

Minutes of Blackwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 at Newton Community Centre

PRESENT

Cllrs: Gascoyne (Chair), Newham (Vice Chair), Renshaw, Lee, Stocks, Hart, Poulter, Peters, Hough and Reynolds

ALSO PRESENT

K Poynter (Clerk)

Members of Public: 4

1651/2026 To Receive Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: to accept apologies received from: Cllr Burrows (illness)

Mover: Cllr Renshaw

Seconder: Cllr Stocks

Agreed by All

1652/2026 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

To be decided upon as appropriate during the meeting

1653/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

Interests to be declared as appropriate during the meeting.

1654/2026 Public Speaking

a. A member of public asked whether a yellow grit bin could be installed on School Close in Newton. This was followed by a conversation about who owns the grit bins, and that as soon as they are filled they are emptied by a few local residents who use the grit for their own purposes rather than leaving it for the emergencies that it required for.

Two members of the public were there to represent 'Sing Along with Ellie' – a choir who puts on performances for people with dementia. They are going to send their information over to book Blackwell Community Centre.

b. *County and District Councillors*

Cllr Harvey sent his apologies.

Cllr Renshaw had nothing to report.

c. *Crime Figures*

It was noted that the Crime Figures were only available up to November 2025.

1655/2026 To Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025

Cllr Poulter abstained from this vote as he wasn't present at that meeting.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the above meetings

Mover: Cllr Renshaw

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed by All

1656/2026 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Gascoyne thanked Cllr Hart for all the hard work he put into the Allport Terrace renaming project, said how disappointed he was with the decoration of the Christmas tree at Blackwell this year and that it needs either more lights or a different installation of the lights. It was noted that the tree will need topping at some point so it doesn't grow too high.

1657/2026 Report from the Clerk

The Clerk apologised for not getting all of the reports and signatory items out in time for the meeting due to the issues with buildings the previous week.

1658/2026 To Consider any Updates on the Unitary Council Situation

It was noted that Cllr Hart had attended the liaison meeting at Derbyshire County Council and the notes from that meeting were handed out. There were discussions about how no-one knows what is happening and it is difficult to make plans until the announcement in November. There was a query about what happens to the government grants for rural or deprived areas, and whether they would still target the affected areas.

1659/2026 To confirm the Precept for 2026/27

RESOLVED: to approve the request for the precept from Bolsover District Council for 2026/27 as £315,000 in accordance with the budget.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hough

Agreed by All

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1660/2026 Finance and Governance Reports and Matters

b. Payments

RESOLVED: to approve the payments list

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconders: Cllr Lee

Agreed by All

It was noted that one item had been missed off – the purchase of mats and tape from The Range to make part of the Blackwell Community

c. Bank Balances

It was noted that as of today, the bank balances stand at:

£248,839.48 in the Co-op Account and £7,328.81 in the CCLA account.

d. Funding Reports

The updates in the funding report were noted.

e. Other financial updates

It was noted that staff are just waiting for a date for the next internal audit from DALC.

1661/2026 Parish Buildings (LG(MP)A 1976 s19 / LGA 1894 s8(1)(i))

RESOLVED: to discuss the item on Blackwell Community Centre floor first as it was a pressing issue.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconders: Cllr Poulter

Agreed by All

a. Blackwell Community Centre

Following the leak at Blackwell Community Centre in the kitchen and the subsequent clean up operations, it was discovered that the water had got into the main hall floor in the main hall as well. After the Christmas break, the effects were worse and the centre closed down due to the floor being completely unsuitable for people unsteady on their feet. Contractors had been contacted and quotes sought, but the variations made it difficult to determine what would be the best course of action. The Chair also sees it as an opportunity to re-do the panelling as the floor could be potentially lowered as a result of the changes.

There were discussions about how to pay for the floor (insurance, contractor insurance, reserves) and questions raised about the viability of putting new products on top of old ones and whether there would be a chemical reaction that would put everything back to square one.

RESOLVED: to approach the same structural engineer who designed the floor at Newton Community Centre to ask him to check the current floor and advise on a specification so that all of the contractors are quoting for the same items, and to ensure that the right approach is taken first time.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconders: Cllr Poulter

Agreed by All

b. Scanderlands Pavilion

A burst pipe in the cold snap has resulted in half of the ceiling in one of the changing rooms in the pavilion collapsing. Cllr Hough has temporarily replaced the broken pipes and a quote was sought for emergency works to fit replacement copper pipes where needed, drain and re-set the boiler, fit a new pump and replace the lagging in the loft.

RESOLVED: to go ahead with the quote as the works are emergency to make sure that the building is safe and to ensure that the same doesn't happen again.

Mover: Cllr Poulter

Seconders: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed by All

RESOLVED: to reimburse the Clerk for expenditure on the dehumidifiers

Mover: Cllr Reynolds

Seconders: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed by All

It was noted that there had been electrical issues with the fire alarm at Newton Community Centre and Charnwood Pavilion but an electrician and the National Grid had been out to sort them.

RESOLVED: to change the planned Facilities Committee meeting planned for 22nd January to a full council meeting and move the remainder of the items under 'Parish Buildings' along with any updates any updates to that meeting.

Mover: Cllr Poulter

Seconders: Cllr Hough

Agreed by All

1662/2026 Parks, Floral, Events and other Outdoor Areas (LG(MP)A1976 s19(3) / PHAAA 1907 s.76(1))

a. Activities for young people

It was noted that the survey asking what young people would like to see in the parish had been posted on Facebook to try and encourage more respondents.

b. Permanent Christmas Tree for Newton

As staff were not getting responses for options, it was suggested that they contact Martins to see what they recommend.

c. Land Screening near Martins

It was noted that Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service had responded that they would look at the floral in the area in late Spring and if they were able to plant any trees, they would be

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able to do so from November. It was agreed that this item should be back on the agenda in June to see if any progress had been made.

d. *Allport Terrace*

RESOLVED: to put the sign up on the wall at Blackwell Community Centre with a write up outlining what had happened and that it be moved to the Corner Club if that project comes to fruition

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hough

Agreed by All

Earlier, Cllr Hart had mentioned how fantastic it was to see the school and residents turn out despite the rain to see the MP unveil the new sign.

e. *Chesterfield to Willington Pylon Route*

It was noted that information was still being sought.

f. *Mower Repairs*

RESOLVED: To go ahead with the repairs required to make to mower safe for £240+ Vat for the parts and labour at £75 per hour, and that as the mower damage was likely caused by the uneven ground on King Charles Orchard, to stop mowing that land and to contact Derbyshire County Council to ask whether they would mow the orchard as they own the land.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Stocks

Agreed by All

g. *Park Repairs*

The cost of the current repairs needed on parks as received from the company who made the equipment was noted and it was agreed that the council would wait until hearing from Bolsover District Council to see if they could get a discount before approval.

h. *Friends of Doe Hill Park*

Cllr Newham reported that there have been incidents of flooding, which have been unavoidable as the funding required to sort this issue out is beyond reach.

1663/2026

Charity Updates (LGA1972 bs139(1))

a. *Trees adjacent to Hilcote Community Centre*

There is nothing new to report on the trees at this time.

b. *Hilcote Charity Accounts*

The Clerk reported that Rumsbys have agreed to send over a sample spreadsheet and view the accounts for the following year.

RESOLVED: to take the keyholder item, due to personal information in closed session.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed by All

1664/2026

To consider Planning Reports

Cllr Renshaw declared an interest in the planning reports on account of being on the Planning Committee at Bolsover District Council

RESOLVED: to confirm the e-mails responses to planning application 25/00493/FUL as there being no objections and that the council actively encourage the development

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Poulter

Agreed by All

RESOLVED: that there are no objections to planning application 25/00507/FUL

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed by All

RESOLVED: that there are no objections to planning application 25/0051/FUL

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Reynolds

Agreed by All

RESOLVED: that there are no objections to planning application 25/00389/FUL

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed by All

1665/2026

To consider correspondence received

It was noted that the DALC newsletter and a consultation from Derbyshire Fire Service had been sent to Councillors.

1666/2026

Communications (LGA1972 s142)

a. *To consider a domain name*

RESOLVED: if there is a choice for domain names, to go with blackwellpc.gov.uk as the first choice and blackwellparishcouncil.gov.uk as the second choice

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed by All

b. *Website and e-mail addresses*

There was a discussion regarding potential website addresses for swapping to a .gov.uk domain.

RESOLVED: Following an update from Cllr Reynolds to appoint Parish Online to provide the .gov.uk domain, website and e-mail addresses

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Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Newham

Agreed by All

1667/2026

Highways

It was noted that EMCCA (East Midlands Combined County Authority) had been in touch to discuss how they can better co-ordinate operations and develop and improve facilities for all bus users – including bus stops.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk send an e-mail on behalf of the council to Derbyshire County Council about the re-instatement of the HGV sign that had gone missing on Hall Lane.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Poulter

Agreed by All

1668/2026

Allotments (SH&AA 1908 s23)

It was noted that there are no updates on the allotments.

1669/2026

Training

It was noted that there are no updates on the Planning Training quote.

RESOLVED: to discussing staffing items with no press or public present due to personal information

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Stocks

Agreed by All

Member of the public left the meeting at this point.

1670/2026

Charity Updates moved to confidential

RESOLVED: that if it could be arranged for Cllr Hart to meet the husband of the Hilcote key holder, they could also be issued with a Service Level agreement to help with any occasions if the main keyholder is unable to attend.

Mover: Cllr Poulter

Seconded: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed by All

1671/2026

Staffing

It was noted that the husband of the Clerk had offered to train the Parish Ranger how to undertake electrical check in buildings.

RESOLVED: that as there are times when the Clerk may have to take time off work, to ask whether there are any locums who might be interested in covering if needed.

Mover: Cllr Poulter

Seconded: Cllr Stocks

Agreed by All

1672/2026

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Extraordinary meeting - Thursday 22nd January 2026, 6pm at Hilcote Community Centre

Monthly Full Council meeting - Monday 2nd February 2026, 7pm at Westhouses Primary School

The meeting closed at 9pm

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Date: _____

Date: 12/01/2026		Blackwell Parish Council				Page: 55			
Time: 16:25		Cashbook 1				User: K.POYNTER			
		Current Bank A/c				For Month No: 9			
Payments for Month 9					Nominal Ledger Analysis				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>£ Total Amnt</u>	<u>£ Creditors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
01/12/2025	Trade UK	tradeuk	114.77	114.77		500			Screwfix outdoor light NCC
01/12/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdc hcc	54.00	54.00		500			BDC rates HCC 2025/26
03/12/2025	Alina Ltd	CARD	45.18		4620	460		45.18	Alina Ltd bin bags
03/12/2025		BACS	20.00			566		20.00	bond ref
03/12/2025	Wigston Band	BACS	20.00			566		20.00	Wigston Band BCC 16/11/25 bond
03/12/2025	C&L Janitorial Ltd	janit	102.13	102.13		500			CL Janitorial cleaning supplie
03/12/2025	Walkington	walk	96.00	96.00		500			Walkington HCC key holder Nov
03/12/2025	Hargan Electrical	hargan	180.00	180.00		500			Hargan foyer&external light SP
03/12/2025	Bullock	bull	224.00	224.00		500			Bullock Wknd key holder Novemb
03/12/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdc1	9,143.75	9,143.75		500			BDC Payroll November
04/12/2025	Wiseman	BACS	20.00			566		20.00	Wiseman BCC 23/11/25bond refun
04/12/2025		BACS	100.00			590		100.00	bond refund
04/12/2025	Alina Ltd	CARD	45.18		4620	460		45.18	Alina Ltd bin bags
05/12/2025	Heathcote	heath	60.00	60.00		500			Heathcote Bamford Warden Nov
05/12/2025	ASI Security Systems Ltd	asi	168.00	168.00		500			ASI Alarm Service BCC
05/12/2025	ASI Security Systems Ltd	asi 2	162.00	162.00		500			ASI Alarm Service NCC
05/12/2025	ASI Security Systems Ltd	asi3	162.00	162.00		500			ASI Alarm Service HCC
05/12/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdc2	5,271.38	5,271.38		500			BDC Blackwell/Hilcote Election
09/12/2025	C&L Janitorial Ltd	janit2	216.61	216.61		500			C&L Janitorial cleaning suppli
11/12/2025	Argos	CARD	58.00		4625	470		58.00	Argos wet/dry vacuum
15/12/2025	Microsoft Ireland Operations L	micro	11.88	11.88		500			Microsoft email subscription
16/12/2025		BACS	20.00			566		20.00	bond refun
16/12/2025		BACS	20.00			566		20.00	bond refu
16/12/2025	Poynter	BACS	116.78		4625	210		116.78	Poynter Total Dehumidifier BCC
16/12/2025	Eden Tyres and Servicing	card	113.70	113.70		500			ETS tyre for van
16/12/2025	Stage Depot Limited	stage	316.04	316.04		500			Stage Depot curtain rain NCC
16/12/2025	ASI Security Systems Ltd	asi4	69.48	69.48		500			ASI new sensor boiler room NCC
18/12/2025	Rhodes	BACS	36.50			591		24.50	Rhodes B&Q keys/padlocks CP
						591	0	12.00	Rhodes B&Q keys/padlocks CP
18/12/2025		BACS	100.00			590		100.00	refund
19/12/2025		BACS	20.00			566		20.00	NCC bo

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Payments for Month 9

Nominal Ledger Analysis

Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
19/12/2025		BACS	20.00			566		20.00	bond refund
19/12/2025		BACS	20.00			590		20.00	refund
19/12/2025	Collins Electrical Services	collins1	234.00	234.00		500			Collins BCC kitchen heat detec
19/12/2025	Collins Electrical Services	collins2	300.00	300.00		500			Collins emergency light testin
19/12/2025	Collins Electrical Services	collins3	420.00	420.00		500			Collins fire alarm testing
22/12/2025	Allstar Business Solutions	allstar	83.46	83.46		500			Allstar fuel
24/12/2025	Bullock	bull2	200.00	200.00		500			Bullock wknd key holder Dec
29/12/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdc ncc	234.00	234.00		500			BDC Rates NCC 2025/26
29/12/2025	Bolsover District Council	bdc bcc	285.00	285.00		500			BDC Rates BCC 25/26
Total Payments for Month			18,883.84	18,222.20	0.00			661.64	
Balance Carried Fwd			246,370.22						
Cashbook Totals			265,254.06	18,222.20	0.00			247,031.86	

Blackwell Parish Council					
Invoices Due for Payment by 31 December 2025			Pay by Direct Debit		
Date	Invoice No.	Invoice Detail	Date Due	Amount Due	
13/05/2025	Allstar Business Solutions [ALL 002] INV09223337	Water+ NCC april	13/05/2025	78.27	78.27
				Total of Invoices Due (ALL 002)	
11/03/2025	Bolsover District Council [BDC 001] 70399072	BDC Rates BCC 25/26	11/03/2025	285.00	
11/03/2025	70339090	BDC Rates NCC 2025/26	11/03/2025	234.00	
11/03/2025	80326154	BDC rates HCC 2025/26	11/03/2025	54.00	
17/12/2025	229796	BDC grounds maintenance	17/12/2025	7,216.80	
22/12/2025	229829	BDC Play Inspec Aug-Nov 25	22/12/2025	864.00	
23/12/2025	229972	BDC staff costs December	23/12/2025	9,215.75	
				Total of Invoices Due (BDC 001)	
15/12/2025	Onecom Limited [ONECOM 001] 7729017	Onecom phone/internet Nov	15/12/2025	275.80	
				Total of Invoices Due (ONECOM 001)	
16/12/2025	PEAC Finance [PEAC 004] 006/26/0102077	Peac copier lease feb-Apr	16/12/2025	183.60	
				Total of Invoices Due (PEAC 004)	
02/07/2025	Trade UK [SF 005] ON ACC 1416	Purchase Ledger DDR Payment	02/07/2025	-0.71	
03/11/2025	2008344175	Screwfix rat trap HCC	31/12/2025	23.97	
04/11/2025	2008367994	B&Q surge extension office	31/12/2025	24.00	
14/11/2025	2008647909	B&Q raw/plugs	31/12/2025	9.50	
26/11/2025	2008962793	Screwfix masonry drill bit	31/12/2025	4.53	
				Total of Invoices Due (SF 005)	
07/11/2025	Sharp Business Syeterns UK PLC [SHARP] 8073568765	Sharp copier copies Oct	07/11/2025	44.90	
				Total of Invoices Due (SHARP)	
09/12/2025	INV11107080	Water+ water charges HCC Nov	29/12/2025	67.42	
				Total of Invoices Due (WATER HCC)	
				TOTAL OF INVOICES DUE (ALL LEDGERS)	
				17,386.46	

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16:44		Invoices Due for Payment by 31 December 2025						
For Creditors						Pay by Electronic Payment		
Invoice Date	Invoice No.	Ref No.	Invoice Detail	Authorise Ref	Date Due	Amount Due	Discount To Claim	Net Amount due
The Community Heartbeat Trust [COMM HEART]								
28/10/2025	28300	1577	Heartbeat Tst Annual support		28/10/2025	594.00		594.00
Total of Invoices Due (COMM HEART)						594.00	0.00	594.00
P&D Specialist Services Ltd [PD SERVICE]								
11/12/2025	10228	1574	P&D Blackwell/Newton xmasdecs		11/12/2025	3,366.47		3,366.47
16/12/2025	10236	1576	P&D Hilcote decs install		16/12/2025	1,145.41		1,145.41
Total of Invoices Due (PD SERVICE)						4,511.88	0.00	4,511.88
Wholesale Office Supplies [WHOLE]								
14/11/2025	SINV152074	1545	Office Supplies planner, paper		14/12/2025	52.46		52.46
Total of Invoices Due (WHOLE)						52.46	0.00	52.46
Total of Invoices Due (Creditors)						5,158.34	0.00	5,158.34
TOTAL OF INVOICES DUE (ALL LEDGERS)						5,158.34	0.00	5,158.34

	Blackwell Parish Council					
	Invoices Due for Payment	January 2026 Parish Council Meeting				
Date	Vendor	Invoice Detail	NETT	VAT	TOTAL	NOTES
09/01/2026	Wholesale Office Supplies	Stationery - paper, tape, blu-tack	41.38	8.27	49.65	
08/01/2026	Hargan Electrical	making Scanderlands Pavilion safe electrically	155.00		155.00	
08/01/2026	Sharp	photocopier copies	25.00	5.00	30.00	DD
06/01/2026	Water Plus	NCC December Charges	108.74		108.74	DD
14/12/2025	St Werburgh's Church	Carol Service refreshments	39.55		39.55	
07/01/2026	Total Hire & Sales / KP	dehumidifiers for Scanderlands	272.50	54.50	327.00	
06/01/2026	Bolsover District Council	bin emptying Oct-Dec	598.00	119.60	717.60	
05/01/2026	SGP Garden Machinery	Mower service	467.25	93.45	560.70	
			1,707.42	280.82	1,988.24	

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Date: _____