

## BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL – Minutes

Minutes of the Blackwell Parish Council Parks, Floral and Events Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, 6pm at Hilcote Community Centre.

### PRESENT

Cllrs: I Newham (Chair), D Bullock ( Vice Chair) and S Renshaw

### ALSO PRESENT

K Poynter (Clerk)

Members of Public: 0

#### PFE/001/23 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gascoyne

#### PFE/002/23 To elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Ensuing Year

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Newham would be Chair and Cllr Bullock would be Vice Chair  
Agreed by All

#### PFE/003/23 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None.

#### PFE/004/23 Declaration of Members Interests

To be declared if relevant items arise.

#### PFE/005/23 Public Speaking

No members of public were present.

#### PFE/006/23 Parish Playground and Recreation Facilities

There was a discussion about the findings from a report from the working party recreation ground tour on 31/08/23

##### **RESOLVED:**

##### Bamford Street:

- Cllr Gascoyne to contact a welding specialist to see if they would be able to quote to fix the slide
- To straighten the steps leading up to the slide and to make safe the bottom of the side by bringing up the concrete and laying down top soil and safety matting
- To arrange to have coping stones fixed to the top of the small wall
- To look at filling some of the wet pour gaps around the edges with concrete to temporarily secure them
- To purchase a jet washer to help clean playground equipment across the parish

##### Scanderlands:

- To find someone who would be able to assess the trees at the bottom of Scanderlands

##### North/South Street Park:

- To request a copy of any agreement that allotment users have with the Allotment Association, as some of the allotments were looking unsafe
- To lock the gates leading to the recreation ground

##### Hilcote Park:

- That the fence needs replacing

##### Everything else:

- To look at the leases and payments expected from football teams (to be added to the October full council agenda)
- To contact the Special Project Officer at Bolsover District Council to ask whether they would be able to help with funding for playground facilities
- To apply for DET funding to repair some of the current playground facilities
- To refuse requests for vendors to sell on recreation grounds unless they are part of an organised event
- To accept the proposed booking form and conditions of hire for large events on the recreation grounds (particularly using the pavilions), with the amendment that the hirer signs to confirm that

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they have all relevant insurances and licences in place and that any outside organisations that they bring in for their event have the relevant licences and insurances as well.

Agreed by All

### **PFE/006/23 Floral displays**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- That the floral displays have been a success this year
- To obtain quotes for summer 2024 and include:
  - o 2 x beehives for each centre
  - o 2 x planters for each phone box
  - o 2 x beehives for Old Blackwell bus stop
  - o Troughs on all village entrance signs
  - o 50 hanging baskets
  - o That quotes should be requested for one and three years
- That winter planting be undertaken in-house:
  - o That Blackwell and Hilcote Community Centres have two planters each
  - o That four planters are used outside Newton Community Centre near the memorial
  - o Two planters outside each phone box
  - o One at the wheel at Hilcote
  - o Two at the bus stop in Old Blackwell
  - o Council owns 9 planters. Quotes to be sought for the remainder needed.

Agreed by All

### **PFE/007/23 Remembrance 2023**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- To, in the first instance, ask local groups for volunteers to put poppies up on lampposts. Failing, that to work out whether there is enough staff time and availability to install them.
- As 166 poppies remain intact, to only put them facing oncoming traffic
- That the service will be held in Newton on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. If the centre isn't open by then, to either hold a short service outside or consider whether it would be feasible to use a Carnival Team marquee
- To contact Rev Manley regarding the service.
- That the war horse would be erected at Newton this year
- That Cllr Bullock will order 6 wreaths.

Agreed by All

### **PFE/008/23 Christmas 2023**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- To wait for the quote from P&D Services to see how much installation of the 'usual' lights and trees would cost in 2023, and to see if there is any room in the remaining budget for Christmas to add anything further.
- That next year, the schools could be approached to design Christmas lights for their village
- That Cllr Newham would help the Parish Ranger install the outside Community Centre lights again this year
- That new Christmas flags be ordered

Agreed by All

### **PFE/009/23 Carol Service**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- That work be undertaken to help put on a carol service for the parish this year and that contact be made with St Werburgh's Church, Unity Concert Band, a venue be agreed and tea, coffee and mince pies be served.

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**PFE/010/23 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Full Council - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7pm at Blackwell Community Centre.

PFE Committee – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm in the meeting room at Hilcote Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm.

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