the next edition of the Councils Newsletter would be at the printers on 17 September

2012.

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PLANS

The following plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. 12/00159/FULL – Roseland Community Wind Farm – erection of 6 wind turbines between Roseland Farm, Shirebrook and Losk Lane, Stoney Houghton – **noted.**
2. 12/00382/FULL – Mr. J Young, 7 Littlemoor Lane, Newton – single storey extension to rear of property – **no objections.**

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of the following items of correspondence:

1. Banks Mining/Doe Hill Community Park Advisory Panel Meeting to be held at Tibshelf Village Hall on 13 September 2012.
2. Audit Commission completion of the Audit of the Councils Accounts to 31 March 2012 and that the appropriate Notice had been placed on the Councils Notice Boards for 14 days from the 27 July 2012.
3. A further letter from the Audit Commission confirming that Grant Thornton UK LLP had been appointed the Councils External Auditors for five years from 2012/2013 Accounts.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported his discussions with E-on with regard to the heating charges for Blackwell/Newton Community Centre for 2012/2013 and these were as follows:

Blackwell Community Centre

Current Standing Charge 12.11 pence per day to increase to 36.98 pence per day.

Current price for kilowatt – 3.90 pence to reduce to 3.35 pence a 4% discount would be allowed if paid by direct debit.

According to E-on the annual usage per kilowatt at the Community Centre was 47,500 kwh and that an estimated saving of £174.74 would be made.

Newton Community Centre

Current Standing Charge 15.14 pence per day and this would increase to 36.98 pence per day.

The price per kwh was 4.82 pence and this would reduce to 3.35 pence a 4% discount would be allowed if paid by direct debit.

The annual usage per kwh at the Community Centre was 66 thousand and E-on had estimated that an annual saving of £894.00 per year.

The foregoing figures are based on a 2 year contact.

Following comments by Council Members

RESOLVED that the Clerk make further enquiries with the Procurement Officer, Bolsover District Council, with regard to heating charges and if no additional benefits were obtained the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be authorized to accept the new heating charges from E-on.

The Clerk also reported that a Fire Risk Assessment had been carried out at both Community Centres and it had been established that a domestic gas meter had, at some time in the past, been installed at Blackwell Community Centre and following an inspection from the Contractors responsible for boiler maintenance disconnected the gas supply and had requested a replacement meter be installed viz a commercial one.

The Clerk further reported that he had been in contact with E-on and that a commercial meter would be installed within the next 10/14 days.

The Clerk also suggested that Fire Training be arranged for the caretakers of both Community Centres and it was agreed that this be arranged along with any interested Council Members.

Following comments from Councillor D G B Bullock with regard to the heating system at Newton Community Centre it was agreed that limit access with regard to users of the Centre tampering with the boiler and the thermostat.

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MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on Monday 1 October 2012 At 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

