

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL – Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Blackwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023, 7pm at Hilcote Community Centre.

PRESENT

Cllrs: D Bullock (Chair), I Newham (Vice Chair), S Knox, C Moesby, S Renshaw and D Marshall-Curtis

ALSO PRESENT

K Poynter (Clerk)

Members of Public: 3

991/2023 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Stocks and Gascoyne

992/2023 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

To be decided as meeting progresses.

993/2023 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllrs Mosby and Renshaw declared an interest in Item 13 due to payments made to Bolsover District Council.

994/2023 Public Speaking

There was a report of fly tipping on the recreation ground at North Street. It was confirmed that Bolsover District Council had been contacted, but the Parish Ranger had been out and cleared it up in the morning. It was recommended that fly tipping should be reported to Bolsover District Council.

A member of public questioned the co-option process before and after the elections.

A member of public mentioned a water leak that had been reported on Alfreton Road. It was originally wondered whether there was a mineshaft underneath that could be the cause, but as it calmed down, it is now thought that a hosepipe had been left on.

Report from County Councillor Barron

Cllr Barron had sent his apologies and had e-mailed a report over:

Newtonwood Lane closed until 7th June for waterworks maintenance. Roadworks on Berristow Lane unit 9th for phone network maintenance.

Passed on the anger aimed at the sheer amount of roadworks across Tibshelf and Blackwell to cabinet member for Highways. I have been assured that this scale will not happen again. Although the additional roadworks in Tibshelf were for emergency repairs for gas lines.

£350,000 has been allocated to Tibshelf Community School for an additional classroom block.

DCC have approved resurfacing of trail Tibshelf – Silverhill Trail. And also Newton link.

Report from District Councillor Moesby

Cllr Moesby confirmed that he has responsibility for finance, community safety, IT, legal, HR and payroll at Bolsover District Council. Cllr Renshaw is on the committees looking at licensing and scrutiny.

The van that has been continuously park opposite the New Inn has been reported to Derbyshire County Council and Cllr Barron, but it looks like the Police are the best people to take a look.

Bolsover District Council is in a good financial situation.

Cllr Moesby has been making enquiries about the parish bus shelters with Derbyshire County and Bolsover District Council so the asset register can be updated accordingly, and has requested information on funding availability for community centres from the county council.

Crime Figures

It was noted that there were forty reported crimes in the parish in April 2023

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- 995/2023** **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023**
RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the above meeting and signed by Chair.
Mover: Cllr Newham Seconder: Cllr Moesby Agreed by All
- 996/2025** **To Consider any Candidates for Co-option**
Two co-option candidates introduced themselves to council and answered a set of co-option questions.
RESOLVED: To accept and welcome S Gill and A Burrows as Blackwell Parish Councillors
Mover: Cllr Marshall-Curtis Seconder: Cllr Moesby Agreed by All
Acceptance of Office forms were signed by the new Councillors and the Clerk.
- 997/2023** **To consider the appointment of new committees, appropriate Terms of Reference, frequency and dates of meeting and the appointment of members in accordance with Standing Order 4.**
RESOLVED: that the following committees be set up:
- Finance and HR Committee – Cllrs Marshall-Curtis, Moesby and Newham
 - Parish Buildings Committee – Cllrs Newham, Gascoyne and Renshaw
 - Parks, Floral and Events Committee – Cllrs Bullock, Newham, Gascoyne and Renshaw
 - Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre Charity – Cllrs Knox, Stocks and Bullock
 - Newton War Memorial Playing Fields Charity – To follow on from the Parks, Floral and Events Committee
 - Westhouses Memorial Playing Field Charity – To follow on from the Parks, Floral and Events Committee
- Mover: Cllr Moesby Seconder: Cllr Marshall-Curtis Agreed by All
RESOLVED: for the Clerk to e-mail relevant Councillors with potential dates for meetings for each of the committees and to accept the proposed Terms of Reference for each committee.
Mover: Cllr Knox Seconder: Cllr Renshaw Agreed by All
- 998/2023** **Chairman’s Announcements**
- The bench on Charnwood Recreation Ground that was created by Newton Primary School in collaboration with Junction Arts has been stolen. It has been reported to the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It would be nice to get the back re-created and hung somewhere.
 - A young lad on a trail bike has been riding across Charnwood Recreation Ground and has been displaying anti-social behaviour in other areas. The Safer Neighbourhood Team have been alerted. It was highlighted that the gaps at Charnwood need to be filled in to try and prevent the used of motorised bikes on the park.
- 999/2023** **Report from the Clerk**
There are no further updates.
- 1000/2023** **Westhouses**
Green Switch had been contacted to ask if there are any updates and there aren’t any.
- 1001/2023** **Parish Buildings**
RESOLVED: to accept the lowest estimate to fix the hole in the gents toilet floor.
Mover: Cllr Newham Seconder: Cllr Marshall-Curtis Agreed by All
- It was noted the Bolsover District Council have sent through a draft of the tender document for the replacement floor at Newton Community Centre and that Cllr Newham and Marshall-Curtis will go through it with the Clerk to make requested adjustments so it can progress to the next stage.
 - The water clean at Blackwell Community Centre has been completed and Charnwood Pavilion is due to be done tomorrow. An electrician is going to be called out to look at faulty lights in the ladies at Hilcote Community Centre and the foyer at Blackwell Community Centre.
- RESOLVED:** to discuss a request from a group to leave equipment at Blackwell Community Centre in confidential due to potential sensitive information being discussed.
Mover: Cllr Bullock Seconder: Cllr Knox Agreed by All
- 1002/2023** **Highways / Provision of Buses**

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There was a discussion about the revised plans to put double yellow lines and a restricted parking bay on Littlemoor Lane/Wire Lane.

RESOLVED: that there was no objection to the revised plans.

Agreed by All

- There was a discussion about West Notts College stopping bus runs from certain parishes, and it is thought to affect Blackwell Parish from September. This would mean that students would have to get to Sutton to catch the bus from there.

1003/2023 Accounts for Payment and Financial Reports

RESOLVED: to accept the payment list for May 2023

Mover: Cllr Newham

Seconder Cllr Marshall-Curtis

Agreed by All

- It was noted that the interim Asset Register based on the previous years asset register had been approved by council via e-mail to be used for the end of year calculations, and that the new, detailed version would be worked on in time for the insurance renewal in October.
- It was noted that the internal audit is taking place on Friday. It was agreed that a special meeting would be arranged for Thursday 22nd June 2023 to approve the accounts, then the internal audit, followed by the Annual Governance and Accountability Return ready to be sent to the external auditors. It would also be an opportunity to set up the bank accounts for the charities.

1004/2023 Recreation and Outdoor Areas

- There was a discussion about the trees on Charnwood Park in relation to a complaint that a resident had made to a Councillor regarding one of the trees not blossoming and thinking this was due to the bonfires held in the past. One of the Councillors had been out and inspected the tree in question and had found the dead branch to be rotting and had volunteered to remove it. There was further discussion about looking at the planting of additional trees on the site in the Autumn.
- Following on from the bench on Charnwood Recreation Ground being stolen, and conversations over the years about installing benches in memory of previous Chairs and Clerks, Cllr Bullock offered to put a bid into the Lottery for a series of benches to be distributed across the parish.
- The Council agreed that the ashes of a previous Chair of the Council could be scattered near the memorial bench on the cricket ground.
- It was noted that the Cricket Club were still having trouble raising funds to fix the wall to one side of the cricket ground. There is a possibility that the charity could apply for funding to help once the bank account is fully set up.
- Cllr Newham reported that there are currently a lot more people fishing at Doe Hill Country Park, despite it being a fishing restricted area. The issues will be raised at the next Friends of Doe Hill Country Park meeting.

1005/2023 To Consider Planning Reports Received

RESOLVED:

- 23/00117/FUL - It was confirmed that there were no objections
- 23/00267/VAR – Cllr Moesby to talk to the palling department for more information and report back
- 23/00262/FUL – no objections
- Carnival Team request for road closure for the parade on carnival day. Cllr Bullock declared an interest. No objections.

Mover: Cllr Newham

Seconder: Cllr Marshall-Curtis

Agreed by All

1006/2023 Correspondence Received

- It was noted that the Clerk had emailed out copies of the latest DALC circular.

1007/2023 Provision of e-mail addresses for Councillors

There was a discussion around the provision of e-mail addresses for Council Members and the implications. The Clerk to find out what happens at other local councils.

1008/2023 Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Thursday 22nd June – special meeting
- Monday 22nd July 2023 – 7pm, full council meeting at Hilcote Community Centre

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At this point the press and public were asked to leave so that items of a confidential nature could be discussed.

1009/2023 Parish Buildings

RESOLVED: that it wouldn't be possible for any groups to store expensive equipment securely at Blackwell Community Centre as it would set a precedent and increase the risks to the centre.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Moesby

Agreed by All

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

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