

Minutes of the Blackwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2026 at Westhouses Primary School

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

K Poynter (Clerk)

G Gardener (Headteacher Blackwell Primary School)

1775/2026 To Receive Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: to accept apologies received from Cllr Poulter (prior band commitment)

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed

1776/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

Interests to be declared as appropriate during the meeting.

Cllr Newham declared an Interest in Blackwell Primary School as he is a governor

1777/2026 Public Speaking

No members of public were present.

It was noted that District Councillor Moesby and County Councillor Harvey had sent their apologies.

1778/2026 Blackwell Primary School

Head G Gardener updated the council on what the school has been up to and asked members whether anyone would be interested in becoming a governor.

1779/2026 To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 7th September 2026

RESOLVED: to approve the above minutes.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed

1780/2026 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair spoke again about the anti-social behaviour issues that are happening on Woburn Close and there was a conversation about the steps that the district council have taken and might be able to take.

1781/2026 Report from the Clerk

The Clerk had nothing additional to report.

1782/2026 Updates on Local Government Reorganisation

It was agreed to remove this as a standing item on the agenda for now as the process has been paused.

1783/2026 Finance & Governance Matters and Reports

a. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed

b. Bank Balances

It was noted that the Co-op bank balance is currently £324,643.06 and the CCLA account balance is £32,945.10. .

c. External Audit updates

It was noted that the external audit had been passed and the reasoning for the item on charity accounting was accepted.

d. Internal Audit

RESOLVED: following a discussion about how the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Internal Audit Service works in that it has a bank of auditors who are trained and assigned to councils upon the submission of an official application, to appoint DALC as the internal auditor for 2026/27 as they provide a totally independent service. It was noted that they cover both governance and finance aspects of the council.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed

e. Rialtas End of Year

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e. *Overnight Stay Request*

RESOLVED: to refuse a request for a group to sleep overnight at Newton Community Centre due to the potential insurance implications, and that there would be alcohol involved.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Stocks Agreed

f. *Corner Club in Westhouses*

It was noted that a meeting has been arranged for 4th November at 6pm for anyone with an interest in the Corner Club.

g. *Other Building Updates:*

- i. **RESOLVED:** that if Cllr Reynolds undertakes the Pat Testing Training, then he could borrow the pat testing machine He would be able to help the Parish Ranger pat test equipment for the parish community groups – including Wicked Westhouses.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed
- ii. **RESOLVED:** to look at getting a fridge freezer for the bar at Blackwell Community Centre
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed
- iii. **RESOLVED:** to get prices for deep cleaning the kitchens and toilets at Newton and Hilcote Community Centres
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed
- iv. **RESOLVED:** to add to centre hire documentation a reminder that in order to get your bond back, you need to leave it as you find it and that self-cleaning is a minimum requirement. No-one else can tidy a centre in order for someone to get their bond back.
Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hough Agreed

1785/2026

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

a. *Parks, Floral and Events Committee*

RESOLVED: to approve the following recommendations from the PFE Committee:

- i. Annual Parish Meeting - to approach Greater Creative to ask if they would be interested in doing anything at the Annual Parish Meeting, and undertake more publicity
- ii. Remembrance - to order the wreaths (one for each village and Old Blackwell), and to look at additional display options for the church
- iii. Armistice Day – the following Councillors were volunteered to attend flag raising and make a speech: Cllr Hough (Blackwell), Cllr Newham (Newton), Cllr Hart (Hilcote) and Cllr Stocks (Westhouses). Schools and public to be invited
- iv. Centre Christmas Lights – to get the most suitable for each centre
- v. Carol Service – to chase Cllr Poulter for price from band, that council to fund refreshments, and that it takes place at St Werburghs.
- vi. Bamford Street Park Blue Man – to remove him
- vii. Football Policy – approve with a couple of amendments made by the PFE Committee
- viii. Westhouses posts – to use the wooden posts donated to replace the posts that have rotted on Westhouses Recreation Ground
- ix. Outflow near Scanderlands Recreation Ground – it has now been confirmed by everyone involved – including Severn Trent – that the outflow is not on the Recreation Ground, so the council does not have responsibility for it
- x. Winter Planting – just to put lights on the Christmas trees as flowers around the base of the tree would be lost now because of the size of the trees. Trailing plants should be used in summer
- xi. Phone Box at Old Blackwell – has been made watertight. Clerk is looking into who actually owns it.

Mover: Cllr Newham Second: Cllr Hart Agreed

RESOLVED: that Cllr Stocks would approach Kaydor for ideas for Remembrance displays and delegate approval to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk. It was suggested that some of the community groups might be interested in helping to pay for the items.

Mover: Cllr Hart Second: Cllr Stocks Agreed

RESOLVED: to approach the Carnival Team and re-offer to put in an object in the highway application if they plan to put up their Tommies again

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed

b. *Hilcote Recreation Ground Lease*

RESOLVED: following Derbyshire County Council now wanting to charge £250 for a rolling agreement, as opposed to the original £135 per year, to go back to them, offer £100 per year,

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suggest we can get someone to draw up the lease if needed and highlight the cost of maintenance

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed

f. Christmas Tree for Newton

It was noted that the Object in the Highway Consultation is currently underway and that nothing can be undertaken until that had been approved. Cllr Gascoyne offered to source a telehandler for free.

RESOLVED: that if all was approved, to use reserves to fund the project.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hough Agreed

g. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to postpone the date that the APM would be held on until it was known when the elections are due to take place.

h. Hedges

Roe Plant to be asked whether they would be interested in quoting to cut the hedges on North/South Street.

i. Help on the Parks

Cllrs Reynolds and Stocks offered to help with playground inspections and empty the park bins whilst the Parish Ranger is on leave.

j. Pylon Project

It was noted that there were no updates on the Pylon Project

k. Doe Hill Park

It was noted that there were no updates on Doe Hill Park

1786/2026 Highways, Roads and Buses

Cllr Hart spoke about looking into how to get bus companies and the county council to serve Old Blackwell and Tibshelf Road in Westhouses more and how the road surface of Hilcote Lane needs looking at.

1787/2026 Communications

It was noted that Cllr Reynolds was still offering to help the remaining Councillors sign into their new e-mail addresses and that staff were just waiting for the call for the Parish Ranger to pick the newsletters up from the printers.

RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders because the two hours allotted for the meeting had been reached

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Stocks Agreed

During the period of suspended Standing Orders, there was a discussion about a date for the DALC Civility and Respect Training to take place on Wednesday 9th December 2026 and the next stage of recruitment.

RESOLVED: To reinstate Standing Orders

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Stocks Agreed

1788/2026 Staffing

RESOLVED: that the Finance & HR Committee be delegated to handle the next set of recruitment for an Admin Assistant

Mover: Cllr Reynolds Second: Cllr Lee Agreed

1789/2026 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd November 2026, 7pm at Hilcote Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

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Blackwell Parish Council							
Invoices							
August/September/start of October							
Date	Vendor	Invoice Detail	NETT	VAT	TOTAL	PAID	Method
18/06/2026	Screwfix	Grinding discs (play equipment removal)	8.32	1.67	9.99	01/08/2026	DD
18/06/2026	B&Q	turf, hosepipe parts, lawn seed	79.83	14.97	94.80	01/08/2026	DD
17/06/2026	Screwfix	tape, gloves	17.47	3.50	20.97	01/08/2026	DD
12/06/2026	Screwfix	hose clips	2.49	0.50	2.99	01/08/2026	DD
17/06/2026	Screwfix	safety specs	6.22	1.25	7.47	01/08/2026	DD
04/06/2026	B&Q	water butt	31.67	6.33	38.00	01/08/2026	DD
03/06/2026	Screwfix	pruning saw	108.32	21.67	129.99	01/08/2026	DD
29/06/2026	Screwfix	bolt cutters	15.74	3.15	18.89	01/08/2026	DD
31/07/2026	Allstar	fuel	76.76	15.35	92.11	yes	DD
12/07/2026	Gem Cleaning (Midlands Ltd)	Sunday morning clean	44.00	8.80	52.80	07/08/2026	BACS
31/07/2026	Clarks Cemetery & Churchyard Services	churchyard maintenance July	670.00		670.00	07/08/2026	BACS
12/08/2026	Towbars & Trailers	fit pump to battery in van	180.00		180.00	12/08/2026	Card
23/07/2026	Marehay Garage	tyre repair	25.00	5.00	30.00	12/08/2026	BACS
30/07/2026	Hargan Electrical	Replace heaters CP	411.00		411.00	12/08/2026	BACS
14/08/2026	Microsoft	email subscription	9.78	1.96	11.74	14/08/2026	Card
16/08/2026	Names	monthly old website renewal	19.99	4.00	23.99	16/08/2026	Card
29/07/2026	Collins Electrical Services	replace faulty detector NCC, investigate fault NCC	205.00	41.00	246.00	19/08/2026	BACS
29/07/2026	Collins Electrical Services	faulty circuit/replace RCBO HCC, faulty lighting BCC	266.73	45.35	312.08	19/08/2026	BACS
23/08/2026	Green Flag	breakdown renewal	115.00		115.00	23/08/2026	Card
06/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges BCC July	7.52		7.52	24/08/2026	DD
06/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges NCC July	124.98		124.98	24/08/2026	DD
17/08/2026	Hargan Electrical	cooker connection BCC	50.00		50.00	24/08/2026	BACS
24/07/2026	Wholesale Office Supplies	paper, staples	36.01	7.20	43.21	26/08/2026	BACS
28/07/2026	Online Playgrounds	wetpour	330.00	66.00	396.00	26/08/2026	BACS
08/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges HCC July	74.64		74.64	27/08/2026	DD
27/08/2026	Marchalls Electrical	2 x under counter fridges HCC NCC	278.00		278.00	27/08/2026	Card
17/08/2026	Onecom	phone/internet July	246.63	49.33	295.96	yes	DD
02/07/2026	Sharp	Photocopier copies	56.89	11.38	68.27	yes	DD
20/08/2026	Valda	electricity/gas	1,475.39	214.55	1,689.94	01/09/2026	DD
12/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges CP July	47.18		47.18	01/09/2026	DD
16/07/2026	B&Q	OB bus stop & phone box repair materials	48.31	9.66	57.97	01/09/2026	DD
27/07/2026	B&Q	sand	12.50	2.50	15.00	01/09/2026	DD
28/07/2026	Screwfix	brusg, tape, knee pads, plasters	67.57	13.53	81.10	01/09/2026	DD
31/08/2026	Bullock	Weekend open/close	104.00		104.00	02/09/2026	BACS
26/08/2026	Bolsover District Council	staff costs August 26	8,303.95		8,303.95	02/09/2026	BACS
07/08/2026	Brabners	legal advice re Corner Club	1,015.00	203.00	1,218.00	04/09/2026	BACS

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31/08/2026	Allstar	fuel	95.76	19.15	114.91	yes	BACS
26/08/2026	K Poynter	refund for bin bags, cable ties, WD40	124.23		124.23	08/09/2026	BACS
24/06/2026	Bower & Broughton Plumbing & Heating Ltd	Vat missed off previous invoice	256.00		256.00	08/09/2026	BACS
28/08/2026	Clarkes Cemetery & Churchyard Services	churchyard maintenance August	670.00		670.00	08/09/2026	BACS
17/08/2026	Shire Flooring Ltd	replacement of BCC kitchen floor	1,797.75	359.55	2,157.30	08/09/2026	BACS
14/09/2026	Microsoft	email subscription	9.78	1.96	11.74	14/09/2026	Card
16/08/2026	Gem Cleaning (Midlands Ltd)	Sunday morning clean	44.00	8.80	52.80	15/09/2026	BACS
15/09/2026	Amazon	batteries for Xmas lights	13.99		13.99	15/09/2026	Card
15/09/2026	Amazon	Christmas lights	34.07		34.07	15/09/2026	Card
16/09/2026	Names	monthly old website renewal	19.99	4.00	23.99	16/09/2026	Card
18/08/2026	PHS	sanitary disposal (year) BCC	67.73	13.55	81.28	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS	sanitary disposal (year) HCC	107.77	21.55	129.32	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS	sanitary disposal (year) CP	47.71	9.54	57.25	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS	sanitary disposal (year) NCC	107.77	21.55	129.32	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS	sanitary disposal (year) SP	47.71	9.54	57.25	yes	DD
15/09/2026	Bower & Broughton Plumbing & Heating Ltd	repair leaks NCC and flush HCC	82.00	16.40	98.40	18/09/2026	BACS
15/09/2026	Bower & Broughton Plumbing & Heating Ltd	thermostat mixing valves CP	291.67	58.33	350.00	18/09/2026	BACS
15/09/2026	Benchmark	Building Insurance valuations	565.00	113.00	678.00	18/09/2026	BACS
14/09/2026	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	840.00	168.00	1,008.00	18/09/2026	BACS
15/09/2026	Allstar	fuel	105.39	21.07	126.46	yes	BACS
06/09/2026	Water Plus	water charges BCC August	70.36		70.36	24/09/2026	DD
06/09/2026	Water Plus	water charges NCC august	124.98		124.98	24/09/2026	DD
24/09/2026	Bolsover District Council	Wasp removal charge (to be refunded)	46.23		46.23	24/09/2026	Card
17/09/2026	Chatsworth Settlement Trustees	half yearly rent in arrears (Littlemoor Lane Allotments)	693.60		693.60	25/09/2026	BACS
26/08/2026	Vertas Derbyshire (Traded) Limited	cleaning services, 6 months NCC	7,555.23	1,511.05	9,066.28	25/09/2026	BACS
26/08/2026	Vertas Derbyshire (Traded) Limited	cleaning services, 6 months BCC HCC	15,110.46	3,022.09	18,132.55	25/09/2026	BACS
08/09/2026	Water Plus	water charges HCC August	74.64		74.64	28/09/2026	DD
29/09/2026	Amazon	mouse mats	7.58		7.58	29/09/2026	Card
29/09/2026	Amazon	gloves	5.99		5.99	29/09/2026	Card
28/09/2026	Amazon	drill bit set	23.29		23.29	29/09/2026	Card
28/09/2026	Prestige Pest Control Ltd	removal of wasp nest HCC	90.00		90.00	28/09/2026	Card
22/09/2026	Roe Clean	window cleaning	59.00		59.00	29/09/2026	BACS
29/09/2026	Bullock	Weekend open/close	216.00		216.00	29/09/2026	BACS
30/09/2026	Amazon	saw	7.00		7.00	30/09/2026	Card
28/09/2026	Amazon/Pearl Spark	paint for Tommies	16.25		16.25	30/09/2026	Card
20/09/2026	Valda	gas and electric	1,346.81	105.86	1,452.67	yes	DD
17/09/2026	Onecom	phone/internet August	246.63	49.33	295.96	yes	DD
11/08/2026	Sharp	Photocopier copies	25.00	5.00	30.00	yes	DD
01/10/2026	Amazon	AdBlue	23.36		23.36	01/10/2026	Card
17/09/2026	Bolsover District Council	Playground inspections Apr-Jul	720.00	144.00	864.00		
12/09/2026	Water Plus	water charges CP August	47.18		47.18		DD
02/10/2026	Bolsover District Council	dog/litter bin emptying Jul-Sept	618.80	123.76	742.56		
25/09/2026	Wholesale Office Supplies	paper, pockets, pens	86.87	17.38	104.25		
02/10/2026	Clarkes Cemetery & Churchyard Services	churchyard maintenance September	670.00		670.00		
11/09/2026	PMC Polythene Ltd	10,000 dog poo bags	101.50	20.3	121.80		
11/09/2026	C&L Janitorial	hand towels, loo roll, air freshener	173.06	34.61	207.67		
			48,060.03	6,631.02	54,691.05		

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