

# **BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council held at the Hilcote Community Centre, New Street, Hilcote on Monday 6 October 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor D G B Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors: I G Cox: J Lomas: C R Moesby: E P Newell: 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**

PC Lorna Evans, Sgt Wendy McBride and PCSO Fearn Barnett.

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## **OPEN FORUM**

**Mr L Walker, Hilcote** requested that consideration be given for the provision of hanging baskets attached to lamp posts on Hilcote Lane, Hilcote. He was advised by the Chairman of the Council that consideration would be given to this in the next financial year 2009/2010.

**Mr B Clarkson, Blackwell** advised Council Members that the Bolsover District Council Newsletter "In Touch" had still not been circulated in Blackwell.

Councillor A F Tomlinson, in his capacity as District Councillor, advised Mr Clarkson that there had been a problem with the company who should have facilitated the distribution of the Newsletter. This contract had now been cancelled and a contract had been placed with Royal Mail and week commencing 27 October 2008 the new edition of the "In Touch" Newsletter would be circulated throughout the Bolsover District Council area.

Mr Clarkson also referred to the bus service currently operated by Doyles through the villages of Blackwell/Hilcote on an hourly basis.

Mr Clarkson was advised by County Councillor Clive Moesby that for commercial reasons the current operator of the bus service, Doyles, had advised Derbyshire County Council that they no longer wished to operate the service and would not be seeking to renew the contract.

County Councillor Moesby further commented that a new operator, T M Travel, would be taking over the contract with effect from 27 October 2008 but would be on a two hourly basis which was the original operation when first set up a few years ago. The County Council would be funding the service to the extent of £62,500.00 per year and this would be for the next five years.

**Mrs J Smith, Newton** in response to a question from her, County Councillor Moesby advised that the County Council Gold Star Bus Pass scheme was not being withdrawn but had, in fact, now been embodied in the new National Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme.

**Mr J Lander, Newton** advised Council Members of vandalism which had occurred on the Littlemoor Lane Allotments, his two sheds broken into, five

apple trees cut down. Steps were being taken by the Allotment Holders Committee to ascertain what, if any, security arrangements could be put in to place.

**Mrs J Jones, Hilcote** advised Council Members that the official opening of Stage 1 of the Hilcote Environmental and Leisure Project had taken place on 26 September 2008 and visitors were advised of the proposals for Stage 2 of the Project.

This was followed by a buffet lunch at the Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre.

**128/2008**

**POLICE MATTERS**

PC Lorna Evans, Sgt Wendy McBride and PCS Fearn Barnett, Derbyshire Constabulary attended the Meeting and advised Council Members:

1. Crime figures for September 2008.
2. Nuisance incidents for September 2008.

PC Evans also outlined to Council Members:

1. Criminal damage at Littlemoor Lane, Newton.
2. Vandalism at Newton Allotments, Littlemoor Lane.
3. Theft of PE Equipment from Blackwell Primary School.

She further advised Council Members that diesel thefts were on the increase in the Councils area as were thefts of catalytic convertors from vehicles.

She also advised Council Members that she was the dedicated Beat Officer for the villages of Tibshelf, Blackwell, Newton and Hilcote but, at the present time, Westhouses continued to be covered from Clay Cross Police Station.

Council Members requested the Clerk write to the Inspector in Charge at Bolsover Police Station that urgent consideration to be given to Westhouses being included in the Bolsover Police Division.

Councillor A F Tomlinson expressed his appreciation of the manner in which PC Evans had delivered her report and, along with other Members of the Council, looked forward to increased cooperation with the Police.

**RESOLVED** that PC Evans, Sergeant McBride and PCSO Barnett be thanked for their attendance and reports.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR C R MOESBY**

County Councillor Clive Moesby advised Council Members:

1. Love Lane, Tibshelf – progress with regard to the re-opening of this road.
2. Silverhill Trail link to the Five Pits Trail – upgrading work to be included in the 2009/2010 Financial Year.
3. Increased Road Signage at Newtonwood Lane, Newton.
4. Community Priority Areas –

- a. £10,000.00 to the 414 Priority Child Care based at Newton Primary School.
  - b. £1200.00 to Blackwell Mother and Toddler Group.
  - c. £7600.00 to Blackwell Youth Club.
5. Blackwell Children's Centre would be officially opened on 27 October 2008.
  6. Traffic Survey, Hilcote – information from the Survey was imminent.
  7. Trusted Traders viz an approved list of Plumbers/Electricians/Joiners that could be made available to local residents.
  8. Covert Cameras – whether any could be made available to the Newton/Blackwell Allotments Holders Association by Derbyshire County Council.
  9. Temporary 13 Tonne Maximum Structural Weight Limit, Newtonwood Lane, Newton 20 October 2008 to 28 February 2010.

Following a request from Councillor I G Cox, County Councillor Moesby agreed to investigate the possibility of the provision of seating at the Gloves Lane, Blackwell end of the Silverhill Trail.

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

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**HILCOTE MINING MEMORIAL**

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Mr Andrew Tebbs, Visual Artist, who had been working with the Steering Group with regard to the proposed Mining Memorial to be located at the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote.

Mr Tebbs gave an outline of the project and handed to Council Members copies of the Planning Application which had been submitted to Bolsover District Council and was likely to be determined during week commencing 27 October 2008.

In response to questions from Council Members, Mr Tebbs advised that two objections to the proposal had been received from local residents and it was likely that the uplighters would be withdrawn from the Application.

It was anticipated that once Planning Approval was received the timetable of installation of the Mining Memorial would be 7/8 weeks.

**RESOLVED** Mr Tebbs be thanked for his attendance and report.

**131/2008**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**132 /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.

**133/2008**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 September 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**134/2008**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council advised Council Members that the Annual Remembrance Day Service would take place at Newton Community Centre on Sunday 9 November 2008 at 3.00 p.m.

The Service this year would be taken by the local Methodist Minister.

**135/2008**

**ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor N J B Willens, the Councils representative on the Allotment Holders Association, reported for information that two allotments had been vandalized, on one five apple trees had been cut down and on the other a runner bean row had been completely destroyed.

He further advised Council Members that an allotment holder had put a £1000.00 reward for the successful prosecution of the vandals concerned.

County Councillor Clive Moesby as previously mentioned undertook to enquire about the supply of covert cameras for the Littlemoor Lane Allotments, Newton.

**136/2008**

**HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported receipt of the proposed realigning of the road signs on the A61 Alfreton Hill.

**RESOLVED** that a Site Meeting be held with the Agents acting on behalf of Derbyshire County Council, Scott Wilson as soon as possible to discuss the proposals.

Following a request from Councillor E P Newell.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Highways Engineer, Derbyshire County Council requesting that the junction of New Lane/Hilcote Lane, Hilcote be altered to give priority to traffic coming from Hilcote Lane.

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**PLAYING FIELDS**

Councillor N J B Willens and the Clerk reported for information that work had commenced on the Multi-User Sports Unit at the Councils Charnwood Crescent Playing Field, Newton and it was anticipated the work would be

completed in 3/4 weeks time.

**138/2008**

**FOOTPATHS**

Following questions from Council Members

**RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer, Derbyshire County Council to ascertain the dimensions of stiles put on Public Footpaths.

**139/2008**

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment totaling £24,360.85 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).

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**BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor N J B Willens reported for information on his attendance at a Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 11 September 2008 and of Presentations given by:

1. Councillor Brian Murray-Carr on the Policing Green Paper from the Neighbourhood to the National Policing our Communities together.
2. Allan Diggles, Groundwork Creswell, Employment and Enterprise Action Group.
3. Stuart Tomlinson, Bio Diversity.
4. Adele Rose, Local Development Framework.

**141/2008**

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

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

1. 40/2008 - General Circular - National Minimum Increase.
2. 41/2008 – General Circular – Consultation Election Day weekend of voting
3. 42/2008 – General Circular – Consultation Councillors Indemnity – Code of Conduct.
4. 43/2008 – General Circular – BT's proposal to realign Pay Phone provision.
5. 44/2008 – General Circular – Level of Burial Fees (England).

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**QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

The Chairman advised Councillors:

1. The Council Website would be up and running on

2. 7 October 2008.
3. The deadline for the next edition of the Councils Newsletter would be 12 December 2008.

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**PLANS**

The following Plans were submitted and determined as indicated:

1. Bolsover District Council, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover - erection of one detached 2-storey dwelling on land between 2/3 The Ridge, Blackwell – **approved.**

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

2. Mr A Tebbs, Hurstwood, Rotherham Road, New Houghton – erection of Mining Memorial, Highway Verge in front of 1 Hilcote Lane, Hilcote – **approved.**
3. Forest Tree Services, 102 Kirkby Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield – pruning works (TI-Lime) Pendine Nursing Home, Primrose Hill, Blackwell – **approved.**

Councillor I J A Newham declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing Application.

4. Mr D Marshall Curtis, 144 Alfreton Road, Newton – single-storey extension to front, loft conversion with dormer windows on side elevation and conservatory to rear of property – **approved.**

All 11 Council Members present declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing Planning Application.

5. Mr S Nazar, 3 Fairfield Avenue, Hilcote – single-storey extension to garage – **approved.**

The Clerk reported for information receipt of a letter from the Head of Planning, Bolsover District Council, stating that Planning Permission had been refused to a Mr and Mrs S Castledine for the retention of temporary siting of a residential caravan on land at Gloves Lane, Blackwell.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from:

1. Bolsover District Council advising that British Telecom had launched a national programme to realign Public Pay Phone provision in which it proposed infrequently used pay phones, however, once the payphone had been removed BT were suggesting that Local Councils adopt a kiosk.

**RESOLVED** the letter be noted.

2. Receipt of a Consultation Document from the Department of Communities at Local Government The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws.

**RESOLVED** the document be noted.

3. The District Auditors Report for the Councils annual accounts 2007/2008. The Auditor had made no comments and it was agreed that the Statement of Accounts be placed on the Councils Website.
4. Secretary, Newton Carnival Team requesting the Councils permission to hire Newton Community Centre on New Years Eve 2008.

Resolved that permission be granted to Newton Carnival Team to hire Newton Community Centre on New Years Eve 2008 subject to a Risk Assessment being carried out and appropriate security arrangements being put in place.

5. Junior Secretary, Newton Carnival Youth Section requesting permission to hire Newton Community Centre to organize a youth club on a weekly basis.

Resolved that permission be granted to Newton Carnival Youth Section to hire Newton Community Centre to Organize a youth club on a weekly basis subject to all appropriate security checks being in place.

Councillor D G B Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the foregoing two letters and left the room during the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor N J B Willens was in the Chair.

### **ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

**145/2008**

#### **PARISH CARETAKER**

Councillor N J B Willens and the Clerk reported on the Contract of Employment for the Councils Part-time Parish Caretaker.

**RESOLVED** that the Contract be passed to the Parish Caretaker for any comments that he may wish to make.

**146/2008**

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

The Clerk reported receipt of only one quotation for the supply and fitting of curtains at Blackwell/Newton Community Centres and were as follows:

1. Blackwell Community Centre - £1719.50 including VAT.
2. Newton Community Centre - £3111.20 including VAT.

The Clerk explained to Council Members of the difficulty in sourcing suitable suppliers.

**RESOLVED** that the Estimate from Etienne in the sum of:

1. £1719.50 including VAT for Blackwell Community Centre.
2. £3111.20 including VAT for Newton Community

Centre be accepted.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a quotation for the cladding of the timber fascias at Blackwell Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that this be deferred for further investigation.

Councillor I G Cox declared a Level 1 interest in the foregoing quotation

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**MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next Meeting of the Blackwell Parish Council be held at the Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, Blackwell on Monday 3 November 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.