

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), J. Booth, P. Bateman, P. Burnham, D. Carless and R. Milliken.

Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews, PCSO Richard Kennedy, two members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence :** Cllr W. Evans and PC Andy Vale.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interests.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2007.** An amendment to 11.1 was made namely "...attended a meeting of Newstead Church Council...". The Minutes of the meeting 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 the funding application had been unsuccessful for the Hopping Hill site. Other areas of funding would be investigated.
 - 5.5 Both bus shelters on Hucknall Road are damaged. Notts. CC would be informed again.
 - 5.6 Gedling BC would be contacted again to request a larger bin and dog bin at the Cemetery car park. The Clerk would contact Tony Opala at GBC.
 - 5.7 It was reported that the larger pot holes on Annesley Cutting have recently been repaired. Part of the road surface has been top dressed but the Council considered that the way the road had been left was unacceptable. There is an excess of gravel and sweeping had not been done satisfactorily. The Clerk would contact Steve Whyld at Ashfield DC.
 - 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. Anthony Clarke has weed killed the beds and strimmed dead foliage. The plants have still to be chosen.
 - 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. This is on-going.

- 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. A public meeting has been arranged for Thursday 12th July at the Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm.
- 5.11 Cllr Carless would organise another litter pick in the near future. This remains ongoing.
- 5.12 The accumulation of rubbish to the rear of 67 Tilford Road has been removed.
- 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. Notts CC would be asked for a maintenance schedule for these areas. This information is required to appear in the Parish Plan.
- 5.15 There is no dog bin on the cricket field even though there is a notice saying that there is one. Gedling would be informed again.
- 5.16 The litter bin in the Cemetery car park is full and is too small for the purpose. The Parish Council could purchase a larger bin but ask Gedling BC to empty it.
- 5.17 Concerns were raised re the use of the former Facade Engineering factory. The Clerk would contact the planning department at Gedling BC.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting so that members of the public could discuss parish matters with councillors. Concern was expressed regarding the maintenance of the old cemetery. The Chairman explained that Steve Waters was no longer able to look after the maintenance because of his change of job. It was suggested that Gareth Booth may wish to look after this area. The Chairman would make contact with him. Overhanging branches close to the car park were reported. Councillors Carless, Burnham and Bateman would look at the problem. Tree cutting in the Cemetery would be an Agenda item for the September meeting.

6. Accounts.

Receipts

Graham Ward Funeral Service	125.00	Burial of cremation casket
Graham Ward Funeral Service	280.00	Purchase of Deed and burial
HM Revenue & Customs	<u>148.97</u>	VAT repayment
	<u>553.97</u>	

Payments

000422 J.A.Chisholm	454.98	50% payment for computer/printer	
000423 J.A.Chisholm	506.58	Clerk's salary (June and July)	
000424 Inland Revenue	142.78	Tax on Clerk's salary(June and July)	
000425 Bennett Sykes Group	16.99	Copier maintenance	
000426 Newstead Miners Welfare CC	35.26	Room hire (June)	
000427 Newstead Abbey Cricket Club	500.00	Donation to club funds	
000428 Treefest	500.00	Donation to event	
000429 Clarke's Cemetery Services	835.00	Cemetery and Village maintenance	
000430 J.A. Chisholm	53.84	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	8.00
		Telephone rental	5.50
		calls	8.10
		Mileage	15.00
		Printer ink	<u>17.24</u>
			<u>53.84</u>

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 Cllr Carless was hopeful of acquiring funding for the Hopping Hill project. It was suggested that Mike Klymko, the community gardener may be able to spend some time in the management of Hopping Hill. Cllr Carless said he would be interested in applying for any part time post in the managing of Hopping Hill if this position became available.

7.2 Overhanging trees were reported at the bus stop on Hucknall Road. The Forestry Commission would be informed.

7.3 A meeting with Ravenshead Parish Council in early September would be arranged to discuss the access to Newstead Abbey Park. A letter from Mr. & Mrs. Pilkington was discussed which would be forwarded to the Legal Department of Nottingham City Council for comment. Cllr Bateman would write an article re access to Newstead Abbey Park for the next newsletter.

7.4 Blocked drains were reported at the western end of Chapel Terrace and close to the children's play area on Tilford Road. Gedling BC would be asked to erect warning signs outside the play area to inform drivers that they are approaching a children's play area.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 It was reported that there was flooding underneath the former railway bridge on the Abbey Drive.

8.2 Concern was expressed over the poor state of maintenance of West Lodge which is a Grade 2 listed building. The tenant had been moved out and the intention was to refurbish the lodge. This has not happened. The Clerk would contact the City Council.

9. Correspondence.

9.1 Items of correspondence had been dealt with under matters arising.

9.2 A letter from BBC informing the Council of a programme called Groundswell which could highlight local controversial issues.

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 2007/0480 Old Vicarage, Newstead Abbey Park.

Revised application for new entrance lobby, lounge, bedroom and en-suite, roof alterations to existing rear lounge, new stairs and external doors to orangery.

The Council raised no objections.

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 Councillor Burnham had attended a meeting of representatives from Notts. CC, Gedling BC and Persimmon Homes to discuss the saving of rare orchids on the NE tip. He commented that the attitude shown by Persimmon Homes was very positive.

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 raised recently regarding the digging of new graves were discussed at length. The Council agreed to amend the Cemetery Regulations by adding a clause stating that "when new graves are being dug there may be some short term disruption to neighbouring graves owing to soil displacement".

12.2 The Council asked for the regulation regarding the siting of benches in the Cemetery.

- 12.3 There was a discussion regarding trees and shrubs planted in the Cemetery before the acceptance of the present regulations.
- 12.4 The Clerk drew to the attention of the Council the problem of a subsiding grave which had been topped up and turfed by the family. These procedures were against the Cemetery Regulations.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 13.1 The Chairman brought the condition of the Stone House to the attention of the Council. Gedling BC is in the process of refurbishing the property which will take some time as the property is a Grade 2 listed building. It is the intention of Gedling BC to let to a family already resident in the village.

14. Closure and date of next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.18pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5th September 2007 commencing at 7.30pm.