

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at Newton Community Centre on Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: Mrs S A Gray: J Lomas: C R Moesby (from 8.50 p.m.): I J A Newham: R J Sainsbury: A F Tomlinson: Mrs P R Wilkinson and N J B Willens:

**24/2008**

## **ALSO PRESENT**

PC A Podham, PCSO C Pass, Derbyshire Constabulary and twenty three Parishioners.

**25/2008**

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2008/2009**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor D G B Bullock be Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2008/2009.

**26/2008**

## **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2008/2009**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor N J B Willens be Vice-Chairman of the Blackwell Parish Council for the year 2008/2009

**27/2008**

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWTON/BLACKWELL ALLOTMENTS AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2008/2009**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor N J B Willens be the Councils Representative to the Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association for the year 2008/2009.

**28/2008**

## **OPEN FORUM**

**Mrs J Smith, Newton** requested the Council give consideration to providing a skip to enable rubbish etc. to be cleared from the North Street Allotments at Newton.

The Chairman of the Council advised Mrs Smith there was an Agenda item regarding the provision of skips at Allotments later on in the Agenda.

**Mr P Wass, Newton** speaking on behalf of the Newton Community Association thanked County Councillor C R Moesby for his recent donation towards Association Funds and he further advised Council Members that a Litter Pick would take place on Sunday 18 May 2009.

**Mr B George, Blackwell** advised Council Members that he was Chair of Governors at Blackwell Primary School and expressed concern that

comments had been made at a Meeting of the Council on 7 April 2008 with regard to the security of the School premises.

He further commented that any concerns regarding security should, in the first instance, have been made direct to the Head Teacher.

Councillor Mrs S A Gray advised Mr George that she was the Councillor in question and the complaint had only been raised with her on the day of the Parish Council Meeting and had requested County Councillor C R Moesby to deal with the matter on her behalf which he had agreed to do.

**Mrs D Willens, Newton** advised Council Members the Newton Community Association had been successful in securing a £10,000.00 Grant from Viridor Credits towards the cost of the Multi-User Sports Unit which was proposed for Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

She further commented that it would be beneficial to the Association if a letter was written by the Council confirming that, once the proposed Sports Unit was in place, the Council would accept responsibility for its upkeep and insurance.

It was agreed the Clerk write to Mrs Willens confirming the Council would be responsible for the care and insurance of the Sports Unit once installed.

**Mr R Key, Newton** advised Council Members that Public Footpath Signs installed by Derbyshire County Council for Footpath No 13 was directing pedestrians through Newtonwood Lodge Farm.

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council requesting the signage be amended.

**Mr I Parr, Newton** advised Council Members the field adjoining Town Lane/Wire Lane was due to be sold by auction on 20 May 2008 and expressed concern about possible residential development.

The Chairman of the Council advised Mr Parr the Council were unable to become involved in any private sale of land but should any planning application be made for residential development this would have to be submitted to Bolsover District Council who in turn would ask for the Parish Councils views.

Councillor J Lomas also advised Mr Parr there was no indication on the Bolsover Local Plan for residential development in that locality.

Mr Parr also complained regarding dog fouling on Wire Lane, Newton and he was advised the Council were hoping to provide a number of Dog Waste Bins throughout the entire Parish.

29/2008

### **POLICE MATTERS**

PC A Podam and PCSO Clare Pass, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime figures for the Parish of Blackwell to 30 April 2008.

2. Possible creation of an off-road Police Motorcycle Unit to combat unauthorised users of the New Hucknall/Westhouses Trail and the extended Teversal Trail.

The Officers noted Members concerns regarding nuisance motorcyclists at New Street, Hilcote and harassment of elderly people in Blackwell.

**RESOLVED** PC Podam and PCSO Pass be thanked for their attendance and report.

**30/2008**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E P Newell.

**31/2008**

**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.

**32/2008**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 April 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**33/2008**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported for information receipt of a letter from the occupier of the property adjoining the Councils Newton Community Centre thanking the Council for the erection of the new fence bordering her property.

**34/2008**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from the Secretary, Newton/Blackwell Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association for the provision of two skips at Littlemoor Lane Allotments and that a suitable contractor be appointed to clear, grade and seed vacant Allotments at North Street, Newton.

Councillor A F Tomlinson reminded Council Members of the budget which had been agreed at a Meeting of the Council held on 22 January 2008 and that whilst he had no objections in principal to agreeing to the request of the Allotment Holders Association there was not, at the present time, funds available to agree to their request.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Councillor A F Tomlinson's comments be noted.
2. A Site Meeting be held at the two Allotments in question and it comprise of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors S J Thorpe and Mrs P R Wilkinson and the Clerk.

The Clerk also advised Council Members that Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Management Act 1981 makes it an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy a birds nest that is being built or used and it was also advised that hedge trimming be avoided between 1 March and 31 July.

The Clerk further reported that he had received a telephone call from a Blackwell resident requesting the use of an Allotment at Blackwell for a Pigeon Loft.

**RESOLVED** this request be referred to the Allotment Holders Management Committee.

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information that the next Committee Meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would take place on Thursday 15 May 2008.

35/2008

**HIGHWAYS**

There were no reports with regard to Highways.

36/2008

**PLAYING FIELDS**

The Chairman of the Council and the Clerk reported on the Site Meeting held on 6 May 2008, together with representatives from the Police, Blackwell Miners Welfare Football Club and Planning Department, Bolsover District Council, with regard to the proposed Multi-Use Games Area at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

It was agreed to facilitate the proposed installation of the Games Area that the existing Football Pitch be moved approximately 30m.

Councillor N J B Willens advised Council Members that it was proposed within the Planning Application for the Games Area for provision of flood lighting on the 5-a-side Pitch.

Councillor A F Tomlinson advised Council Members he had no objections in principle to the Application but strongly advised the Newton Community Association make contact with all residents in that area of Charnwood Crescent to ensure they were fully aware of the proposals including the possibility of installation of Flood Lighting.

The Chairman of the Council asked that Newton Community Association Members carry out a comprehensive survey of all residents of Charnwood Crescent, Newton.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Subject to the comments by the Chairman of the Council and Councillor A F Tomlinson, the Council supported principle the application by

Newton Community Association for the revised Planning Application for a Multi-User Sports Area at Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton.

2. When installed the Council accept responsibility for the upkeep of the Unit.

**37/2008**

**FOOTPATHS**

There were no reports with regard to Footpaths.

**38/2008**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £16,832.07 and it was agreed these be paid. The Clerk also furnished for Members information:

1. Copy of the Council's 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).

**39/2008**

**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported for information:

1. The Parish Councils Liaison Meeting would take place on Monday 19 May 2008 at Whitwell Community Centre.
2. The Local Strategic Partnership Review 2007/2008 which had been carried out during March and April 2008.

**40/2008**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

- 15/2008 – New Clerks Induction Course.
- 17/2008 – Review of NALC Publication Standing Orders and Chairmanship.
- 18/2008 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership.
- 19/2008 – General Circular, Executive Committee Minutes 1 March 2008/Attendance of Police Officers at Council Meetings.
- 20/2008 – General Circular, 2008/2009 Pay Negotiations.
- 21/2008 – General Circular, Clerk vacancy Findern Parish Council.

**41/2008**

**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

1. Councillor I J A Newham advised Council Members that work was progressing on the Councils Web-site.

2. Councillor D G B Bullock advised Council Members that the Council's Newsletter had now been delivered to each household within the Parish.

42/2008

**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Mr A Cook, 27 Gloves Lane, Blackwell – conservatory to rear of property – **no objections.**
2. Mr J Ball, 11 School Close, Newton – conservatory to rear of property – **no objections.**

Council Members had no comments to make with regard to the application by Severn Trent Water Limited for proposed 3 new kiosks within the existing Sewage Treatment Works, High View Road, South Normanton.

Councillor Mrs S A Gray declared an interest in all of the foregoing items and left the room during the discussion and decisions thereon.

43/2008

**PARISH CARETAKER**

The Clerk reported for information his recent conversation with Mr G Kennedy, Maun Motors, Blackwell who had advised him that the purchase price of the current leased van would be £10,000.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk obtain suitable quotations for a replacement vehicle for the Parish Caretaker.

44/2008

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Mrs S Gillott, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Commercial), Bolsover District Council thanking the Council for its contribution of £100.00 for Poop Scoop Bags.
2. Bolsover District Council – Consultation regarding British Telecoms proposed programme of Public Pay Phone removals at
  - a. Cragg Lane/Church Hill, Old Blackwell.
  - b. Alfreton Road, Blackwell.
  - c. Alfreton Road, Newton.
  - d. Tibshelf Road, Westhouses.

**RESOLVED:**

1. The Council object to the removal of any of the aforementioned Public Pay Phones.
2. Clarify that the Public Pay Phone at Cragg Lane/Church Hill, Old Blackwell is within the conservation area.
3. Shirland and Higham Parish Council – Loves Lane,

Tibshelf. The Council had indicated that they had no wish to be involved in an Advisory Committee and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Tibshelf Parish Council to ascertain their views with regard to the aforementioned road.

4. Newton Carnival Team – request for Trophy sponsorship/St John Ambulance Derbyshire request for financial assistance/St John Ambulance Community Responders request for financial assistance/Victim Support, Derbyshire request for financial assistance.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing items and left the room during the discussions thereon.

Councillor N J B Willens in the Chair.

Councillor A F Tomlinson reminded Council Members that when the budget was set at its Meeting on 22 January 2008 no allowance had been made for financial assistance etc. from the aforementioned organizations.

It was agreed that when the Council meet in January 2009 to set its Precept a Contingency Fund be created which would allow village organisations to bid for funding.

5. St Werburghs PCC thanking the Council for its recent donation.
6. Bolsover District Council Fairtrade status for Bolsover District. Meeting would take place in Committee Room 1 Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover on Monday 9 June 2008 to establish a Steering Group who would be willing to commit to securing Fairtrade Status for the Bolsover District.
7. District Audit – notice of Audit 9 June 2008 – the Clerk confirmed that appropriate notices had been placed on the Councils Notice Boards.

45/2008

### **BLACKWELL/NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRES**

The Clerk reported with regard to the central heating boiler, Blackwell Community Centre and the hot water boiler, Newton Community Centre and he was still awaiting a quotation from Elyo Services Limited, Sheffield.

**RESOLVED** the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Clerk be delegated to deal with the quotation as soon as it was received.

The Chairman of the Council requested that consideration be given to Newton Community Centre being open on a Sunday and advised Council Members that he would be responsible for opening and closing the Centre.

**RESOLVED** that Newton Community Centre be made available for Sunday bookings and the Chairman of the Council, Councillor D G B Bullock be responsible for opening and closing the Centre, and in his absence either Councillors R J Sainsbury or N J B Willens

Councillors I G Cox and C R Moesby requested that their vote be recorded against the opening of Newton Community Centre on a Sunday.

It was further **RESOLVED** the Clerk secure estimates for the internal redecoration of Blackwell/Newton Community Centres.

**46/2008**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. The Data on Traffic Flows through the village of Hilcote had now been received by the Highways Department, Derbyshire County Council and was currently being analysed.
2. The Westhouses/New Hucknall Trail was now in satisfactory order and there appeared to be no problems.
3. Loves Lane, Tibshelf - Derbyshire County Council was still awaiting H J Banks Limited to supply them with plans etc. regarding this roadway.
4. Speeding motorists at Midland Terrace, Westhouses – Data Measuring Equipment would be put in place to monitor the situation and, depending on the outcome, Derbyshire County Council would be determining what action they would take.

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

**47/2008**

**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 2 June 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 9.25 p.m.