

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 6th June 2007.

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

Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews, seven members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.

2. **Apologies for absence :** PC Andy Vale and PCSO Daniel Bird.

3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interests.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 2007 and the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting also held on 9th May 2007.** The Minutes of these meetings were approved by the Council 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. This remains on-going.
- 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 Both bus shelters on Hucknall Road are damaged. Notts. CC would be informed.
- 5.6 Gedling BC would be contacted again to request a larger bin and dog bin at the Cemetery car park.
- 5.7 It was reported that the larger pot holes on Annesley Cutting have recently been repaired. The road surface will be top dressed in June.
- 5.8 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 Cemetery Committee would meet Anthony and Emma Clarke at the Cemetery to discuss the planting out of the beds on a date to be arranged. Anthony Clarke would be asked to weed kill the beds.
- 5.9 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. Cllr Carless would liaise with John Flanders re

removal of trees. The Chairman had contacted Gedling BC and a site meeting would be arranged with Cemetery managers. Brackenhurst College would be contacted.

- 5.10 The Chairman has spoken to Sue Budden re Parish Plan. It was suggested and agreed that the whole Council would be involved in the preparation of the Parish Plan. A grant may be available for this work.
- 5.11 Cllr Carless would organise another litter pick in the near future. This remains ongoing.
- 5.12 There is still an accumulation of rubbish to the rear of 67 Tilford Road. Terry Buttle of Gedling Borough Council had visited. The Clerk would ask Gedling BC if the Parish Council could fund a skip and how much would it be.
- 5.13 It was reported that there is a considerable amount of litter on the path between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way. Ashfield District Council would be contacted re removal.
- 5.14 The Clerk would contact Notts. CC re the cleaning of the car park and the continued maintenance of County owned areas in the parish namely Freckland Wood, the former stocking yards, Glenalmond Park and the Linby Trail. This information is required to appear in the Parish Plan.

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

There was a lengthy discussion re the provision of water to the Cemetery. Mick Kimpton had located a pump and it would be fitted. An application to Severn Trent Water for connection would be made. It was also suggested that a tank could be installed to collect rainwater. Cllr Leivers-Millership would investigate the hire of a water container as a short term solution.

6. Accounts.

Receipts

Co-op Funeralcare	1100.00	Funeral and grave purchase
A.W. Lymn	20.00	Memorial
Linby PC	112.99	GAG 5 repayment
GBC 50% Precept	5515.00	
GBC 50% Revenue Grant	3640.50	
GBC Final Revenue Grant claim 06/07	1298.25	
Mansfield Memorials	<u>25.00</u>	Memorial inscription
	<u>11711.74</u>	

Payments

000414 J.A.Chisholm	253.18	Clerk's salary (May)	
000415 Inland Revenue	71.50	Tax on Clerk's salary	
000416 Mrs P.A.Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses (May)	
000417 R. Milliken	71.67	Website annual subscription	
000418 Newstead Miners Welfare CC	64.64	Room hire (May)	
000419 Clarke's Cemetery Services	250.00	Cemetery maintenance	
000420 Clarke's Cemetery Services	170.00	Village maintenance	
000421 J.A. Chisholm	32.96	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	4.97
		Telephone rental	5.50
		calls	7.49
		Mileage	<u>15.00</u>

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 It was reported that vegetation on the bend on Hucknall Road was obstructing the view of motorists leaving Tilford Road. Ashfield DC would be informed.
- 7.2 A large pothole has appeared in the pavement on Chapel Terrace. Highways South would be informed.
- 7.3 There is no dog bin on the cricket ground even though there is a notice saying that there is one. Gedling BC would be informed.
- 7.4 The litter bin in the Cemetery car park is full and is too small for the purpose. It was suggested that the Parish Council could purchase a larger bin but ask Gedling BC to empty it.
- 7.5 Fencing on Foundry Terrace, behind the Stone House is missing. Highways South would be informed.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 There was a lengthy discussion on the contents of a letter re access to the Park from Gillian Crawley.
- 8.2 It was pointed out that Newstead Abbey Park is a part of Newstead Parish and councillors and the Clerk should be able to visit residents in any part of the Parish without hindrance. It was suggested that Councillors and the Clerk should be in possession of the pin number for the gate.
- 8.3 The gate at the village end of the drive should be opened in the morning and closed at dusk. There has only been limited consultation with the Parish Council over the installation of the gates.
- 8.4 It was suggested that a joint meeting with Ravenshead Parish Council should be arranged.
- 8.5 The concerns of the Parish Council should be made known to Mr David Smith of the Legal Department at Nottingham City Council.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 The Council agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct.
- 9.2 Councillors would complete a Register of Interest form.
- 9.3 The Council agreed to donate £500 to Treefest which would be held on Sunday 22nd July.
- 9.4 The Council agreed to donate £500 to Newstead Abbey Cricket Club.
- 9.5 The Council agreed to spend £400 to upgrade the computer and printer. The cost would be shared with Annesley & Felley Parish council.

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 2007/0281 143 Tilford Road, Newstead – erect a conservatory. No objections were made.
- 10.2 2007/0371 2 Hucknall Road, Newstead Village – construction of a vehicular access onto a classified road. No objections were made.
- 10.3 2007/0399 The Fort, Newstead Abbey Park – replacement of existing slate roof using re-claimed Welsh slates. No objections were made.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 Councillor Burnham had attended a meeting of the Parochial Church Council the minutes of which were distributed to members.

11.2 The Chairman had attended a committee meeting of the Youth Club which is open and having more success.

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 The issues of the water pump and extension had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 The Chairman brought the condition of the Stone House to the attention of the Council. The Clerk was asked to find out what the intentions of Gedling BC are for this building. Residents are upset over the state of the building.

13.2 Gedling BC is to transfer the housing stock to Gedling Homes. A public meeting has been arranged in Carlton for residents of council owned properties. The question of transport to this meeting was raised.

13.3 Concerns were raised regarding the work being carried out at the former Facade Engineering factory. The car park surface has been strengthened and there has been a suggestion that it will be used for heavy plant storage. There has been an increase in HGV movements on Tilford Road. Enquiries would be made with the Planning Dept. at Gedling BC. The original factory was built on Green Belt land so what were the conditions when planning permission was granted.

14. Closure and date of next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.57pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th July 2007 commencing at 7.30pm.