

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 4th April 2007.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), J. Booth, P. Bateman, P. Burnham, D. Carless, W. Evans, J.S. Flanders, V. Leivers-Millership and R. Milliken.

County Councillor J. Lonergan, Borough Councillor J. McCauley, PC Andy Vale, three members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence :** All Councillors were present.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interests.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2007.** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 *The event for the opening of the skate park had not yet taken place. This is still pending and could be for some time. This is on-going. The park is being well used by residents and visitors.*
 - 5.2 *A new gate to the skate park has been installed, but there are still concerns over the back exit which is being used by bikers to access the park. The crossing of the main road is dangerous. Gedling BC is liaising with the Forestry Commission over access to the woods opposite the park. This remains ongoing.*
 - 5.3 *The report from Nick Crouch of Notts CC on Hopping Hill has now been received. Cllr Carless is seeking funding for Hopping Hill. There is a problem of Japanese Knotweed close to the Cemetery car park despite the efforts of the Parish Council. Quotes would be sought from specialist companies by Cllr Carless. This is on-going. Mr Mick Lievers has agreed to deal with this problem.*
 - 5.4 *Cllr Carless informed the Council that a funding application had been made for the Hopping Hill site. Information is still awaited.*
 - 5.5 *One bus shelter on Hucknall Road remains damaged.*
 - 5.6 *The waste bin in the car park has been used for the disposal of dog faeces and needs to be emptied. Gedling BC would be contacted again and a larger bin and dog bin would be requested. This is still awaited.*
 - 5.7 *The Council has now five litter pickers.*
 - 5.8 *It was reported that the problem over the intimidating behaviour of a group of youths and litter outside the Take-away on Tilford Road had eased but not stopped entirely. The take away is closed at the present time.*
 - 5.9 *It was reported that the larger pot holes on Annesley Cutting had recently been marked out for repair. The road surface however remains a problem.*
 - 5.10 *A meeting to discuss the contents of the letter from the Commission for Rural Communities re the strengthening of the role of local councillors would be held on Wednesday 2nd May commencing at 7.30pm.*
 - 5.11 *The IN and OUT signs at the Cemetery have been positioned.*
 - 5.12 *The planting of the car park would be undertaken by Anthony Clarke. The planting would be low maintenance and include native plants and trees. The Clerk would check with Mr Clarke re availability.*
 - 5.13 *It was agreed to commence the investigation into the proposed extension of the Cemetery. Quotes would have to be sought for removal of some trees. This remains on-going.*
 - 5.14 *The Chairman has spoken to Sue Budden re Parish Plan.*

The Chairman adjourned the meeting so that members of the public could discuss parish matters with councillors.

Cllr. J. McCauley thanked members of the Council for the welcome and friendship which he had received during his term of office. The Chairman thanked him for his work for the village.

Pc Andy Vale spoke about the setting up of a local neighbourhood group to prioritise policing issues. He made comment on the issue of anti-social behaviour in the village.

It was reported that a van had been burnt out on Musters Road recently. The police had been informed but did not attend until the following day allowing items of potential evidence to be removed from the vehicle.

Cllr. Lonergan informed the Council that funding had been secured to finance a PCSO who would be based in Ravenshead. He said that it was very important to report crime as several reports would emphasise the gravity of the incident.

He congratulated local residents on the work done to lessen the effects of the proposed restoration of the NE tip at the former Annesley Colliery.

He commented that the preparation of Parish Plans draws opinion from residents but he regretted that they were, in the main, ignored by the Borough Council.

He said the fight for Top Wighay would continue and he thanked members of the Parish Council and Cllr McCauley for all the work that had been done over the past four years.

6. Accounts.

Receipts

Co-operative Funeral Care

1100.00 Funeral

A.W. Lymn

20.00 Memorial inscription

1120.00

Payments

000397 Gedling BC

154.18 Cemetery rates

000398 Bennett Sykes Group

19.54 Photocopier

000399 Newstead Miners Welfare CC

35.26 Room hire (February)

000400 Newstead Miners Welfare CC

35.26 Room hire (March)

000401 J.A.Chisholm

244.38 Clerk's salary (March)

000402 Inland Revenue

68.86 Tax on Clerk's salary

000403 Mrs P.A.Wise

10.00 Chairman's expenses (March)

000404 Annesley & Felley Parish Council

31.75 Litter pickers

000405 J.A. Chisholm

31.28 Clerk's expenses

Postage

6.29

Telephone rental

5.50

calls

4.49

Mileage

15.00

31.28

630.51

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 It was reported that raw sewage was to be seen in the stream to the rear of Abbey Road and Byron Road after rainfall. There is a sewage outlet valve at this point and it releases foul water frequently after rainfall. The area is open to the public as there is a path beside the stream. Environmental Health and Severn Trent Water Ltd will be alerted. The Council will keep a diary with dates of discharge.

7.2 An amount of dog faeces was reported to the rear of Cornerstone House. Gedling BC dog warden would be alerted.

7.3 An accumulation of litter along Hucknall Road Newstead was reported. Cllr Carless would organise another litter pick in the near future.

7.4 There is an accumulation of rubbish to the rear of 55 and 67 Tilford Road.

7.5 The policy of Gedling BC re the removal of motor vehicles was queried as the operation is not as thorough as it should be as some pieces of the vehicle are being left behind.

7.6 It was reported that parked vehicles were blocking the service road behind Tilford Road.

7.7 The builder's container is still on Foundry Terrace.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 *There was a lengthy discussion on access to the Park.*

8.2 *It was stated that the residents of the village are unaware of what is happening at the Abbey. Cllr. Bateman would write an article explaining the situation for the next Resident's Association newsletter.*

8.3 *Jerry Warnes would be contacted to ask for the Parish Council to be kept informed of developments and also ask him how the Allotment Association would get the tractor, which is garaged at Abbeyfield Farm out.*

9. Correspondence.

9.1 *A letter from Postwatch re response to the Government over post office closures.*

9.2 *Letter from Ernest Smith re permission for inscription on memorial stone. Permission was granted.*

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 *Notts CC – Within Freckland Woods – new control kiosk to house electronic equipment for a combined storm overflow in steel construction (colour green) measuring 670mm(i) x 290mm(w) x 1570mm(h) for Severn Trent Water Ltd. No objections.*

10.2 *2007/0167 Bunches Florapost 19 Newstead Industrial Park – erect single storey warehouse extension with mezzanine and external service yard. No objections.*

10.3 *2007/0221 Abbeyfields Cottage, Newstead Abbey Park – extension to existing house to form office and boot room.*

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 *Cllr Burnham had attended a meeting of the Parochial Church Council. Minutes of the meeting were supplied for each Councillor.*

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 *No further issues were raised*

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 *It was considered that a strong letter re the state of the road surface of Annesley Cutting should be sent to Peter Thom and Chris Charnley at the Highways Department of Notts. CC.*

14. Closure and date of next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9th May 2007 commencing at 7.00pm. The Annual Parish meeting and the Annual General meeting will be held on the same evening.