

# BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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To: The Chairman and Members of Blackwell Parish Council

Dear Councillor

## NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Blackwell Parish Council to be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, 7pm at Blackwell Community Centre, Blackwell.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kate Poynter'.

Kate Poynter - Clerk

## AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Variation of Order of Business (if required)**  
*To determine which items, if any, should be taken with public and press excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public, it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: 'In view of the confidential nature of some items, it may be necessary to discuss these items with the Public and Press excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1'.*
3. **Declaration of Members Interests**  
*To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests they have in subsequent Agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Councils Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.*
4. **Public Speaking (twenty minutes)**
  - a. *A period of not more than twenty minutes will be made available for Members of the Public and Members of the Council to comment on any relevant matter. No more than three minutes per person.*
  - b. *If the Police Liaison Officer, County Councillor Harvey and District Councillors Moesby and Renshaw are in attendance, members will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.*
  - c. *Crime Figures*
5. **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**
6. **Chairman's Announcements**  
*An opportunity for the Chairman to raise any current issues within the Parish.*
7. **Report from the Clerk**  
*Should know by 5<sup>th</sup> September whether an election has been requested for the current vacancy*
8. **To receive and consider any updates on the impact the formation of (a) Derbyshire Unitary Council(s) will have on the parish council**
9. **Finance and Governance Matters and Reports**
  - a. *To consider any recommendations from the Finance & HR Committee including agreements with the charities*
  - b. *To consider a list of Accounts for Payment and general financial reports*
  - c. *To receive current bank balances*
  - d. *To consider any updates on the External Audit*
  - e. *To consider any updates on the insurance renewal*
  - f. *To consider an update on the Valda energy bills*

- g. To consider any updates on the purchase of the parish van
- h. To consider the funding updates report – including approval for a survey to go in the next newsletter and suggestions for Old Blackwell phone box
- i. To consider any other financial updates

**10. Parish Buildings (LG(MP)A1976 s19 / LGA1894 s8 (1)(i))**

- a. To note the meeting date for the next Parish Facilities Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> September
- b. To consider any updates on maintenance and repairs to the parish buildings including: leaking valves under the boiler, fire alarm in the kitchen and boiler service at Blackwell Community Centre and the pointing at Newton Community Centre
- c. To consider any updates on the Woburn Close Development
- d. To consider the garage at Blackwell Community Centre
- e. To consider the air conditioning unit in the cellar at Blackwell Community Centre
- f. To consider a request from Platform Thirty1 regarding putting a bus outside of Newton Community Centre during their event on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> October and to note the living history displays currently at all community centres
- g. To consider a request from the Carnival Team to use the centres for overnight accommodation for bands travelling long distances to play at the carnival next year.
- h. To consider updates relating to the Corner Club in Westhouses
- i. To consider pat testing information
- j. To consider any other building related updates

**11. Parks, Floral, Events and Other Outdoor Areas (LG(MP)A1976 s19(3))**

- a. To consider the flag raising on VJ Day
- b. To consider an update on trees on parish council land – including quotes for work to be undertaken
- c. To consider any updates on the Newton Christmas Tree situation
- d. To consider a request from the Carnival Team to use Newton Community Centre on Remembrance Sunday 10am-12midday
- e. To consider the success of the walking football and bikeability over the summer
- f. To consider activities for young people
- g. To consider the bin list
- h. To consider any other park updates including seeking alternative wetpour fixing solutions
- i. To receive a report from Friends of Doe Hill Park

**12. Charity Updates (LGA 1972.bs.139(1))**

- a. To consider any updates on the Cricket Club boundary wall
- b. To consider the tree situation outside Hilcote Community Centre
- c. To consider the purchase of a sim card for the camera on Royal Oak Meadow, with a contribution towards the cost from HELP Group
- d. To consider any bar issues and requests, including pub nights at Hilcote Community Centre and the fridge
- e. To consider any urgent updates before the next charity meetings.

**13. Planning Applications**

To ratify application decisions from the summer (No objections)

25/00303/TCON	T1 – Poplar – fell to ground level and remove all waste	Old Hall, Cragg Lane	Delegated
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To consider any other applications that have been submitted

25/00324/FUL	Single Storey rear extension	149 Alfreton Road, Newton	Delegated
25/00356/TCON	Removal of 3 trees	Willow Tree House, Church Hill	Delegated

**14. Correspondence Received**

- a. DALC Newsletter forwarded to Councillors
- b. To consider any other correspondence received

**15. Communications (Newsletter - LGA1972 s142 (1A), Website – LGA 1972 s142)**

- a. To consider updates on the newsletter - including an increase in information being put forward
- b. To consider the e-mail/website tender specification

**16. Highways**

To consider any updates on Allport/Alport Terrace in Westhouses and highways issues in general

**17. Allotments (SH&AA 1908 s23)**

To consider any allotment updates - including the missing hedge at Littlemoor Lane and an update on the gate situation at North/South Street

**18. Section 137 Funding Applications**

To consider an application for funding from Newton Carnival Team.

**19. Staffing**

- a. To consider any recommendations from the Finance & HR Committee including agreements with the charities
- b. To note the NJC pay agreement
- c. To consider the resignation of the Hilcote key holder

**20. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Full Council – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Westhouses Primary School