

Minutes of the Blackwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 at Newton Community Centre

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

K Poynter (Clerk)

Members of Public: 2

1741/2026 To Receive Apologies for Absence
None

1742/2026 Declaration of Members Interests
It was agreed that interests are to be declared as appropriate during the meeting.

1743/2026 Public Speaking

a. Two representatives from 'Sing Along with Ellie' introduced themselves and thanked the council for accepting bookings at Blackwell Community Centre as this is the sixth group that they are opening. They reported that they now have charity status and that the sessions are inclusive for the whole community. The first session at Blackwell will take place on 23rd September.

b. County Councillor Harvey reports that Reform has been in position for over 12 months and he is on three committees – Health Scrutiny, Ethics and Standards and Place. He spoke about the Peak Cluster where there are plans for background pipelines to take carbon from Peak District quarries to the Irish Sea – he said the issue is that people don't believe in net zero. There is the potential that the railway between Matlock and Buxton could be re-opened. It will be privately funded by the Limestone quarries. There was a conversation about the state of the local roads and the standard of pothole repairs. Cllr Harvey suggested getting the Head of Highways out to take a look. There was a question about Warden Call and the county councils withdrawal of funding from it. It costs £19 per month and the most vulnerable people can't afford it. Cllr Harvey said that he would look into it.

District Cllr Renshaw reported that a lorry had damaged the bridge on Newtonwood Lane and that it was being looked at. There has been a lot of fly tipping – if it is on private land, the council won't be able to remove it. There has been a lot of antisocial behaviour. There are issues with the parking at Westhouses – not being able to use the hardstanding is causing mayhem. Cllr Harvey agreed to meet Cllrs Renshaw and Stocks down there to take a look. The pathway behind the school leading to Charnwood has been sorted.

c. *Crime Figures* – the crime rates are possibly due to the lack of PCSO presence – due to being the only police representative in the area and an increased workload, and that even if he is on shift on the parish, he has no powers.

RESOLVED: to write to the Chief of Police in Derbyshire to ask what the plan is and make them aware that the PCSO is struggling

Mover: Cllr Hart Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed

1744/2026 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 1st June 2026
RESOLVED: To approve the above minutes
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Newham Agreed

1745/2026 Chairman's Announcements
The Chair spoke about the impact of the PCSO workload.

1746/2026 Report from the Clerk
The Clerk thanked the Councillors who helped remove play equipment the previous week and for those who stopped by the office to make sure staff were okay during the heatwave.

1747/2026 The impact of the formation of Derbyshire Unitary Council(s) on the Parish Council
The council were given copies of the minutes from the Parish Council Liaison Meeting with Bolsover District Council.

1748/2026 Finance and Governance Matters and Reports
a. *Accounts for Payment and general reports*

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RESOLVED: to approve the payments lists

Mover: Cllr Newham

Seconder: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

b. Bank Balances

It was noted that the bank balances stand at: Co-op account - £238,506.87 and the CCLA account - £32,735.22

c. External Audit Updates

It was noted that there were updates at this time

d. Parish Van Insurance

RESOLVED to ratify accepting the quote from James Hallam/Equity Red Star for the parish vehicles for £817.60

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Peters

Agreed

e. Vehicle Rescue Membership

RESOLVED to continue using Green Flag

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed

f. Funding report

The funding report was received by the council.

g. Other Financial and Governance Updates

RESOLVED: that following a couple of glitches with the current system, that staff could research alternative options.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed

1749/2026

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

a. Recommendations from the Facilities Committee

RESOLVED: to approve recommendations from the Facilities Committee including:

- i. Emergency Lighting - that all of the amber emergency lighting and sounding requirements are undertaken and to include specific green options as well
- ii. Valuations - that a desktop valuation of the cricket pavilion take place for £180 and that when the rest of the valuations are due in September, they are desktop as well
- iii. Contracts – to approach Bolsover District Council to ask whether they have a standard basic contract that the council could use for contractors. It was acknowledged that there could be a cost to this.
- iv. Sound Engineer – to find out how much it would cost to get a sound engineer out to ascertain what it would take to improve the acoustics at Newton Community Centre and then the cost of various types of acoustic boards
- v. Cooker – to put up a sign asking people not to slam the cooker door after it was test and found to have no faults.
- vi. Fridges – that the new fridges should have a freezer compartment
- vii. That on the recommendation of the plumber, there was no way to tell whether the damage caused to a cistern at Newton Community Centre was the result of someone sitting on it one-time or whether it was a cumulative effect.
- viii. Outside tap – to price up having an outside tap fitted to Blackwell Community Centre to help the Parish Ranger with the watering
- ix. To price up new fridges for the bar at Hilcote Community Centre and Newton Community Centre kitchen
- x. Scanderlands boiler – that the ignition probe be relaced to see what impact that would have on the boiler and to price up a heat pump or new boiler if no other solutions to fix it can be found
- xi. Charnwood heaters – to approve the quote for £411 to replace the heaters at the pavilion
- xii. Cricket plaque - to contact Derbyshire County Cricket Club about getting a plaque made to go alongside the football tributes outside Blackwell Community Centre
- xiii. Remembrance display at Hilcote Community Centre – to find out from Greater Creative a bit more about what they want for the display
- xiv. TMVs at Charnwood – to approve the quote for fitting TMVs at Charnwood pavilion

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

RESOLVED: to delegate the selection of new fridges for Newton Community Centre and Hilcote bar to the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Lee

Agreed

b. Building Maintenance

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It was noted that Cllr Hart had kindly volunteered to meet the Serven Trent representative to look at whether it would be possible to fit water butts to Hilcote Community Centre to help reduce the risk of drains flooding during the wet seasons.

It was noted that the ignition had been booked to be changed on the Scanderlands boiler and that Cllr Hough had volunteered to meet the plumber to discuss options for making sure the boiler works properly for winter. The plumber is also going to re-look at the leak in the ladies at Hilcote Community Centre.

c. *Kitchen Floor at Blackwell Community Centre*

RESOLVED: Following two Councillors writing in to re-consider replacing the floor covering in the kitchen, to replace the floor in the kitchen and appoint Shire Flooring to undertake the work (based on the Facilities Committee recommendation)

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Newham Agreed

d. *Woburn Close Development*

Cllr Renshaw declared an interest in this item as it is a Bolsover District Council Development.

RESOLVED: to price up a barrier for the car park entrance and ask whether BDC will foot the cost and to check the boundary line hasn't changed beyond what was agreed.

Mover: Cllr Hough Second: Cllr Stocks Agreed

It was noted that there are potential issues with the lease for Blackwell Community Centre and that it needs registering. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Newham to look at what needs doing.

e. *Corner Club in Westhouses*

Cllr Poulter declared an interest due to a business relationship with one of the local people who might be interested in helping open the Corner Club.

It was noted that a local person had expressed an interest in setting up a consortium to open the Corner Club as an enterprise which would provide a community space. However, following advice from the solicitors, before anything else can happen, the register of membership is required so a meeting can be called to ask whether they would be happy to hand over the building.

RESOLVED:

i. That a liaison group with the community and the businesses interested in the project be set up

ii. That, when appropriate, a building survey is undertaken on the property and prices sought, so it is understood what is needed to bring it back up to a useable state

Mover: Cllr Poulter Second: Cllr Gascoyne Agreed

f. *Any other Building updates*

RESOLVED: to purchase an urn to ensure that all of the community centres have the facilities to make more hot drinks than is possible with just a kettle.

Mover: Cllr Hough Second: Cllr Poulter Agreed

RESOLVED: that a request for a science themed birthday party (where they make slime) could go ahead on the provision that there is reassurance that it doesn't stain the walls, ceiling or floor and that it is properly supervised by a professional provider.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed

Cllr Renshaw did not agree.

RESOLVED: to include in the terms and conditions of hire that time changes to bookings should happen by 9am on the Wednesday before the booking to allow for time for key holders to be notified properly.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Poulter Agreed

RESOLVED: that Unity Concert Band would be allowed to borrow five chairs from Newton Community Centre for a concert on the provision that if any of the chairs are damaged, then they are paid for.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Lee Agreed

RESOLVED: that some form of lock be fitted to the bottom cupboard at Blackwell Community Centre so that only the council and relevant groups have access

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed

1750/2026

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

a. *Recommendations from the Parks, Floral and Events Committee*

RESOLVED: to approve recommendations from the PFE Committee, including:

i. Christmas Decorations - pricing up potting a Christmas tree for Newton and replacement lights for the community centres

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- ii. Annual Parish Meeting – to advertise earlier, to hold mid-week in May rather than April, look at the possibility of having child-friendly and/or craft activities to encourage attendance
 - iii. Remembrance – to liaise with St Werburgh's about holding the service there again this year, to advertise it in the summer newsletter, in look at the possibility of a service sheet that can be re-used annually
 - iv. To re-start the rotation of the war horse again at Blackwell
 - v. To replace any poppy shortfall with Cllr Stocks donations and repeat the poppy sponsorship opportunity
 - vi. Armistice Day – to follow the same format as last year, to ask Councillors who would like to lower/raise the flags and make a small speech
 - vii. To advertise the event earlier to the public and invite the schools to attend again
 - viii. Carol Service – to discuss the format at a full council meeting
 - ix. Armed Forces Day – to be commemorated on eth website and Facebook
 - x. Floral Displays – to use the same specification for quotes for Summer 2027 and to explore the possibility of moving some hanging baskets from Tibshelf Road to Alfreton Road in Westhouses
 - xi. Old Blackwell Phone Box – to survey the condition of the box thoroughly and repair it where possible to try and prevent further damage
- Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Newham Agreed
- b. *Floral displays*
It was noted that the trough on one of the Blackwell signs was on the floor – Premier 1 are waiting for replacement brackets
- c. *Christmas Decorations*
RESOLVED: following the recommendation from the PFE Committee that a planter is the best way forwards for a tree in Newton, it was agreed to use the reserves to pay for it. Cllr Reynolds said that he would also talk to Newton Community Association.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Renshaw Agreed
RESOLVED: to review the replacement lights information in September.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed
- d. *Annual Parish Meeting*
RESOLVED: to look at recommendations for the Annual Parish Meeting in September.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed
- e. *Carol Service*
RESOLVED: to look at recommendations for the Carole Service in September.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed
- f. *Active Communities*
It was noted that bikeability and multi-sport sessions had been booked
- g. *Works required on Playgrounds*
It was noted that the spinner on Charnwood and the swing frame at Westhouses had been removed, and that the quote for replacing the wetpour at Westhouses and on Bamford Street was extremely expensive.
RESOLVED: that the bolt be fitted for the cantilever swing at Charnwood.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed
RESOLVED: that Cllr Gascoyne would look at the wetpour on Westhouses with the Parish Ranger and that staff should investigate alternative options
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Lee Agreed
- h. *Equipment for the Parish Ranger*
RESOLVED: that the Finance & HR Committee look at whether there is any scope for additional equipment for the Parish Ranger.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed
- i. *Additional Watering*
RESOLVED: to help Newton Community Association with the watering of their planters and to delegate the Finance and HR Committee to look at the working hours of the Parish Ranger with the additional jobs that he is doing this summer.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed
- j. *Lights at Westhouses*
RESOLVED: to investigate whether smaller lights could be purchased to attach to the poles that are already there
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hough Agreed

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k. The path leading to Charnwood Crescent

It was noted that this path had been sorted out

l. Any other park, floral or event updates

RESOLVED: to accept the offer from Newton and Blackwell Football Club to pay for a new bin on Scanderlands, and to give them permission for mole ploughing and sanding the bottom pitch

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed

m. Pylon Project

It was noted that there are no new updates

n. Friends of Doe Hill

Cllr Newham reported that the health and safety inspection had taken place, that the grass is growing fantastically and the annual meeting will be held in the next 2-3 weeks.

1751/2026 Highways

It was noted that staff are still waiting to hear back from Highways about whether permission would be needed to put a bench in the bus stop on Main Road in Newton. Cllr Hart enquired where NBFC got their bench from.

It was noted that parking on Littlemoor Lane was getting worse and that HGVs are using Thurgaton Way as a turn-around.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders due to it being close to 9pm.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed

There were conversations concerning parking at Westhouses, planning applications, that there were still a small handful of Councillors who need to sign into the new e-mail addresses, that the latest newsletter is ready for delivery. It was noted that some of the village names signs were starting to warp and had been mended by the Parish Ranger – this might need to be something that is looked at replacing in future years. Cllr Reynolds volunteered to help open and close Bamford Street Park whilst the Warden was on leave.

It was noted that jobs for staff should be run through the office, and that a member of public had contacted the Parish Ranger on his personal mobile to ask him to do a job and staff don't know where they would have had that number from. Staff personal phone numbers cannot be given out.

RESOLVED: to reinstate Standing Orders

Mover: Cllr Newham

Seconder: Cllr Reynolds

Agreed

Highways Continued:

RESOLVED: to write a letter to Highways regarding the parking situation at Westhouses.

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Lee

Agreed

1752/2026 Planning Applications

RESOLVED: that there are no objections to planning applications 26/00220/TCON, 26/00214/FUL and 26/00169/FUL

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Lee

Agreed

Cllr Harvey left the meeting.

1753/2026 Staffing

RESOLVED: to delegate the creation of staff resilience plan to the Finance & HR Committee.

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Lee

Agreed

RESOLVED: to accept the offer of training for the council from the Monitoring Officer – and that the Clerk should ask for more details

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Lee

Agreed

1754/2026 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 6th July 2026 – 7pm, Newton Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

Chairman's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Blackwell Parish Council							
Invoices							
June & July 2026 Parish Council Meeting							
Date	Vendor	Invoice Detail	NETT	VAT	TOTAL	PAID	Method
JUNE							
12/05/2026	Water Plus	Water charges April CP	38.04		38.04	yes	DD
20/05/2026	Valda	Gas & electricity NCC, BCC, HCC, SP, CP	1,191.37	125.88	1,317.25	yes	DD
23/04/2026	Screwfix	ant killer	8.32	1.67	9.99	yes	DD
17/05/2026	Heathcote	Bamford St Warden March	60.00		60.00	03/06/2026	BACS
01/05/2026	Heathcote	Bamford St Warden April	60.00		60.00	03/06/2026	BACS
31/05/2026	Bullock	Weekend open & closing NCC, BCC, HCC May	200.00		200.00	03/06/2026	BACS
01/06/2026	Wakington	evening opening & closing HCC April/May	304.00		304.00	03/06/2026	BACS
29/05/2026	Clarks Cemetery Services	churchyard maintenance May	670.00		670.00	03/06/2026	BACS
15/05/2026	Rialtas	End of Year Accounts 938	938.00	187.60	1,125.60	03/06/2026	BACS
27/05/2026	Bolsover District Council	Staff costs for May	9,689.60		9,689.60	03/06/2026	BACS
03/06/2026	Wayfair	2 x bookcase for under bar BCC	63.98		63.98	03/06/2026	CARD
03/06/2026	Amazon/Technoworld Plc	new laptop for Projects & Procurement Assistant	436.75	87.35	524.10	03/06/2026	CARD
31/05/2026	Allstar	fuel	70.14	14.03	84.17	yes	DD
08/06/2026	Amazon	garden hose	12.34		12.34	08/06/2026	CARD
02/06/2026	Roe Clean	window cleaning NCC BCC HCC	56.00		56.00	09/06/2026	BACS
09/06/2026	Information Commissioner's Office	annual data protection fee renewal	52.00		52.00	09/06/2026	CARD
08/06/2026	Amazon	water pump & cigarette lighter plug	91.66		91.66	08/06/2026	CARD
11/06/2026	Argos	doorbell BCC	12.00		12.00	11/06/2026	CARD
14/06/2026	Microsoft	e-mail subscription	9.78	1.96	11.74	14/06/2026	CARD
17/06/2026		bond refund	20.00		20.00	16/06/2026	BACS
31/05/2026	AJ Group	ceiling replacement SP	4,609.00	921.80	5,530.80	17/06/2026	BACS
04/06/2026	Bolsover District Council	supply and fit 2 flat seats Charnwood	150.00	30.00	180.00	17/06/2026	BACS
18/06/2026	Team Blue Internet Services	monthly renewal .org.uk website builder	19.99	4.00	23.99	18/06/2026	CARD
19/06/2026	PHS	hygiene services NCC BCC HCC SP CP temporary fuel surcharge	14.10	2.80	16.90	yes	DD

15/06/2026	Allstar	fuel	72.42	14.49	86.91	yes	DD
23/06/2026		bond refund	20.00		20.00	23/06/2026	BACS
23/06/2026		bond refund	100.00		100.00	23/06/2026	BACS
24/06/2026	B&Q	marine plywood	56.00		56.00	24/06/2026	CARD
06/06/2026	Water Plus	water charges May NCC	197.83		197.83	yes	DD
09/06/2026	Water Plus	water charges May HCC	83.21		83.21	yes	DD
29/06/2026	Amazon	bin bags and door stops	59.86		59.86	29/06/2026	CARD
20/06/2026	Valda	Gas & electricity NCC, BCC, HCC, SP, CP	1,263.57	134.83	1,398.40	yes	DD
16/06/2026	Onecom	phone & internet	246.63	49.33	295.96	yes	DD
13/05/2026	Sharp	copier copies	58.12	11.62	69.74	yes	DD
30/06/2026	Roe Clean	window cleaning NCC BCC HCC	59.00		59.00	30/06/2026	BACS
30/06/2026	Heathcote	Bamford St Warden May	60.00		60.00	30/06/2026	BACS
24/06/2026	Bower & Broughton	refit cistern to wall and repair leaking overflow elbow	82.00	16.40	98.40	30/06/2026	BACS
29/06/2026	James Hallam	Equity Red Star van insurance	817.60		817.60	30/06/2026	BACS
20/05/2026	Bolsover District Council	premises licence HCC	180.00		180.00	30/06/2026	BACS
		JUNE 2026 total	22,133.31	1,603.76	23,737.07		
JULY							
30/06/2026	Bolsover District Council	Staff & payslip costs June 2026	9,447.16	15.00	9,462.16	01/07/2026	BACS
30/06/2026	Heathcote	Bamford St Warden June 26	60.00		60.00	01/07/2026	BACS
29/06/2026	Bullock	Weekend open & closing NCC, BCC, HCC June	232.00		232.00	01/07/2026	BACS
13/06/2026	Premier 1	summer planting - including watering and feeding	9,750.00	1,950.00	11,700.00		
12/06/2026	DALC	Internal Audie 26/27	478.00		478.00		
12/06/2026	Bower & Broughton	remove flush pipe and repair nut & washer connections to cistern HCC	150.00	30.00	180.00		
	K Poynter	padlock, sun hats, van fuses reimbursement	46.14		46.14		
02/07/2026	PDM	printing of summer newsletter	652.00		652.00		
	Blackwell Cricket Club	reimbursement of rates	350.90		350.90		
22/06/2026	John Martin Hoyes Ltd	repairs to NCC floor	340.00	68.00	408.00		
22/06/2026	Gem Cleaning (Midlands Ltd)	clean HCC after Saturday party	44.00	8.80	52.80		
29/06/2026	Gem Cleaning (Midlands Ltd)	clean HCC after Saturday party	44.00	8.80	52.80		

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24/06/2026	Bower & Broughton	install magnet filters to pip work, add sludge remover, refill and test	1,280.00	256.00	1,536.00		
02/07/2026	Sharp	copier copies	56.89	11.38	68.27		DD
08/06/2026	Sharp	copier copies	60.29	12.06	72.35		DD
12/06/2026	Water Plus	water charges May CP	132.89		132.89		DD
06/06/2026	Water Plus	Water charges BCC May	-131.73		-131.73		
15/06/2026	Peac Solutions	Photocopier lease	153.00	30.60	183.60		DD
30/06/2026	Amazon	new wiper blades for the parish van	24.98		24.98		card
30/06/2026	Allstar	fuel	83.52	16.70	100.22		DD
12/05/2026	B&Q	Top soil, liquid plant food, lawn seed for summer planting	24.00	4.00	28.00		DD
12/05/2026	B&Q	assorted plants for in-house summer planting	151.25	30.25	181.50		DD
19/05/2026	Screwfix	goldscrew pack 200 - general use inc. village sign repairs	1.82	0.37	2.19		DD
03/06/2026	Screwfix	hand pruning saw	108.32	21.67	129.99		DD
04/06/2026	B&Q	water butt - to transport water in van	31.67	6.33	38.00		DD
12/06/2026	Screwfix	hose clips - for watering	2.49	0.50	2.99		DD
17/06/2026	Screwfix	safety glasses (when removing playground equipment)	6.22	1.25	7.47		DD
17/06/2026	Screwfix	demarcation tape, safety gloves (removing playground equipment)	17.47	3.50	20.97		DD
18/06/2026	B&Q	hoselock (watering), bin (NCC), turf (charnwood), nozzle (watering), topsoil (Charnwood), lawn seed (westhouses)	79.83	14.97	94.80		DD
18/06/2026	Screwfix	grinding discs (playground equipment removal)	8.32	1.67	9.99		DD
29/06/2026	Screwfix	bolt cutters	15.74	3.15	18.89		DD
		JULY 2026 so far...	23,701.17	2,495.00	26,196.17		

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Date: _____