

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL – Minutes

Minutes of the Blackwell Parish Council Parish Facilities Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 June 2025, 6pm at Hilcote Community Centre.

PRESENT

Cllrs: Newham (Chair), Gascoyne, Lee, Hart, Poulter and Hough

ALSO PRESENT

K Poynter (Clerk)

Members of Public: 0

PF/033/25 To elect a Chair for the Ensuing Year

RESOLVED: to elect Cllr Newham as Chair of the Facilities Committee for the ensuing year

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Poulter

Agreed by All

PF/034/25 To elect a Vice Chair for the Ensuing Year

RESOLVED: to elect Cllr Hart as the Vice Chair of the Facilities Committee for the ensuing year

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Lee

Agreed by All

PF/035/25 To Receive Apologies for Absence

None

PF/036/25 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None

PF/037/25 Declaration of Members Interests

It was agreed that members would declare an interest as they appear on the agenda.

PF/038/25 Public Speaking

None

PF/039/25 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Facilities Committee held on 10th March 2025 and 24th April 2025

RESOLVED: to approve the above minutes

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed by those Councillors in attendance at those meetings.

PF/040/25 Community Centres

- a. The ongoing list of repairs was reviewed and there were discussions about training the Parish Ranger to undertake pat testing, whether a spare worktop could be used to revamp the kitchenette at Charnwood Pavilion if new doors were sought for the cabinets, and getting someone in to look at the shutter shorting at Hilcote Community Centre and the back door at Newton Community Centre.

b. Urgent items

- i. Blackwell Community Centre - BRAG expressed thanks to the council for the work on the kitchen and have offered to pay for the community centre to be decorated. The Clerk said that the Projects and Procurement Assistant was currently pricing up additional refurbishment possibilities for the centre to apply for a grant and this would help serve as match funding.

RESOLVED: to recommend approaching Platform Thirty1 to ask whether they would be interested in working with the council on a project to render and paint the community centre with a Blackwell village mural, to option the round tables for the bar and to ask whether the remaining Police Grant could be used to fund additional CCTV at the centre.

Mover: Cllr Hough

Seconder: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed by All

- ii. Newton Community Centre – there was a discussion about the lock on the back door and that the painting of the fence would now wait until later in the year before re-consideration.

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- iii. Hilcote Community Centre – the hole appearing under the fence was appraised and it was agreed to get some postcrete to build up to the wood that the Parish Ranger has fixed to it to ensure that it lasts.
- c. **RESOLVED:** to recommend having a proper assessment of the Hilcote Community Centre roof and if relevant funding comes online, to apply for funding to replace the whole roof.
Mover: Cllr Hart Second: Cllr Poulter Agreed by All
- d. There was a discussion about lessons learnt from the Blackwell Community Centre kitchen project and that staff had identified that the new procurement policy would make a big difference; that if multiple contractors were needed for a job, the offer would be made for them to all meet beforehand; and that the work would be gone round afterwards with the contractor.

FHR/041/25 Pavilions

- a. i. Scanderlands Pavilion – Cllr Hough kindly offered to seal the crack on the interior wall and monitor it.
- ii. Charnwood Pavilion
RESOLVED: to recommend looking for funding for general upgrades and additional space
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed by All
- iii. Blackwell Cricket Ground Pavilion
It was noted that the Projects and Procurement Assistant had secured money to repair the historical wall around the cricket ground
RESOLVED: to recommend to protect other Blackwell history by council staff helping BRAG complete the forms needed to install the anvil (any payments would be met by BRAG)
Mover: Cllr Hough Second: Cllr Hart Agreed by All

FHR/042/25 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Full Council: Monday 7th July 2025, 7pm at Newton Community Centre

The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

Chairman's Signature: _____ Date: _____