

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 annual meeting of Blackwell Parish Council to be held on Monday 7th September 2026, 7pm at Blackwell Community Centre, Woburn Close, 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. **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 Council Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.
3. **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 David Harvey and District Councillors Moesby and Renshaw are in attendance, members will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.*
 - c. Crime Figures
4. **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026.**
5. **Chairman's Announcements**
An opportunity for the Chairman to raise any current issues within the Parish.
6. **Report from the Clerk**
7. **To receive and consider any updates on what effect the formation of the Derbyshire North Unitary Council will have on the parish council**
8. **Finance and Governance Matters and Reports**
 - a. To consider any recommendations from the Finance & HR Committee
 - 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 the council insurance renewal due on 1st October 2026
 - f. To consider funding updates
 - g. To consider any other financial and governance updates
9. **Parish Buildings (LG(MP)A1976 s19 / LGA1894 s8 (1)(i))**
 - a. To consider any updates on maintenance and repairs to the parish buildings
 - b. To consider the boilers at Newton Community Centre and Scanderlands Pavilion
 - c. To consider what happens next with the lease for Blackwell Community Centre
 - d. To consider specifications for work connected to round two of the Lottery Bid

- e. To consider the wording of the plaque requested by Chesterfield Football Club Heritage Group for Newton Community Centre
- f. To consider future arrangements for the HELP Group Duck Day
- g. To consider a request from the Carnival Team to book Newton Community Centre on Sunday 7th November 2027 for a Remembrance Service
- h. Following two Councillors writing in, to re-consider the terms for bar teatime sessions
- i. To consider a request from the DPS to book Blackwell Community Centre for a Halloween Party
- j. To consider updates to the Terms and Conditions for regular hirers following the state of the car park at Newton
- k. To consider updates on the impact of the Woburn Close Development – including an open day
- l. To consider any updates on the Corner Club in Westhouses
- m. To consider any other building related updates

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

- a. To consider membership of the Parks, Floral and Events Committee
- b. To consider the updated information on works required on the playgrounds
- c. To consider the renewal of the lease for Hilcote Recreation Ground
- d. To consider updates on the Christmas Tree for Newton
- e. To consider the date and activities for the Annual Parish Meeting
- f. To consider the Carol Service
- g. To consider the Active Communities Activities
- h. To consider a request for one to one football training on Westhouses Recreation Ground
- i. To consider any other updates concerning outdoor areas and events – including hedges
- j. To consider updates on Pylon Project
- k. To receive a report from Friends of Doe Hill Park

11. Charities

- a. To consider the following dates from the Carnival Team to use Charnwood Recreation Ground: Friday 6th November 2026 – Fireworks; Sunday 4th to Sunday 11th July 2027 – Carnival; Friday 5th November 2027 – Fireworks
- b. To confirm the use of Westhouses Recreation Ground by Westhouses Community Association with Greater Creative on Wednesday 28th October.

12. To consider any updates affecting highways, roads and buses

- a. To consider updates on the request regarding a seat in the bus stop at the top of New Street in Newton.
- b. To consider any other updates on the issues affecting highways, roads and buses

13. To Consider Planning Reports Received

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

- a. To consider updates on the next parish newsletter
- b. To consider any updates on the new website and e-mail addresses

15. Training

- a. To consider training offered by BDC for Councillors – including Declaration of Interests
- b. To consider signing up for the Respect and Civility Pledge – training is offered by DALC
- c. To note what happens with absentee Councillors

16. Staffing

- a. *To resolve to exclude the Public and Press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 due to the confidential nature of these items.*
- b. To consider updates and recommendations from the Finance & HR Committee
- c. To consider updating the lone working policy
- d. To confirm the National Salary Pay Award
- e. Upcoming staff leave
- f. To consider any staffing issues.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 5th October 2026, 7pm at Westhouses Primary School