

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 meeting of Blackwell Parish Council to be held on Monday 2nd February 2026, 7pm at Westhouses Primary School.

Yours sincerely

Kate Poynter

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AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence

2. Variation of Order of Business (if required)

To determine which items, if any, should be taken with public and press excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public, it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: 'In view of the confidential nature of some items, it may be necessary to discuss these items with the Public and Press excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1'.

3. 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 Councils Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

4. Public Speaking (twenty minutes)

- 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.*
- If the Police Liaison Officer, County Councillor Harvey and District Councillors Moesby and Renshaw are in attendance, members will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.*
- Crime Figures*

5. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Monday 12th January 2026 and Thursday 22nd January 2026

6. Chairman's Announcements

An opportunity for the Chairman to raise any current issues within the Parish.

7. Report from the Clerk

8. To receive and consider any updates on the impact the formation of Derbyshire Unitary Council(s) will have on the parish council

9. Finance and Governance Matters and Reports

- To consider a list of Accounts for Payment and general financial reports*
- To receive current bank balances*
- To consider variances in current expenditure and reasons*
- To consider reserves going forwards*
- To consider updates on the internal audit*
- To consider adopting/renewing the following policies:*
 - Training*
 - Debt Management*
 - Scheme of Delegation*
 - Internal controls*

v.	Keyholder	ix.	Recruitment
vi.	IT	x.	Safeguarding
vii.	Lone working	xi.	Social media
viii.	Mobile device	xii.	Subject access

- g. To consider the updated funding report
- h. To consider any other financial and governance updates

10. Parish Buildings (LG(MP)A1976 s19 / LGA1894 s8 (1)(i))

- a. To consider updates on the damage to the floor at Blackwell Community Centre following the flood
- b. To consider any updates on the leak at Scanderlands Pavilion
- c. To consider any updates on maintenance and repairs to the parish buildings including – fire extinguisher servicing, shutter servicing and electrical works
- d. To consider hot water options for Newton Community Centre
- e. To consider any updates on the In Post proposal
- f. To consider any updates on the Woburn Close Development
- g. To consider updates relating to the Corner Club in Westhouses
- h. To consider any other building updates – including the cleaning company putting council details on their website and possible service level agreement.

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

- a. To consider updates on activities for young people – including the report on surveys so far
- b. To consider quotes coming in for park repairs, that the hole under the goalposts at Hilcote needs filling and that Cllr Stocks has offered to help repair the train at Westhouses.
- c. To consider the Annual Parish Meeting
- d. To consider any updates on the Christmas Tree for Newton
- e. To consider lamp post testing
- f. To receive a grit bin update
- g. To approve the van going to the Ayvens approved garage in Ripley for service and that the Parish Ranger can take it there (with permission) if he has any issues with the van until the anniversary in July.
- h. To approve the following quotes from Bolsover District Council for grounds maintenance (£6,226 + vat) and bin emptying (£2,475.20 +vat) for 2026.
- i. To consider any other outdoor area updates
- j. To consider updates on the pylon project near Chesterfield
- k. To receive a report from Friends of Doe Hill Park

12. Charity Updates (LGA 1972.bs.139(1))

- a. To consider anything that may affect the council coming out of the charity meetings

13. Planning Applications

- To consider any planning applications including:
26/00024/TCON Removal of three trees (Acer 1, Acer 2, Acer3) The School House, Church Hill, Blackwell
- To consider how to manage planning applications during staff leave.

14. Correspondence Received

- a. DALC Newsletter forwarded to Councillors
- b. To consider any other correspondence received

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

- a. To note deadlines for the next newsletter
- b. To receive any updates on the new website and e-mail addresses

16. Highways

To consider bus services and highways issues in general

17. Staffing

To consider any updates on staff leave.

18. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Full Council – 2nd March 2026 – CANCELLED

Full Council – 13th April 2026, 7pm at Newton Community Centre