

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre, Newton, on Monday 4 September 2017 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor N J B Willens (Chairman)

Councillors D G B Bullock : I G Cox : T J Gascoyne : S Gill: C R Moesby : A Naylor : R A Poulter and R J Sainsbury.

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ALSO PRESENT

19 Parishioners

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Munks, I J A Newham and B Stocks.

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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 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.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING (20 MINUTES)

Mrs L Duncombe-Moore, Westhouses speaking as Chair of the Westhouses Residents Action Group, she advised Council Members of activities that had been undertaken by the Group during the last twelve months. Amongst the many events held were included a Dog Show, Valentine Family Disco at the Station Hotel, Westhouses, and Easter Family Event on the Westhouses Playing Field.

The Chairman assured Mrs Duncombe- Moore that Council Members were appreciative of the work undertaken by her Group.

Mr T Mellors, Newton advised Council Members of the HS2 Ltd- Blackwell Group, had expressed concerns that at the present time there were no further plans for consultation within the village of Newton. A consultation event with regard to HS2 Ltd would be held, but at The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton on 7 September 2017.

The Chairman did point out to Mr Mellors that the facility the provided at South Normanton was much larger than that at Newton Community Centre and in light of all the equipment that representatives from HS2 Ltd would be bringing with them this was the reason that The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton, had been chosen.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact HS2 Ltd to express the concerns of the residents of Newton not having a consultation event within the village

Mrs P Stocks, Westhouses, advised Council Members of her concerns with regard to children on the Westhouses playing field and the fact that the local farmer had access through the playing field to his fields. It was agreed the Clerk write to the farmer concerned to advise him caution when taking farm vehicles over the Westhouses Playing field to his land.

Mrs J Siddall, Hilcote, advised Council Members of the progress that had been made by the Help Group with regard to the provision of a defibrillator within the village of Hilcote.

Mr G Heaseman, Newton, what further consultation had taken place with regard to HS2 Ltd spur with Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

Councillor C R Moesby, in his capacity as County Councillor said he would make appropriate enquiries at County Offices Matlock and hopefully advise Mr Heaseman of the situation following a change in control of the County Council.

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POLICE MATTERS

Council Members noted that there was no Police attendance at the Meeting but the Clerk advised Members that the damage to play equipment at the Gloves Lane Play Area, Blackwell, enquiries were still ongoing and when any information was available this would be passed over to the Council

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOSEBY

County Councillor C R Moesby advised Council Members.

1. HS2 Ltd The County's approach to HS2 Ltd passing through the County of Derbyshire .

2. A Design scheme for the road junction Cragg Lane, Alfreton Road, Newton was now with consultants.

3. The post of Chief Executive Officer, Derbyshire County Council together with his assistant Chief Executive and the Strategic Director of Corporate Services had been abolished and it was estimated that this would save the County Council £300,000.00 in management costs.

In response to a question from Councillor I G Cox, County Councillor C R Moesby said that he would arrange for a Site Meeting with officers from Derbyshire County Council to examine the condition of the pavement at Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

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

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COUNCILLOR D G B BULLOCK

Councillor D G B Bullock and Councillor C R Moesby in their capacity as Members of Bolsover District Council advised Council Members:

1. Two Joint Executive Directors of the District Council posts had been abolished and that two new Strategic Directors had been appointed.
2. The boundary review had been carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission and with regard to the Parish of Blackwell there was no change.

RESOLVED that Councillors D G B Bullock and C R Moesby be thanked for their attendance and report.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items for discussion.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported for information

1. Receipt of an invitation from the Chairman at Bolsover District Council to attend the Civic Service to be held at St Lawrence Church, High Street, Whitwell on Sunday 15 October 2017.

The Chairman further advised Council Members that he was unable to attend due to a prior engagement and asked if any other Member would like to attend in his place.

2. The Chairman reminded Council Members that a renewal reminder had been issued by Derbyshire County Council with regard to the Derbyshire Gold Card Holders.
3. HS2 Ltd Blackwell Group had organized a showing at Newton

Community Centre of the new documentary film “Nature of the Beast” telling the story of Bolsover Member of Parliament Dennis Skinner’s life.

The film would be shown on Saturday 30 September 2017 at 7.pm.

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HS2 Ltd

The Clerk reported for information that HS2 Ltd were holding an information event Eastern Leg – West Midlands to Leeds at The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, on Thursday 7 September 2017, 2.pm/8.pm.

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ALLOTMENTS

There were no reports with regard to allotments.

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HIGHWAYS

A number of Council Members raised the question of the removal of speed humps within the village of Hilcote and Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Members that he had spoken with the appropriate Highways Engineer at Derbyshire County Council who had indicated that he would oppose removal of any speed humps in Hilcote.

Councillor C R Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Council Members with regard to the traffic issues at the junction of Cragg Lane/Alfreton Road, Newton, this had now been passed to Design Consultants who would be reporting back to Derbyshire County Council with their proposals later this year. Any plans would be forwarded to the Parish Council for discussion.

The Chairman reported for information that along with Councillor I J A Newham he had attended a meeting organized by the Calmtraffic4us at the Sitwell Arms, Morton, on 12 July 2017, with regard to community speed watch but clarification was required from the Police as to whether or not a Police Officer had to be in attendance when a speed watch was being carried out and whether or not volunteers would be vetted.

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PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman advised Council Members that he had received correspondence from Groundwork Creswell with regard to the application for funding for the proposed new play equipment at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton, and of the additional information that was required. This was being ascertained and would be forwarded to Groundwork Creswell in due course. Councillor T J Gascoyne and the Clerk reported that an arson attack had recently occurred to play equipment at the Councils Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell, the Police had been notified and had increased patrols in the area.

The Clerk further reported that he had been in contact with the Play Grounds and Open Spaces Warden at Bolsover District Council, and a site meeting would be held on a mutually convenient date and time with regard to the removal of the damaged equipment and replacement of new equipment.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Council Solicitors suggesting a proposed resolution for the change of name for Westhouses Playing Field.

The proposed resolution was

“In order to facilitate a change of name of the Charity Westhouses Playing Field, to make the following amendment in accordance with the power conferred upon the Trustee by Section 280 of the Charities Act 2011, to the Governing Document of the Charity namely a Conveyance date 14 July 1951”.

“That the title and wherever referred to as Westhouses Playing Field will now be referred to as Westhouses Memorial Playing Field, but not so to change by way of substitution or otherwise the term Westhouses anywhere in the Conveyance where the context is such that this is the description of the place and not the name of the Charity”.

Following a lengthy discussion several Council Members suggested;

1. The residents of Westhouses be consulted on a possible change of name for Westhouses Playing Field to Westhouses Memorial Playing Field.
2. Consideration to the cost implications involved i.e. Solicitors Fees.

RESOLVED that the change of name of Westhouses Playing Field to Westhouses Memorial Playing Field (subject to the residents of Westhouses being consulted) and of the cost implications involved be discussed at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2018.

Council Members gave consideration to land at Midland Terrace, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses, which currently is in the ownership of Bolsover District Council. Following a suggestion from the Clerk who had been in contact with the Chair, Westhouses Residents Action Group, it was agreed that the Parish Council takeover responsibility for grass cutting etc at Midland Terrace, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

The Clerk reported for information that he had been advised by the Councils Solicitors that the bowling green opposite Blackwell Miners Welfare would not be passed to the Council as Trustees and in fact CISWO were taking the bowling green area and also the Blackwell Miners Welfare building.

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FOOTPATHS

Councillor S Gill advised Council Members of his concerns with regard to the overhanging hedgerow on the Public Bridleway, at Gloves Lane, Blackwell, and it was agreed that the Clerk contact local farmers to ascertain cost implications with regard to hedge cutting at a number of locations within the Parish of Blackwell and this be reported to the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2018.

Following a suggestion from Councillor Gill it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council, with regard to the un-adopted footpath from The Ridge to the site of the former railway line at Blackwell.

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ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of Accounts for Payment totaling £12,858.02p and it was agreed that these be paid.

The Clerk also furnished the following documents to Members of the Council for their inspection.

1. Copy of the Council Bank Reconciliation Statement.
2. Copy of the Councils Audit Form confirming the Councils current financial position.
3. Copy of the Councils Bank Statement.
4. List of Direct Debit Payments.

The foregoing documents conform to the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England 2017) (SI Number 2011/817).

The Clerk handed to each Member present a copy of the redacted Accounts for Payment.

The Clerk also reported that he had received a Dividend Statement from the CCLA – Public Sector Fund to 31 July 2017.

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BOLSOVER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Bolsover Partnership and Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 17 July 2017 and that the two main items for discussion was the Expedition 2019 and the LEADER Update.

With regard to Expedition 2019 a presentation was given in relation to the Namibia Bound Challenge 2018/2019 programme had been

given.

The Chairman gave a brief outline of the schools within the Bolsover District Council area likely to be involved and that the overall cost of funding was for the eighteen month programme was £145,000.00

He suggested that the Council may wish to contribute £1,000.00 towards the Namibia Bound Challenge 2018/2019 programme via a Section 137 payment.

RESOLVED

1. The Chairman's report be noted.
2. The request for financial assistance for the Namibia Bound Challenge programme be discussed at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2018.

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the BNED Leader programme which was trying to target more promotions in Bolsover and would appreciate support from Parish Councils to help spread the word of the programme.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk reported for information receipt of:-

1. Circular 09/2017 – DALC Annual General Meeting etc (a copy had been circulated to all Members of the Council).

The Clerk also reported for information that a DALC Training Course on Data Protection Regulations – changes in the law, and would be held on 16 October 2017

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QUALITY STATUS – PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman reported for information that the Councils website was functioning satisfactorily.

The Chairman further reported that contributions for the Autumn Edition of the Councils Newsletter was required by 8 September 2017.

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PLANS

The following plans were submitted and determined as indicated:-

1. 17/00379/FUL – Miss D Duly, 19 Main Street, Newton – Proposed front porch, garage conversion, front landscaping, access and boundary wall works with replacement roof to rear porch

No objections.

2. 17/00407/FUL – Mr S Holocuk, 1 Metro Avenue, Newton – Two storey extension to side of dwelling. **No objections.**

3. 17/00410/FUL – Mr & Mrs D Coope, 21 Alfreton Road, Newton – Single storey rear extension with flue. **No objections.**

The Clerk further reported that Bolsover District Council had given planning approval to the following planning applications:-

1. 14/00188/FULMAJ – Mr P Leverton – Former Blackwell Tip north east of Amber Park, Berristow Lane, Berristow Lane Industrial Estate, South Normanton – Change of use to open storage yard with access from Berristow Lane.

2. 17/00273/TPO – Mr M Sipsen, 18 Littlemoor Lane, Newton – prune lower branches of oak tree.

17/00277/DETRSG – Mr P Smith 59 Main Street, Newton – Planning permission was not required for Change of use from A1 Retail to C3 Dwellinghouse.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:-

1. Mrs J Siddall, H.E.L.P Group and Mr M Fagan, Community Heartbeat Trust with regard to the provision of a Red K6 Telephone Box containing a defibrillator at the junction of Pasture Lane/New Lane, Hilcote.

Mr Fagan had indicated that he would like to address Members of the Parish Council regarding the possible provision of defibrillators in Blackwell/Newton/Westhouses.

RESOLVED that Mr M Fagan be invited to a future meeting of the Council to discuss the possible provision of defibrillators in Blackwell/Newton/Westhouses.

2. Letter from the Secretary, Newton Women's Institute indicating that they would give consideration towards providing financial assistance for a defibrillator in the village of Newton.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Secretary, Newton Woman's Institute thanking her on behalf of the Council for generous offer towards providing financial assistance for the possible provision of a defibrillator in the village of Newton.

3. Email from the Administrator, Central England Co-operative Ltd advising the Council that consideration was now being given to the H.E.L.P group's request for financial towards the cost of a ride-on mower which would be used on Royal Oak Meadows, Pasture Lane,

Hilcote.

4. Email from the Administrator, Borders Mission Circuit, with regard to the two artifacts situated within the now dis-used Berrister Winning Methodist Church, New Street, Hilcote, and that the artifacts would be donated to the Parish Council for installation within the village of Hilcote.

Councillor C R Moesby declared an interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

5. Letter of Acknowledgement of Compliance had been issued by The Pensions Regulator.

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DOE HILL COMMUNITY PARK

Councillor C R Moesby reported for information that there had been instances of fly-tipping at Doe Hill Community Park, and that this was currently being cleared away by volunteers.

He further advised Council Members that the next Doe Hill Community Park Panel Meeting would be held in 2017.

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BLACKWELL/NEWTON/ HILCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Clerk reported for information that he had received a letter from the Trade Waste Officer, Bolsover District Council advising that with effect from 1 October 2017 and that the six-monthly charge for a 1100 litre bin would be £473.98p.

Councillors D G B Bullock and C R Moesby declared an interest in the foregoing item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor T J Gascoyne reported for information that plans for the provision for a multi-user room at Westhouses Primary School had been received from the Architect and that funding was currently being sought.

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MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote, on Monday 2 October 2017, at 7.pm.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45.pm.