

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 3rd November 2025, 7pm at Hilcote Community Centre.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read '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 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 Meeting held on Monday 6th October 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 Councils will have on the parish council

9. Finance and Governance Matters and Reports

- To consider any recommendations from the Finance & HR Committee
- To arrange a meeting to set the budget for 2026/27 before the end of November
- To consider a list of Accounts for Payment and general financial reports
- To receive current bank balances
- To consider the updated funding report
- To consider any other financial and governance updates

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

- a. To consider any recommendations from the Parish Facilities Committee (or confirm the next meeting)
- b. To consider any updates on maintenance and repairs to the parish buildings including: the leak and a new light at Blackwell Community Centre, the Parish Ranger has done the pointing at Newton Community Centre and the stage curtains need a new rail
- c. To consider any updates on the Woburn Close Development – moving the oak tree to outside the centre on 17th November and they would like to meet someone to mark out where it should go. They will do their best to ensure that the tree survives, but won't take responsibility if it doesn't.
- d. To consider requests from the DPS including a slot machine and juke box
- e. To consider updates relating to the Corner Club in Westhouses
- f. To consider any other building related updates

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

- a. To consider any urgent items normally taken to the Parks, Floral and Events Committee, including:
 - i. Updates on Christmas lights for the parish (i.e. P&D quote, small trees, HELP Group)
 - ii. Carol Service
 - iii. Remembrance – including missing poppies
 - iv. Applications for objects in the highway on behalf of community groups
 - v. Price being sought for replacement rocker on Scanderlands due to the cost of just removal of the broken one
- b. To consider an update on weekly playground inspections
- c. To consider activities for young people
- d. To consider the land next to Martins needing screening due to fly tipping
- e. To consider the pylon project near Chesterfield as maybe going towards Tibshelf
- f. To consider any other outdoor area updates including the gate at Westhouses Recreation Ground and a quote for the replacement of the rocker on Scanderlands because it may work out cheaper than removing the broken one
- g. To receive a report from Friends of Doe Hill Park

12. To consider and re-affirm the development and resulting land management of Royal Oak Meadow by HELP Group and consider a representative from parish council to attend HELP Group committee meetings

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

- a. To consider the tree situation outside Hilcote Community Centre
- b. To note the paperwork for applying for charity accounts
- c. To consider any urgent updates before the next charity meetings.

14. Planning Applications

To consider applications that have been submitted/updated

15. Correspondence Received

- a. DALC Newsletter forwarded to Councillors
- b. Crime Commissioner responses from last Parish & Town Council Forum meeting
- c. To consider any other correspondence received

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

To consider updates on the newsletter – including the latest edition should be in the middle of delivery, Publisher is no longer being supported, so a new design programme will need to be sourced, and frequency for the coming year

17. Highways

- a. To consider any updates on Allport/Alport Terrace in Westhouses – including unveiling of a new sign involving Westhouses Primary School
- b. To consider bus services and highways issues in general

18. Allotments (SH&AA 1908 s23)

To consider any allotment updates – including a gate movement request on North/South Street

19. Training

To consider whether the council would like any group training.

20. Staffing

- a. To consider any HR recommendations from the Finance & HR Committee
- b. To consider the Clerks Annual Appraisal
- c. To consider any other staffing issues that may have arisen.

21. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Full Council – Monday 1st December 2025, 7pm at Newton Community Centre