

**Minutes of Blackwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Blackwell Community Centre**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs: Gascoyne, Newham, Lee, Stocks, Hart, Hough, and Peters

**ALSO PRESENT**

K Poynter (Clerk)

C Moesby (Bolsover District Council)

Members of Public: 10

**1582/2025 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED:** to accept apologies received from: Cllrs Ranshaw (prior family commitment); Poulter (brass band has a concert); Reynolds (work commitments) and Burrows (illness)

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne                      Seconder: Cllr Stocks                      Agreed

**1583/2025 Variation of Order of Business (if required)**

To be decided upon as appropriate during the meeting.

**1584/2025 Declaration of Members Interests**

Interests to be declared as appropriate during the meeting.

**1585/2025 Public Speaking**

a. Atlas Gym are hoping to turn the chapel opposite Hilcote Community Centre into their new home and representatives from the gym, the owners of the building and a planning consultant were in attendance to speak about the project. The building is officially a 'non designated heritage asset', so the plan is to upgrade it without changing it. It will be open between 8am and 9pm on weekdays and 8am-12noon on weekends. They are currently trying to purchase the land behind the building for parking but aren't having much luck at the moment. One of the reasons for attending the meeting was to work with the council and the charity to find a way forward for something that would be of benefit to the community both in terms of saving an important building and the provision it will offer to residents.

**RESOLVED:** to vary the order of business and bring forward item 12d where there was to be a discussion about the chapel and the car parking situation

Mover: Cllr Hart                      Seconder: Cllr Hough                      Agreed

Two members of the public spoke about the planning application to turn some garages on Alfreton Road in Blackwell into flats – the plans have been re-submitted but nothing has changed. The council hasn't had notification of the changes yet. It was suggested that if a planning committee was required, he would be able to represent that need. It was noted that valid planning reasons would be needed to oppose the development.

**1586/2025 Variation of Order of Business – the Chapel at Hilcote**

**RESOLVED:** that the project is both good for the building and the community and could also provide a chance for Highways to re-evaluate the exit onto the main road for safety. The council supports the initiative and is happy to co-ordinate with Altas regarding car park usage and the best times that space will be available. The Clerk to contact user groups to find out what their usage is and how much space would be available when groups are in.

Mover: Cllr Stocks                      Seconder: Cllr Newham                      Agreed

**b. County and District Councillors**

District Councillor Moesby reported that Dragonfly Developments will be taken back into Bolsover District Council, they are making sure that staff are moved over correctly. There is currently a disagreement between Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council about how Amber Valley District should be split to form the two north and south unitary councils. The final decision needs to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> November and if it's not made by then, the government will make it. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, there will be a caddy for the bin to collect waste food. It is arranged through the county council and is linked to government legislation. More money has been allocated to help reduce the carbon footprint of homes across Derbyshire. There is a small pot of grant money

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g. *Pat Testing*

**RESOLVED:** to purchase a pat testing kit for the Parish Ranger for around £350.

Mover: Cllr Hart                      Seconder: Cllr Gascoyne                      Agreed

h. *Other updates:*

Cllr Gascoyne agreed to test the wall at Newton Community Centre for cables ready for the installation of the Recreate the Streets artwork.

It was noted that the fire service had been out to look at Hilcote Community Centre one Sunday when a group was in, but they hadn't fed anything back to the office.

1594/2025

**Parks, Floral, Events and other Outdoor Areas (LG(MP)A1976 s19(3) / PHAAA 1907 s.76(1))**

a. *To consider urgent items that would normally be taken to the Parks, Floral and Events Committee*

i. *Newton Christmas Tree*

**RESOLVED:** to approve the purchase of a tree from Carrwood Farm for £450 including delivery, and if they were unable to deliver, to fall back to the second lowest quote.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne                      Seconder: Cllr Newham                      Agreed

It was noted that staff were still waiting for a quote to give an idea of what would be needed to install a permanent tree.

ii. *Christmas lights for Hilcote*

**RESOLVED:** to aid HELP Group in the purchase a new set of Christmas lights for their tree. The price was thought to be around £350 and they have an idea of what they would like. The Clerk to liaise with the Chair once some more research had been undertaken to get a good price.

Mover: Cllr Newham                      Seconder: Cllr Hart                      Agreed

iii. *P&D Services*

It was agreed to request an itemised quote from P&D Services for the installation of the Christmas Lights and to include the installation of the tree lights at Hilcote to see how much that would cost.

iv. *Flags*

**RESOLVED:** following research into when flags should be flown on government buildings, to fly the Union Jack during the Remembrance commemorations

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne                      Seconder: Cllr Newham                      Agreed

v. *Remembrance*

**RESOLVED:** to reimburse St Werburgh's for refreshments for the Remembrance Service and that staff assess the wreaths and the condition to determine the purchase of replacements.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne                      Seconder: Cllr Hart                      Agreed

**RESOLVED:** to invite the schools to participate in the minutes silence at the village flags on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and that Cllr Newham would say something at Newton, Cllr Stocks would say something at Westhouses and Cllr Hough would say something at Blackwell.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne                      Seconder: Cllr Hart                      Agreed

**RESOLVED:** to offer poppy sponsorship at £10 per two poppies on a single lamppost for £10 with all donations going to the Royal British Legion

Mover: Cllr Hart                      Seconder: Cllr Newham                      Agreed

vi. *Carol Service*

**RESOLVED:** to reimburse St Werburgh's for refreshments for the Carol Service that was being arranged in partnership with the council

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne                      Seconder: Cllr Newham                      Agreed

vii. *Licences for Objects in the Highway*

**RESOLVED:** to help local groups apply for licences for objects in the highway with Derbyshire County Council where applications can't be directly from the community group but can come from the council.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne                      Seconder: Cllr Stocks                      Agreed

viii. *Annual Parish Meeting*

It was noted that the date for the Annual Parish Meeting would be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Newton Community Centre

ix. *Winter Planting*

It was noted that the winter flowers had already been planted

**RESOLVED:** to delegate approval for Christmas lights for the small trees to the Chair

Mover: Cllr Hart                      Seconder: Cllr Stocks                      Agreed

b. *Trees*

It was noted that the requested tree work had been undertaken

c. *Walking football*

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It was noted that the additional walking football sessions had been booked at £50 each and that it had been suggested that it might be better for the group to merge with the Pinxton group as they have better facilities for winter sessions.

d. *Activities for young people*

It was agreed that a survey in the next newsletter would ask what kind of provision for young people would be used.

**RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders as the meeting was close to running over time

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed

e. *North/South Street Allotments*

It was noted that the gates to the North/South Street Allotments were purchased by and belong to Blackwell Parish Council

f. *Friends of Doe Hill*

Cllr Newham reported on events Doe Hill – the last grass and hedge cuts of the year were being undertaken, that there was a sense of disappointment that Blackwell Parish Council was the only council to be represented at the management meetings, but that the site is looking good.

There were conversations pertaining to the charities, planning applications, newsletter, highways, allotments and staffing.

**RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Stocks

Agreed

**1595/2025 Charity Updates (LGA1972 bs139(1))**

a. *Royal Oak Meadow (ROM)*

**RESOLVED:** following the setting up of a meeting that included Bolsover District Council, HELP Group and the Parish Council/Hilcote Miners Welfare and Community Centre Charity on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, that the Parish Council would fully support HELP Group.

Mover: Cllr Hough

Seconder: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed

b. *Cricket Club Boundary Wall*

It was noted that there was no date to start work on the Cricket Club Boundary Wall.

c. *Trees at Hilcote Community Centre*

It was noted that staff are still trying to work out who is responsible for the pathway so something can be done about the trees that are disrupting the front of the community centre

**1596/2025 To consider Planning Reports**

**RESOLVED:** to support the decision of the planning officer regarding application 25/00387/TPO

To ratify that there were no objections to 25/00303/TCON

Mover: Cllr Hough

Seconder: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed

It was noted that the council still objects to the building of flats where the garages are on Alfreton Road in Blackwell

**1597/2025 To consider correspondence received**

It was noted that the DALC newsletter had been sent out to Councillors

**1598/2025 Communications (LGA1972 s142)**

It was noted that the next parish newsletter was due to be sent to the printers on 15<sup>th</sup> October and that it was expected to be out in time for Remembrance.

**1599/2025 Highways**

Cllr Hart updated that a new bus company had taken on the 143 route through Hilcote and they were on time in an encouraging start.

**1600/2025 Allotments (SH&AA 1908 s23)**

**RESOLVED:** to delegate to the Finance & HR Committee the decision about the rent charges for the Allotment Association.

Mover: Cllr Hough

Seconder: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed

**1601/2025 Staffing**

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a. *New Key Holder*

**RESOLVED:** Resolved to accept R Walkington as the new evening key holder for Hilcote Community Centre and to use the same service level agreement as the other key holders.

Mover: Cllr Hough

Seconder: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed

b. *Clerk Appraisal*

**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs Gascoyne and Newham would undertake the Clerk Appraisal on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 4pm.

Mover: Cllr Hough

Seconder: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed

1602/2025

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, 7pm at Hilcote Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 08/10/2025		Blackwell Parish Council				Page: 56			
Time: 14:21		Cashbook 1				User: K.POYNTER			
		Current Bank A/c				For Month No: 6			
Payments for Month 6					Nominal Ledger Analysis				
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
01/09/2025	Trade UK	screwfix	118.44	118.44		500			Screwfix outdoor bulb NCC
01/09/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdchcc	54.00	54.00		500			BDC rates HCC 2025/26
04/09/2025	██████████ Wilkinson	wilkinson	52.00	52.00		500			Wilkinson HCC key holder Aug
04/09/2025	██████████ Bullock	bullock	176.00	176.00		500			Bullock w/e key holder Aug 25
08/09/2025	Alistar Business Solutions	alistar	109.77	109.77		500			Alistar fuel addblue
09/09/2025	██████████ Wilkinson	wilkinson2	24.00	24.00		500			Wilkinson key holder Sept 25
09/09/2025	NPOWER Business Solutions	npower	208.68	208.68		500			NPower Xmas lights electricity
09/09/2025	Clarks Cemetary Services	clarks	660.00	660.00		500			Clarks Cemetary Maint Aug25
09/09/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdc1	8,885.35	8,885.35		500			BDC payroll August 2025
10/09/2025	Howitt	BACS	100.00			586		100.00	Howitt BCC 06/09/25 bond refund
10/09/2025	██████████ Heathcote	heathcote	60.00	60.00		500			Heathcote Bamford Warden Aug25
10/09/2025	Microsoft Ireland Operations L	micro	11.88	11.88		500			Microsoft email subscription
15/09/2025	Topline Retail/Amazon	CARD	19.80			4625	460	19.80	Topline/Amazon weed killer
15/09/2025	Amazon	CARD	6.49			4625	200	6.49	Amazon scraper for limescale N
15/09/2025	Amazon	CARD	8.99			4405	190	8.99	Amazon cable ties for popples
15/09/2025	Amazon	CARD	7.99			590		7.99	Amazon draught excluder HCC
15/09/2025	Alina / Amazon	CARD	45.18			4620	460	45.18	Alina / Amazon bin bags
15/09/2025	Zale Yardley / Amazon	CARD	5.48			4625	200	5.48	Zale Yardley/Amazon scour pads
15/09/2025	Amazon	CARD	9.70			4625	200	9.70	Amazon limescale remover NCC
15/09/2025	Ayvens Societe Generale Group	ayvens	-66.00	-66.00		500			Ayvens Credit note
17/09/2025	PHS Group	phs	408.41	408.41		500			PHS sanitary services SP
19/09/2025	██████████ Fitness	BACS	20.00			590		20.00	Watson HCC 11/8/25 bond refund
19/09/2025	THC Midlands Ltd	THC	268.80	268.80		500			THC - BCC kitchen extras
19/09/2025	PKF Littlejohn LLP	pkf	1,008.00	1,008.00		500			PKF External Audit 2024-25
19/09/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdc3	200.00	200.00		500			BDC Walking Football Sessions
25/09/2025	Water Plus	watmcc	108.74	108.74		500			Water+ NCC aug 25
26/09/2025	VertasDerbyshire (Traded) Ltd	vertas1	8,157.53	8,157.53		500			Vertas Caretaker NCC Oct-Mar
26/09/2025	VertasDerbyshire (Traded) Ltd	vertas2	16,315.06	16,315.06		500			Vertas c'taker BCC/HCC Oct-Mar
29/09/2025	Water Plus	waterhcc	60.24	60.24		500			Water+ HCC Aug 25
29/09/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdcncc	234.00	234.00		500			BDC Rates NCC 2025/26
29/09/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdcboo	285.00	285.00		500			BDC Rates BCC 25/26

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Payments for Month 6			Nominal Ledger Analysis				
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amtnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c Centre	£ Amount Transaction Detail
29/09/2025	Bullock	bullock2	248.00	248.00		500	Bullock w/o key holder Sept 25
30/09/2025	Onecom Limited	onecom	275.80	275.80		500	Onecom phone/internet Aug 25
30/09/2025	Sharp Business Systems UK PLC	sharp	30.00	30.00		500	Sharp copier copies Jul 25
<b>Total Payments for Month</b>			<b>38,117.33</b>	<b>37,893.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>223.63</b>
<b>Balance Carried Fwd</b>			<b>300,011.91</b>				
<b>Cashbook Totals</b>			<b>338,129.24</b>	<b>37,893.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>300,235.54</b>

Blackwell Parish Council						
Invoices Due for Payment						
Date	Vendor	Invoice Detail	NETT	VAT	TOTAL	NOTES
15/09/2025	Peac Solutions	photocopier lease / annual service	203.00	40.60	243.60	DD on 27/10/25
04/09/2025	Bolsover District Council	Newton Ward elections	4,594.22		4,594.22	Paid 03/10/25
30/09/2025	James Hallam Council Guard	insurance	5,973.99		5,973.99	Paid 03/10/25
11/09/2025	PDM	newsletter printing	586.00		586.00	
	Friends of Doe Hill	newsletter delivery	9.50		9.50	
	BRAG	newsletter delivery	22.50		22.50	
	HELP Group	newsletter delivery	12.50		12.50	
	Newton Community Association	newsletter delivery	32.50		32.50	
	Blackwell Cricket Club	newsletter delivery	12.00		12.00	
	Westhouses Community Association	newsletter delivery	15.00		15.00	
26/09/2025	PMC Polythene Ltd	10,000 dog poo bags	96.08	19.22	115.30	
18/09/2025	Chatsworth Settlement Trustees	half year rent of Newton Allotments	578.00	115.60	693.60	
01/10/2025	B&M Bargains	winter planting & compost	116.50		116.50	Paid 01/10/25
01/10/2025	B&M Bargains	Adblue	10.00		10.00	Paid 01/10/25
01/10/2025	B&M Bargains	cleaning supplies, bins HCC BCC	25.16		25.16	Paid 01/10/25
02/10/2025	Sam Burrows Tree & Gardening Services	works on Westhouses & in Hilcote	600.00	120.00	720.00	
03/09/2025	Sharp	copier copies	25.00	5.00	30.00	DD
06/10/2025	Sharp	copier copies	25.00	5.00	30.00	DD
15/08/2025	Ayvens	Van lease refund	-1,654.16	-330.83	-1,984.99	Just received
			<b>11,282.79</b>	<b>305.42</b>	<b>11,257.38</b>	

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_