

## BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL – Minutes

Minutes of the Blackwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Hilcote Community Centre.

### PRESENT

Cllrs: D Bullock (Chair), I Newham (Vice Chair), B Stocks, S Renshaw, R Poulter, A Wilkinson, S Gill, S Knox and A Burrows

### ALSO PRESENT

Members of Public:

Notes taken by Cllr Bullock due to the Clerk's absence because of illness.

- 1108/2023 To Receive Apologies for Absence**  
**RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies put in by Cllrs Gascoyne and Moesby.  
Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Bullock                      Agreed by All
- 1109/2023 Variation of Order of Business (if required)**  
To be decided as meeting progresses.
- 1110/2023 Declaration of Members Interests**  
To be declared if relevant items arise.
- 1111/2023 Public Speaking**  
Notes not taken.
- 1112/2023 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes noted above. Signed by the Chair.  
Mover: Cllr Newham                      Seconder: Cllr Stocks                      Agreed by All
- 1113/2023 Chairman's Announcements:**  
The Chair spoke about the Remembrance Service due to take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 10.30am outside Newton Community Centre.
- 1114/2023 Report from the Clerk**  
Nothing to report at this time.
- 1115/2023 Accounts for Payment and Financial Report**  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for payment. Signed by the Chair  
Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Bullock
- It was agreed to defer a discussion about the revised reinstatement costs for the Pavilion on Charnwood Recreation Ground until the next meeting.
- RESOLVED:** That the Budget Meeting should take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm at Hilcote Community Centre.  
Mover: Cllr Newham                      Seconder: Cllr Knox                      Agreed by All
- 1116/2023 Committees**  
**RESOLVED:**
- to approve the recommendation from the Parks, Floral and Events Committee regarding football team pricing structure, developing a policy that covers football teams use of the recreation grounds, winter planting, Remembrance, and Christmas arrangements
  - to amend the U13s-U18s charges to U14s-U18 and change U12s to U13s following information found by Cllr Gascoyne
- Mover: Cllr Burrows                      Seconder: Cllr Renshaw                      Agreed by All

Chairman's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLVED:** that the Carol Service is to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> December at the Methodist Church (as it was already booked) at 7pm and the Council would provide mince pies up to a value of £25.

Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Gill                      Agreed by All

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr Poulter would join the Finance & HR Committee.

Mover: Cllr Renshaw                      Seconder: Cllr Stocks                      Agreed by All

### 1117/2023      **Charities (LGA 1972 bs139 (1))**

It was noted that during Storm Babet the water from the stream at the back of Hilcote Community Centre (the reason for not being able to secure flood insurance) was not an issue, however, water ran down from Royal Oak Meadow and made it to the outside of the centre. Opening the drain cover solved the issue. It was agreed that the trees need to be trimmed around the centre and Derbyshire County Council should be asked to clear the drains.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the public liability insurance for the contractor putting then fences in at Charnwood Recreation Ground.

Mover: Cllr Knox                      Seconder: Cllr Burrows                      Agreed by All

### 1118/2023      **Parish Buildings (LG(MP)A 1976 s19 / LGA 1894 s8 (1)(i))**

**RESOLVED:** the following regarding Newton Community Centre Floor

- to sign the loan agreement for £30,000 with Bolsover District Council
- for the Clerk to issue a purchase order for the replacement of the floor at Newton Community Centre by John Martin-Hoyes Ltd for £54,563.47 +VAT
- for any other documents required by John Martin-Hoyes Ltd to be put together and released to them (for example, a Construction Design management Statement)
- for tenders to be invited to quote for the top layer of the floor to fit the criteria discussed at the last extraordinary council meeting
- that the panel is delegated to deal with any issues that arise from the works taking place and that Cllr Stocks joins the panel because of previous involvement with the project
- to secure the trophy cabinet by emptying it and addition additional brackets to secure it to the wall.

Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Burrows                      Agree by All

**RESOLVED:** to reduce the cost of the next Blackwell Youth Club Session by one hour as a rebate for wiping tables down before their session.

Mover: Cllr Bullock                      Seconder: Cllr Newham                      Agreed by All

### 1119/2023      **Highways / Provision of Buses**

**RESOLVED:** to discuss the request for a seat at the bus stop in Hilcote which is used by the new bus service at the budget meeting set above. (PCA 1957 ss1(1) &7)

Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Burrows                      Agreed by All

### 1120/2023      **Recreation and Outdoor Areas (LG(MP)A1976 s19(3))**

**RESOLVED:** that poo bags should only be available from the Post Office operating out of Blackwell Community Centre, the Parish Ranger and the Parish Office, and that the Dog Warden should be contacted due to increased mess, and information put in the website with a graphic picture.

**RESOLVED:**

- to accept the quote from Hargan Electrical for £1,238.08 +VAT for additional CCTV on Scanderlands and Charnwood Recreation Grounds as per the grant from the Crime Commissioner.
- To purchase two additional portable cameras for £529.73 each from Ultrasecure Direct and accompanying goods (sim cards) as stated in the above application. (LGRA 1997 s137)

### 1121/2023      **To Consider Planning Reports Received**

**RESOLVED:**

- That there are no objections to 23/00541/FUL, 23/00533/FUL or 23/0564/TCON
- That it should be asked whether the Lime Trees relating to 22/00229/FUL have TPOs.

Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Bullock                      Agreed by All

Chairman's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1122/2023 To consider the adoption of the following policies**  
It was agreed to defer policy approvals to the December meeting.
- 1123/2023 Staffing**  
**RESOLVED:** to discuss staffing matters in closed session at the end of the meeting without press and public present due to individuals being named and for reasons of staff safety  
Mover: Cllr Bullock                      Seconder: Cllr Stocks                      Agreed by All
- 1124/2023 Councillor Training (LGA 1972 s111)**  
**RESOLVED:** to request Code of Conduct Training from DALC as soon as possible as there were no updates on training from Bolsover District Council.  
Mover: Cllr Newham                      Seconder: Cllr Bullock                      Agreed by All
- 1125/2023 Co-option**  
**RESOLVED:** to co-opt Emilio de Chiro onto Blackwell Parish Council to represent Newton Ward.  
Mover: Cllr Bullock                      Seconder: Cllr Knox                      Agreed by All
- 1126/2023 Date and time of next meeting**  
Full Council - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7pm at Hilcote Community Centre  
Finance & HR Committee – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, 11am at Hilcote Community Centre  
Budget Meeting – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 6,30pm at Hilcote Community Centre

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

- 1127/2023 Staffing**  
**RESOLVED:**
- to approve the recommendation regarding staffing from the Finance & HR Committee
  - to appoint the Finance & HR Committee members to undertake the recruitment process and decide who should be appointed.
- Mover: Cllr Renshaw                      Seconder: Cllr Stocks                      Agreed by All
- It was agreed that Cllrs Bullock and Newham would undertake the Clerk's appraisal next week if possible.
- RESOLVED:** that the Clerk should cost up much needed new office equipment.  
Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Knox                      Agreed by All

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_