

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 9 February 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: C R Moesby: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury and N J B Willens:

**220/2008**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

PCSO Paul Brownlee, Derbyshire Constabulary and six Parishioners.

**221/2008**

## **OPEN FORUM**

**Mrs D Willens, Newton** advised Council Members that the Newton Community Association had applied for funding to provide a roll back screen and sound system for future film shows and asked the Councils approval to locate the items and equipment at Newton Community Centre.

It was agreed that the roll back screen and sound system be located at Newton Community Centre.

**222/2008**

## **POLICE MATTERS**

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

1. Crime Figures to 31 January 2009.
2. Ongoing efforts to crack down users of mini motorcycles at Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

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

**223/2008**

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Traffic Survey New Lane/Berristow Lane, Hilcote and possible resiting of 30 MPH signs at Berristow Lane.
2. Speed checks carried out on a regular basis at Alfreton Road/Primrose Hill, Blackwell.
3. Speed Survey carried out Autumn 2007 at Alfreton Road, Westhouses.
4. Liaison with Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the provision of weight restriction signs at Newtonwood Lane.

5. Companies located on the Tibshelf Industrial Estate, Tibshelf had been written to requesting that drivers of heavy goods vehicles delivering to any of the companies concerned avoid using Newtonwood Lane, Newton.
6. Revised proposals for the M1 Motorway widening between junctions 28 and 31.
7. Provision of 2500 dawn to dusk light bulbs for the elderly and vulnerable.
8. Trading Standards Officers targeting shop keepers selling alcohol to underage drinkers.
9. Derbyshire County Council to take over civil parking enforcement powers from Derbyshire Constabulary with affect from 19 February 2009.
10. Public Protection Scheme against loan sharks.
11. Food and Drink Festival – Bolsover Castle 16/25 May 2009.
12. Trusted Trader Scheme.
13. Derbyshire County Council increasing Council Tax 2.9% for the financial year 2009/2010.

In response to a question from Councillor I G Cox, County Councillor C R Moesby agreed to request the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council to consider providing a sign "Notice Weak Bridge" at the junction of Main Street/Littlemoor Lane, Newton.

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

**224/2008**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr S A Gray, J Lomas, S J Thorpe, A F Tomlinson and Mrs P R Wilkinson.

**225/2008**

**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.

**226/2008**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 January 2009 and Special Council Meeting held on 26 January 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**227/2008**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk reported to Council Members that following the Precept Meeting held on 26 January 2009 – they had negotiated with G K Group, Rainworth for the purchase of a Ford Transit Van for use by the Councils Part Time Parish Caretaker in the sum of £8750.00 plus VAT.

Included in the price was the road tax and also appropriate sign writing.

**RESOLVED** that the action by the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk be approved.

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk further reported that they had been in negotiation with Wernick Hire, Sheepbridge Lane, Mansfield for the purchase of a suitably refurbished 20' by 8' Steel Container and that this had been agreed in the sum of £925.00 plus VAT plus transportation to site at Newton Community Centre in the sum of £125.00 plus VAT.

Wernick Hire had also agreed to relocate the two 20' by 8' steel containers from the rear of Blackwell Community Centre to Charnwood Crescent Playing Field in the sum of £110.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED** that the action of the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk be approved.

**228/2008**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Secretary, Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association requesting the Council to give their support to the Association for funding in the sum of £20,000.00 to upgrade the roadways, pathways at Littlemoor Lane Allotments.

The Clerk further reported that he had been in contact with the Estates Surveyor, Chatsworth Settlement Trustees and they had raised no objections.

**RESOLVED** the Council support the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association in their application for funding to upgrade the roadways/pathways at Littlemoor Lane Allotments.

The Clerk also reported that the Committee Meeting Minutes of the Association dated 12 January 2009 were available for inspection.

**229/2008**

**HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Strategic Director, Environmental Services, Derbyshire County Council requesting

notification of any Parish events within the highway for the year 2009/2010.

The Clerk further reported that a copy of the letter had been passed to the Newton Carnival Team.

Following requests from a number of Council Members

**RESOLVED** the Clerk contact the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council to ascertain the cost of the provision of additional Grit Bins at Bamford Street, Newton and Victoria Drive/Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

**230/2008**

**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported for information the new vandalism notices were now in place at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses, Scanderlands Playing Field, Blackwell and Bamford Street Play Area, Newton.

**231/2008**

**FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk reported for information that the Derbyshire County Council Public Footpath No. 9 (part) Parish of South Normanton and Public Footpath No. 29 (part) Parish of Blackwell, Public Path Diversion Order 2008 had been confirmed by the County Council on 22 January 2009.

Councillor Clive Moesby in his capacity as County Councillor advised Council Members that remedial repair work would be carried out during the current financial year to Public Footpath No. 25.

**232/2008**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £19530.26 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).

**233/2008**

**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk circulated to Members present Ballot Papers for the appointment of representatives to the Local Strategic Partnership Executive Support Group and Board and representative on the Bolsover District Council Standards Committee.

234/2008

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 1/2009 – Index of most important 2008 DALC Circulars.
2. 2/2009 – General Circular – Redundant Buildings Grant etc.
3. 3/2009 - Age Discrimination.

Following a report from the Clerk on the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006 the Clerks appointment be reviewed in September 2010.

235/2008

**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman of the Council reported for information:

1. The Councils website was working satisfactorily.
2. The Councils Newsletter would be distributed in the next 2/3 weeks.

236/2008

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mrs L Guy, 27 Oldfield Road, Newton – crown lift, crown thin and pruning works to ash tree (TPO 23) – **no objections.**
2. Severn Trent Water – removal of two 10m sections of hedgerow etc. at Park Mill Pumping Station, Park Mill Drive, Westhouses – **no objections.**

237/2008

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Dennis Skinner MP advising Council Members that the Post Office Network issues in the Mansfield area were now being dealt with by Mr M Partington, Network Development Manager.

**RESOLVED** that a further letter be sent to Dennis Skinner MP requesting the Post Office to carry out an urgent review of Post Office facilities at Alfreton Road, Blackwell.

2. Resignation of Councillor E P Newell.

The Clerk reported:

1. He had written to former Councillor E P Newell thanking him for his services to the Council and the local community.
2. Notification had been sent to the Returning

Officer at Bolsover District Council, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover advising him of the vacancy in the Hilcote Ward.

3. Land Registry – notice of application to register easements or other rights. The applicant is Seven Trent Water at the Blackwell Sewage Pumping Station, Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

**238/2008**

**ENGINE RECLAMATION SITE**

It was reported for information the next Meeting of the Engine Site Liaison Committee would take place at South Normanton Community Centre, South Normanton on 18 February 2009.

**239/2008**

**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Newton Community Centre, Newton on 2 March 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.