

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Newton Community Centre on Monday 2 March 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: J Lomas: I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: S J Thorpe: 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 pavement at Central Drive, Blackwell was uneven and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting them to investigate the complaint.

Mr L Walker, Hilcote queried the cost of the diversion of Public Footpath 5. The Clerk advised him he would make enquires of the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council and advise Mr Walker accordingly.

Mr M Greenwood, Hilcote advised Council Members that the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project had applied for funding for improving footpaths in the East/West Plantation at the rear of Hilcote Community Centre and that any development therein was likely to be carried out in conjunction with the Bolsover Countryside Partnership.

Mrs G Smith, Newton advised Council Members that the wall adjoining the elderly persons bungalows at the junction of Fernbank Avenue, Alfreton Road, Blackwell was in poor order and it was agreed the Clerk contact Bolsover District Council asking for an urgent inspection to be carried out.

She further advised Council Members of a limestone wall on Cragg Lane, Newton was crumbling and it was agreed the Clerk contact the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council requesting them to investigate same.

Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson advised Council Members that at a recent Meeting of the Engine Liaison Committee it was agreed that a feasibility study be carried out on the former BRSA Club, Tibshelf Road, Westhouses and that a site inspection would be held on 10 March 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

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POLICE MATTERS

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

1. Crime figures to 28 January 2009.
2. Nuisance caused to elderly residents at Primrose Hill, Blackwell.

In relation to the latter report, Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members that fencing had now been installed in the area mentioned and hopefully this would reduce or eliminate any problems to the residents.

PCSO Brownlee further advised Council Members that the next Police Drop-In Surgery would be held at Newton Methodist Church at 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon and Blackwell Community Centre 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Saturday 7 March 2009.

There would also be the second Community Forum to be held at Blackwell Community Centre at 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Saturday 7 March 2009.

PCSO Brownlee also reported that the policing of the village of Westhouses would be coming under the Bolsover Police Division within the very near future.

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

243/2008

COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY

The Clerk advised Council Members he had been in contact with County Councillor Clive Moesby who, due to a prior appointment, was unable to attend the Council Meeting. He did, however, advise the Clerk the reason for the road closure at Hilcote Lane, Hilcote was for repairs to the M1 Motorway bridge.

244/2008

BLACKWELL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

Mrs K Childs, Blackwell Residents Action Group advised Council Members

1. Bulb growth at Demon Street island and the pathway between Alfreton Road/Victoria Drive, Blackwell.
2. Two successful local History Evenings had been held.
3. Lack of progress with regard to the Mining Memorial. Meeting had been arranged with Mr A Tebbs to try and progress the matter.
4. Wishing Well Planning Application.
5. Petition regarding the temporary closure of Blackwell Post Office.

RESOLVED Mrs Childs be thanked for her attendance and report.

245/2008

HILCOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE PROJECT.

Mr M Davis, Hilcote Environment and Leisure Project, advised Council Members:

1. Improvements to the Footpath leading to the New Hucknall Westhouses Trail.
2. Litter Pick, Hilcote Lane.
3. Annual General Meeting to be held 9 March 2009.
4. Provision of additional flower beds and notice boards within the village of Hilcote.

RESOLVED Mr Davis be thanked for his attendance and report.

246/2008

NEWTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs D Willens, Newton Community Association advised Council Members:

1. Litter Pick was held on 15 February 2009.
2. Proposed Roll Up Screen/Sound System, Site Visit to be held at Newton Community Centre 9 March 2009.

RESOLVED Mrs Willens be thanked for her attendance and report.

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WESTHOUSES RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Clerk read out the report from the Chairman of Westhouses Residents Action Group which highlighted:

1. Application for Community Grass Roots funding for assistance with the Groups activities for the financial year 2009/2010.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C R Moesby.

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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.

250/2008

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 February 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

251/2008

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members:

1. Delivery had been taken on 2 March 2009 of a second-hand van for use by the Councils Part-Time Parish Caretaker.
2. A steel container had now been installed at the rear of Newton Community Centre for use by the Councils Part-Time Parish Caretaker.

252/2008

ALLOTMENTS

Following a report from Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils representative on the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association.

RESOLVED the Allotment Rent be increased to £12.00 per annum per plot.

The Clerk reported for information that he was still awaiting written confirmation of the quotation for the clearing of their allotments at North Street/South Street, Newton.

The Clerk further reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association would take place at Newton Community Centre on Monday 30 March 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

253/2008

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from a local resident regarding the condition of the road North Street/South Street, Newton.

RESOLVED the matter be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council to enable County Councillor C R Moesby to give a report thereon.

254/2008

PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Environmental Contracts Officer, Bolsover District Council giving details of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the Councils Playing Fields for the year 2009 /2010 in the sum of £2503.00.

RESOLVED the Estimate received from the Environmental Contracts Officer, Bolsover District Council for the Grounds Maintenance Contract 2009/2010 for grass cutting at the Councils Play Areas in the sum of £2503.00 be accepted.

Councillor A F Tomlinson declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing item.

Following a report from Councillor Mrs P R Wilkinson and the Clerk regarding the condition of a section of the wet pour at the Children's Play Area, Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

RESOLVED a Site Meeting be arranged as soon as possible with representatives of the Company concerned, Groundwork Creswell and local Council Members.

255/2008

FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported receipt of an Estimate from Groundwork Creswell in the sum of £11450.00 plus VAT for the completion of the Footpath at Tibshelf Road Playing Field Westhouses.

RESOLVED

1. The Estimate from Groundwork Creswell be noted.
2. Further Estimates be obtained with regard to the completion of the Footpath at Tibshelf Road Playing Field, Westhouses.

256/2008

ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £73,069.43 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).

257/2008

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported for information that the next Parish Council Liaison Meeting would be held at the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, 9 March 2009 at 2.00 p.m.

258/2008

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

1. 4/2009 – Derbyshire Market Towns Retailer Training Package.
2. 5/2009 – Parish Councils Order 2008.
3. 6/2009 – Police Annual Parish Councils Evening held 7 January 2009.
4. 7/2009 – Training update.
5. 8/2009 – Conservative Party Green Paper on Local Government.

259/2008

QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME

The Chairman of the Council reported for information that the Councils Web Site was functioning satisfactorily and was up to date and that the Council Newsletter was hopefully being delivered within the next two/three weeks.

260/2008

PLANS

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:-

Mr B Fitzgerald, 2 Cragg Lane, Newton – single storey extension to side of dwelling – **no objections.**

Mr F Ball, 19 Primrose Hill, Blackwell – erection of concrete section single garage at Plot 5 Pendean Close Garage Site, Blackwell – **no objections.**

261/2008

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported for information that he had received

1. A letter from Dennis Skinner MP enclosing copy of a letter that he had written to the Minister responsible for Post Office regarding the temporary closure of Blackwell Post Office.
2. A letter from the Head of Democratic Services, Bolsover District Council advising that the election for the casual vacancy in the Hilcote Ward would take place on 30 April 2009.

262/2008

MEETING

RESOLVED the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting and would be held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 April 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.