

Minutes of the Blackwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026 at Blackwell Community Centre

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

K Poynter (Clerk)
District Cllr Moesby
County Cllr Harvey
PCSO Ashton
Members of Public: 3

1760/2026 To Receive Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: to accept apologies received from: Cllrs Hough (prior family commitment) and Peters (prior family commitment)

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconded: Cllr Gascoyne

Agreed

1761/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

Interests to be declared as appropriate during the meeting.

1762/2026 Public Speaking

- a. A member of public raised concern about new residents on Woburn Close causing issues in the area. There were incidents on both Friday and Sunday where the police were called. There are fears that this behaviour will continue and escalate and the effects it will have on the community. The District Councillors confirmed that they were following complaints up, that Housing had been informed and that the CAN Rangers had been to the estate to talk to people. There is a policy for letting out houses that the district council needs to adhere to. It was agreed that the Parish Council could draft a letter to send to the housing department.

At this point the members of the public left the meeting.

- b. *Police Liaison Officer* – PCSO Ashton gave his apologies for not being able to attend council meetings as often as he would like. He attends regular community engagements to get community feedback and was disappointed to hear what had happened on Woburn Close at the weekend and will look at the reports when he is back in the office. He reported that the motorbike issues that have been happening recently have died down. He stressed the importance of people ringing in or talking to him when he is on patrol with information on what is happening in the parish. The current priorities for the area are parking and anti-social behaviour.
County Council – Cllr Harvey reported that the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) has been paused to go to judicial review and is causing chaos.
District Council – Cllr Moesby also spoke about LGR and said that at the moment, the pause means that the May elections will be for a four-year term and not five (as it was suggested if the LGR went ahead). He also spoke about legacy funding for projects in the district – this may be affected by the recent LGR news, though. If it does go ahead, it was agreed that there were projects in the parish that would suit the funding. There was a question about foot waste collection and when the new bins have been emptied, asking if the collectors could close the bins properly to return them to the houses, as not everyone uses bags and waste remains in the bins that vermin would then have access to. Cllr Renshaw said that they would e-mail the right people about this issue.

At this point Cllrs Moesby and Harvey left the meeting.

- c. Crime figures – it was noted that with current events, the figures in Blackwell and Newton will show an upturn in incidents in for August and September.

1763/2026 To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 6th July and Thursday 23rd July 2026

RESOLVED: to approve the above minutes.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Newham

Agreed

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

1764/2026 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair spoke again about the anti-social behaviour issues that are happening in Blackwell.

1765/2026 Report from the Clerk

It was noted that the replacement fridges for Newton and Hilcote Community Centres had been purchased and installed.

1766/2026 Updates on Local Government Reorganisation

It was noted that this has paused – as mentioned by the County and District Councillors above

1767/2026 Finance & Governance Matters and Reports

a. Recommendations from the Finance & HR Committee

RESOLVED to accept the following recommendations

i. Approve the charity football match on Charnwood as all the relevant paperwork has been submitted

ii. That as Chair, Cllr Gascoyne should be the senior contact for the Lottery bid

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed

b. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Reynolds Agreed

RESOLVED: to approve reimbursement to the Cricket Club of the rates for the cricket pavilion

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Newham Agreed

c. Bank Balances

It was noted that the Co-op bank balance is currently £202,072.87 and the CCLA account balance is £32,945.10. The clerk acknowledged that more money needs to be moved into the CCLA account.

d. External Audit updates

It was noted that two additional questions had been asked and that the Clerk was sending the information over.

e. Insurance renewal

It was noted that the council is about to enter the second year of the three year agreement with James Hallam and they are currently calculating the price for the year due to the claim on Blackwell Community Centre.

RESOLVED: to go ahead with the building valuations at the cheaper price through the insurer and if there are any issues with the insurance for this year, to delegate decisions to the Finance and HR Committee members.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed

f. Funding Updates

i. It was noted that staff are keeping an eye on the bids that have already been submitted

ii. The council has been awarded £500 from Tesco for Activities for Children/Young People – Extreme Wheels was proposed.

RESOLVED: to go with booking the Pleasley option for a session next year.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed

1768/2026 Parish Buildings (LG(MP)A 1976 s19 / LGA1894 s8 (1)(i))

a. Updates on building maintenance and repairs

RESOLVED:

- to ask Shire Flooring how much they would charge for the latest repair needed at Newton Community Centre

- to ask the usual plumber what he would charge for servicing the boiler at Blackwell Community Centre to see how it compares to the quote of £611 from Worcester and if there is only a slight difference, run it past the Finance and HR Committee members first.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Poulter Agreed

b. Boilers at Newton Community Centre and Scanderlands Pavilion

It was noted that Cllr Hough was monitoring the Scanderlands Pavilion boiler.

RESOLVED: to get a quote to remove the Hive system that is currently attached to the pump at Newton Community Centre and get a controller unit that would be wired directly to the boiler as this would mean that the boiler is turned on when needed and not just the pump with the boiler continually running in the background.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne Second: Cllr Hart Agreed

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

c. *Blackwell Community Centre lease*

RESOLVED: to ask Cllr Peters whether he would look at the information sent through from Bolsover District Council regarding the changes on the land maps and if the information is accurate, that Cllrs Gascoyne and Newham can sign it off.

Mover: Cllr Hart

Seconder: Cllr Reynolds

Agreed

RESOLVED: that once the above information is approved, to engage a solicitor to submit the lease to the Land Registry so that it can be sent off to the Lottery as supporting information for Round Two of the bid.

Mover: Cllr Stocks

Seconder: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

d. *Round Two of the Lottery Bid*

RESOLVED: the following items in relation to the bid:

- i. If benches are still an option to be included, that there be a mix of benches and picnic benches and they are to go on the new fenced area at the front
- ii. That the specification for the flat roof ask for it to be reboarded and a Firestone rubber roof installed.
- iii. That the whole of the internal building be included in the decorating specification
- iv. That industrial carpet tiles in dark grey are sought for the floor to the lounge area
- v. That if there is an option to apply for a screen/projector and PA, that it is done as one lump item
- vi. That the Facilities Committee is postponed from 24th September to allow time for the quotes to come in.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Newham

Agreed

e. *Newton Community Centre Football Commemoration Plaque*

RESOLVED: to approve the following wording suggested by Chesterfield Football Club Heritage Group for the blue plaque they would like to install on the Community Centre wall - the circular edge would read "Chesterfield Football Club Heritage Group". The body of the plaque would read: "Willis Edwards 1903 – 1988 International footballer born in Newton, the only man to start his professional career at Chesterfield FC and go on to captain England. Willis played 16 times for England and was captain for 5 matches"

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed

f. *Duck Day*

RESOLVED: to ask the group using Hilcote Community Centre on a Sunday morning to postpone starting for an hour so that the Duck Day organisers can go in on Sunday morning to tidy up.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Stocks

Agreed

g. *Remembrance 2027 at Newton Community Centre*

RESOLVED: to approve the Carnival Team booking Newton Community Centre on Sunday 7th November 2027 for a Remembrance Service for free.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconder: Cllr Hart

Agreed

h. *Tea-time bar sessions*

RESOLVED: following two Councillors writing in to re-open the discussion on whether there needs to be a charge for the Designated Premises Supervisor to run the Friday evening bar sessions at Blackwell Community Centre, that the first six months (including time already used) would be for free, but after that, the community charge of £7 per hour would be applied.

Mover: Cllr Reynolds

Seconder: Cllr Stocks

Agreed

Abstained: Cllrs Gascoyne and Hart

i. *Request from the DPS to book a Halloween Party*

RESOLVED: to approve the DPS to book Blackwell Community Centre for a Halloween Party at a cost of £7 per hour as it will be a public event

Mover: Cllr Reynolds

Seconder: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

j. *Updates to the Terms and Conditions of Hire*

It was noted that to Terms and Conditions of hire for regular users has been updated to include ensuring that the car park remains free from debris following issues with cigarette butts at Newton Community Centre. The cigarette bins have been replaced at Hilcote and Newton Community Centres.

k. *Woburn Close*

It had been proposed that there be an open day to celebrate the development of Woburn Close. It was agreed that as it was mainly a Bolsover District Council initiative, they would probably want to take the lead. The council were concerned about the impact of recent anti-social behaviour issues. The Clerk is to report back to council when any decisions about an event had been made.

l. *Corner Club in Westhouses*

Chairman's Signature: _____ Date: _____

RESOLVED: to put an article in the newsletter with a date for a November meeting inviting the Social Club committee members to discuss what is being looked at.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Hart

Agreed

1769/2026

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

a. Membership of the Parks, Floral and Events Committee

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr Reynolds to the PFE Committee.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Lee

Agreed

b. Updates on playground works

RESOLVED: to look at prices for options to replace the broken posts at Westhouses Recreation Grounds – including concrete posts – for a decision delegated to the PFE Committee meeting on Monday

Mover: Cllr Reynolds

Seconded: Cllr Stocks

Agreed

It was noted that staff were still waiting for revised repair and replacement quotes for various items of play equipment from Bolsover District Council

It was noted that the seesaw on Charnwood Recreation Ground has been removed – the rubber that causes the bounce has fallen out and needs replacing. Due to the age of the item, finding replacements is proving difficult.

The annual inspection report is due soon. Two items have been condemned – one that is awaiting a new quote on Scanderlands Recreation Ground and one on Charnwood, which the monthly inspector is looking into in more detail.

RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders due to the meeting having run to two hours

Mover: Cllr Stocks

Seconded: Cllr Lee

Agreed

During the suspension of Standing Orders, the following items were discussed:

The lease for Hilcote Recreation Ground; it was noted that an Object in the Highway application was needed for the Newton Christmas tree proposal and staff are going to submit one; the Annual Parish Meeting, the Carol Service, Active Communities Activities, Football Policy, charging for use of the recreation grounds, stress testing lamp posts for Christmas lights in Newton; hedges; it was noted that any e-mail updates received regarding the Pylon Project are sent directly to Councillors, Cllr Newham updated that Bolsover District Council had deemed the long grass on Doe Hill Park was a fire hazard, so they had to get it cut early; requested dates for use of Charnwood and Westhouses Recreation Grounds; it was noted that the Highways Team hadn't responded to the request for putting a seat in the bus stop on Main Street in Newton; that there are still lots of pot holes and New Lane in Hilcote has surface issues; planning reports; the deadline for the newsletter is tomorrow; that Councillors need to sign into their new e-mail addresses and if they have any difficulties, they need to contact Cllr Reynolds; training; how the system works with absentee Councillors; and staffing developments.

RESOLVED: to reinstate Standing Orders

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

c. Hilcote Recreation Ground Lease

RESOLVED: to check with Derbyshire County Council whether the proposed increase to £135 per year for the new proposed 15 year lease isn't back dated

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

d. Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED: to approve the inclusion of an activity at the Annual Parish Meeting to try and encourage more people in and to approach Greater Creative to ask if they would be interested in providing that activity.

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

e. Carol Service

RESOLVED: to confirm that the Carol Service would take place in conjunction with St Werburgh's Church on Sunday 13th December at 3pm and that Cllr Poulter would ask Kirkby Brass Band whether they would be able to provide some musicians for the event

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

f. Active Communities

RESOLVED: due to low uptake of the activities booked by the council, to offer the remaining hours to local community groups

Mover: Cllr Gascoyne

Seconded: Cllr Poulter

Agreed

g. Other outdoor updates

Chairman's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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| | Mover: Cllr Gascoyne | Seconder: Cllr Poulter | Agreed |
| b. | <i>Lone Working Policy</i> | | |
| | RESOLVED: to amend the Lone Working Policy as needed as long as safety is still paramount | | |
| | Mover: Cllr Gascoyne | Seconder: Cllr Poulter | Agreed |
| c. | <i>National Pay Award</i> | | |
| | It was noted that action had been taken in accordance with contracts | | |
| d. | <i>Upcoming leave</i> | | |
| | Upcoming staff leave was noted. | | |

1774/2026 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Monday 5th October 2026 – 7pm, Westhouses Primary School

The meeting closed at 9.48pm

Chairman's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date: 04/09/2026

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Time: 13:23

Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 01/07/2026 and 31/07/2026

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorised Ref	Transaction Detail
01/07/2026	Amazon	CARD	38.93		Amazon Resolva weed killer
01/07/2026	Amazon	CARD	9.89		Amazon fuses for van
01/07/2026	Trade UK	trade uk	212.69		Screwfix goldscrews
01/07/2026	Heathcote	heath	60.00		Heathcote Bamford Warden June
01/07/2026	Bullock	bullock	232.00		Bullock w/e key holder June26
01/07/2026	Bolsover District Council	bdc1	9,462.16		BDC Staff & payslip costs June
02/07/2026	Water Plus	water+cp	132.89		Water + charges CP May 26
03/07/2026	Bolsover District Council	bdc hcc	86.00		BDC HCC rate26/27
03/07/2026	Allstar Business Solutions	allstar	100.22		Allstar fuel
06/07/2026	Kate Poynter	BACS	46.14		Poynter - lock, fuses, sunhat
07/07/2026	Bower & Broughton Plumbing & H	bower	180.00		Bower repair ladies toilet HCC
07/07/2026	Derbyshire Association of Loca	dalc	478.00		DALC internal audit 26-27
07/07/2026	Bower & Broughton Plumbing & H	bower 2	1,280.00		Bower heating repairs SP
15/07/2026	Water Plus	water+all	15.55		Water+ Allotments apr26-apr27
15/07/2026	Microsoft Ireland Operations L	micro	11.74		Microsoft email subscription
17/07/2026		BACS	20.00		NCC 13/07/26 bond ref
17/07/2026		BACS	20.00		NCC 27/06/26 bond refu
17/07/2026		BACS	100.00		4/7/26 HCC bond re
17/07/2026		BACS	100.00		5/7/26 BCC bond ref
17/07/2026		BACS	100.00		BCC 27/06/26 bond refun
17/07/2026	Namesco Limited	names	23.99		Names monthly website sub
17/07/2026	Gem Cleaning (Midlands) Ltd	gem	52.80		Gem cleaning HCC
17/07/2026	Clarkes Cemetary Services	clarkes	670.00		Clarkes Cemetery maint June 26
17/07/2026	Derbyshire County Council	dcc	72.00		DCC Hillcote Rec lease
19/07/2026	Amazon	BACS	6.47		Amazon furniture pads
19/07/2026	Amazon	CARD	6.48		Amazon furniture pads
22/07/2026	Gem Cleaning (Midlands) Ltd	gem2	52.80		Gem cleaning HCC
22/07/2026	Marehay Garage Services Ltd	marehay	159.00		Techman/Marehay MOT/air con
22/07/2026	John Martin-Hoyes Ltd	jmh	408.00		JHM Floor repairs NCC
27/07/2026	Water Plus	water+hcc	73.17		Water+ charges HCC June
27/07/2026	Water Plus	water+ncc	121.76		Water+ charges NCC June
27/07/2026	PEAC Finance	peac	183.60		Peac Photocopier lease to Oct
28/07/2026	Amazon	CARD	10.28		Amazon AA batteries
28/07/2026	Roe Clean	BACS	59.00		Roe Clean HCC BCC NCC
28/07/2026	amazon/Alina	CARD	53.88		Amazon/Alina bin bags
28/07/2026	DVLA	CARD	360.00		DVLA van vehicle tax
28/07/2026	Bolsover District Council	bdc cc1	329.00		BDC BCC Rates 26/27
28/07/2026	Bolsover District Council	bdc cc2	349.00		BDC NCC rate 26/27
28/07/2026	Bullock	bullock2	232.00		w/e key holder July
28/07/2026	C&L Janitorial Ltd	janit	216.47		C&L Janitorial towels, looroll
28/07/2026	PDM Ltd	pdm	652.00		PDM newsletter printing
28/07/2026	Premier 1 (UK) Ltd	premier	11,700.00		Premier1 summer floral display
28/07/2026	Bolsover District Council	bdc 3	9,233.07		BDC July payroll
30/07/2026	Water Plus	water+CP	42.32		Water+ charges CP June
30/07/2026	Valda Energy	valda	1,553.01		Valda gas/electric Jul-Aug
31/07/2026	Onecom Limited	onecom	295.96		Onecom phone/internet June
31/07/2026	Sharp Business Syetems UK PLC	sharp	72.35		Sharp copier copies
31/07/2026	Walkington	walk	196.00		Walkington keyholder Jun/Jul
31/07/2026	Bolsover District Council	bdc4	742.56		BDC bin empty Apr-Jun
Total Payments			40,613.18		

Chairman's Signature: _____

Date: _____

BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL – Minutes

Blackwell Parish Council							
Invoices							
Post July payments							
Date	Vendor	Invoice Detail	NETT	VAT	TOTAL	PAID	Method
17/08/2026	Hargan Electrical	re-connect cooker BCC	50.00		50.00	24/08/2026	BACS
18/08/2026	PHS Group	sanitary services BCC (full year)	67.73	13.55	81.28	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS Group	sanitary services HCC (full year)	107.77	21.55	129.32	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS Group	sanitary services CP (full year)	47.71	9.54	57.25	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS Group	sanitary services NCC (full year)	107.77	21.55	129.32	yes	DD
18/08/2026	PHS Group	sanitary services SP (full year)	47.71	9.54	57.25	yes	DD
17/08/2026	Onecom	phone/internet July	246.63	49.33	295.96	yes	DD
16/08/2026	Names	old website monthly renewal	19.99	4.00	23.99	yes	card
29/07/2026	Collins Electrical Services	faulty smoke detector replacements NCC	205.00	41.00	246.00	19/08/2026	BACS
29/07/2026	Collins Electrical Services	faulty lighting BCC faulty circuit HCC	226.73	45.35	272.08	19/08/2026	BACS
23/07/2026	Marehay Garage	puncture repair	25.00	5.00	30.00	12/08/2026	BACS
30/07/2026	Hargan Electrical	overdoor heaters replacements CP	411.00		411.00	12/08/2026	BACS
12/07/2026	Gem Cleaning	Sunday morning clean HCC	44.00	8.80	52.80	07/08/2026	BACS
31/07/2026	Clarke's Cemetery Services	churchyard maintenance July	670.00		670.00	07/08/2026	BACS
02/07/2026	Sharp	photocopier copies	56.89	11.38	68.27		DD
03/06/2026	Screwfix / Trade UK	pruning saw	108.32	21.67	129.99	01/08/2026	DD
04/06/2026	B&Q / Trade UK	water butt	31.67	6.33	38.00	01/08/2026	DD
12/06/2026	Screwfix / Trade UK	hose clips	2.49	0.50	2.99	01/08/2026	DD
17/06/2026	Screwfix / Trade UK	safety glasses x 3	6.22	1.25	7.47	01/08/2026	DD
17/06/2026	Screwfix / Trade UK	safety tape, safety gloves	17.47	3.50	20.97	01/08/2026	DD
18/06/2026	B&Q / Trade UK	hozelock set, swing bin, turf roll, top soil, lawn seed	79.83	14.97	94.80	01/08/2026	DD
18/06/2026	Screwfix / Trade UK	grinding discs	8.32	1.67	9.99	01/08/2026	DD
29/06/2026	Screwfix / Trade UK	bolt cutters	15.74	3.15	18.89	01/08/2026	DD
06/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges NCC July	124.98		124.98	24/08/2026	DD
06/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges BCC July	7.52		7.52	24/08/2026	DD
12/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges CP July	47.18		47.18	01/09/2026	DD
08/08/2026	Water Plus	water charges HCC July	74.64		74.64	27/08/2026	DD
20/08/2026	Valda Energy	Gas & Electric 12/08 - 11/09	1,475.39	214.55	1,689.94	30/08/2026	DD
28/07/2026	Online Playgrounds	wetpour	330.00	66.00	396.00	26/08/2026	BACS
24/07/2026	Wholesale Office Supplies	paper, staples	36.01	7.20	43.21	26/08/2026	BACS
16/08/2026	Gem Cleaning	Sunday morning clean HCC	44.00	8.80	52.80		BACS
28/08/2026	Clarke's Cemetery Services	churchyard maintenance August	670.00		670.00		BACS
17/08/2026	Shire Flooring	BCC kitchen floor replacement	1,797.75	359.55	2,157.30	07/09/2026	BACS
16/07/2026	B&Q / Trade UK	filler, brushes, fence paint, expanding foam - OB bus stop & phone box	48.31	9.66	57.97	01/09/2026	DD
27/07/2026	B&Q / Trade UK	sand	12.50	2.50	15.00	01/09/2026	DD
28/07/2026	Screwfix / Trade UK	brush, tape, trowel, knee pads, plasters	67.57	13.53	81.10	01/09/2026	DD
23/08/2026	Green Flag	roadside support	115.00		115.00	26/03/2026	card
	Owed to K Poynter	bin bags, cable ties WD40 from Amazon	124.23		124.23		BACS
31/08/2026	Allstar	fuel	95.76	19.15	114.91		DD
26/08/2026	Vertas	6 months cleaning NCC	7,555.23	1,511.05	9,066.28		BACS
26/08/2026	Vertas	6 months cleaning BCC & HCC	15,110.46	3,022.09	18,132.55		BACS
27/08/2026	Marshalls Ltd	2 x fridges NCC & HCC	278.00		278.00	27/08/2026	card
31/08/2026	Bullock	weekend key holder	104.00		104.00	02/09/2026	BACS
26/08/2026	Bolsover District Council	payroll August	8,303.95		8,303.95	02/09/2026	BACS
07/08/2026	Brabners LLP	legal advice regarding Corner Club	1,015.00	203.00	1,218.00	02/09/2026	BACS
24/06/2026	Bower & Broughton	vat from invoice Da1083		256.00	256.00	07/09/2026	BACS
		TOTAL	40,041.47	5,986.71	46,028.18		

Chairman's Signature: _____

Date: _____