

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 7pm at the NEW VENUE of Newton Community Centre.

Yours sincerely

*Kate Poynter*

Kate Poynter - Clerk

## 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. 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 Harvey and District Councillors Moesby and Renshaw are in attendance, members will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.
- c. Crime Figures

### 5. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### 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. To confirm the Precept for 2026/27

### 10. Finance and Governance Matters and Reports

- a. To consider a list of Accounts for Payment and general financial reports
- b. To receive current bank balances
- c. To consider adopting/renewing the following policies:
  - i. IT Policy (as recommended by DALC)
  - ii. Keyholder Policy
- d. To consider the updated funding report
- e. To consider any other financial and governance updates

- 11. Parish Buildings (LG(MP)A1976 s19 / LGA1894 s8 (1)(i))**
  - a. To consider any updates on maintenance and repairs to the parish buildings including: the lighting report for all buildings
  - b. To consider quotes for plumbing work
  - c. To consider the damage to the floor at Blackwell Community Centre following the flood, including possible quotes for repair
  - d. To consider damage to the floor at Newton Community Centre and a quote from the original installer for repair
  - e. To consider the opening and closing of community centres by groups with access to keys either via caretakers or Councillors
  - f. To consider hot water options for Newton Community Centre
  - g. To approve a carpet cleaner
  - h. To consider any updates on the In Post proposal
  - i. To consider any updates on the Woburn Close Development
  - j. To consider updates relating to the Corner Club in Westhouses
  - k. To consider any other building updates
- 12. Parks, Floral, Events and Other Outdoor Areas (LG(MP)A1976 s19(3))**
  - a. To consider updates on activities for young people
  - b. To consider updates on the permanent Christmas Tree for Newton
  - c. To consider updates on the land next to Martins needing screening
  - d. To consider what to do with the Alport Terrace sign
  - e. To consider updates on the pylon project near Chesterfield as maybe going towards Tibshelf
  - f. To consider updates on the mower being serviced
  - g. To consider quotes coming in for park repairs
  - h. To consider any other outdoor area updates
  - i. To receive a report from Friends of Doe Hill Park
- 13. Charity Updates (LGA 1972.bs.139(1))**
  - a. To consider updates on the tree situation outside Hilcote Community Centre
  - b. To confirm a new key holder for Hilcote Community Centre
  - c. To consider any urgent updates before the next charity meetings.
- 14. Planning Applications**

To consider applications that have been submitted and sent out for consultation prior to the Christmas break, including:

25/00493/FUL – Change of use of former Methodist church to gym/weightlifting centre  
25/00507/FUL – proposed alterations to garage – Willow Tree House, Church Hill, Blackwell  
25/00511/FUL – change of use of ground floor shop unit and first floor flat to a two-storey dwelling – 114 Main Street, Newton  
25/00389/FUL – single-storey rear and front extensions with undercroft garage infill – 105 The Ridge, Blackwell
- 15. Correspondence Received**
  - a. DALC Newsletter forwarded to Councillors
  - b. Fire Service consultation sent out
  - c. To consider any other correspondence received
- 16. Communications (Newsletter - LGA1972 s142 (1A), Website – LGA 1972 s142)**
  - a. To decide on a .gov.uk domain name (and back-up options)
  - b. To confirm which website and e-mail provider to appoint
- 17. Highways**

To consider bus services and highways issues in general
- 18. Allotments (SH&AA 1908 s23)**

To consider any allotment updates
- 19. Training**

To consider a quote from DALC for full council training on Planning

**20. Staffing**

To consider any staffing items that may have arisen, including training for the Parish Ranger

**21. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Full Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, 7pm at Westhouses Primary School