

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 5th September 2007.

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

PC Andy Vale, four members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence :** PC Andy Vale and Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interests.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2007.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 *The event for the opening of the skate park is on-going.*
 - 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 is investigating other areas of funding for the Hopping Hill site.*
 - 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 again.*
 - 5.7 *Hucknall Road and Annesley Cutting have recently been surfaced dressed. The Clerk would contact Steve Whyld at Ashfield DC to have the road swept of excess stones.*
 - 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. This is on-going.*
 - 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 *A meeting of the Parish Plan steering group has been arranged for Wednesday 12th September 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 *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 reminded re removal.*
 - 5.13 *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.*
 - 5.14 *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.*
 - 5.15 *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.*
 - 5.16 *Concerns were raised re the use of the former Facade Engineering factory. The Clerk had contacted the planning department at Gedling BC and a reply had been received.*
 - 5.17 *Cllr Carless had applied for the post of community gardener and had been successful.*
 - 5.18 *Overhanging trees were reported at the bus stop on Hucknall Road. The Forestry Commission would be informed. This work has now been done.*
 - 5.19 *A closed meeting with Ravenshead Parish Council has been arranged for Tuesday 11th September commencing at 7.30pm to discuss the access to Newstead Abbey Park.*

- 5.20 Gedling BC has been asked to erect warning signs outside the play area to inform drivers that they are approaching a children's play area. The signs have not been erected to date.
- 5.21 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 City Council has been contact the Clerk but there are no firm plans of what the City Council intends to do with the property to date.
- 5.22 The Chairman reported that she had had a meeting with Lynn Clayton, Head of Housing Services at Gedling BC re. the condition of the Stone House. Gedling BC is considering its options but there is a more positive attitude at the moment.

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. There will be a partial return to meadow and the memorial stones would remain in situ. There would be a cut path around the enclosing wall.

Concern was expressed re. mole activity in the new cemetery. The Chairman said that the contractor would be asked to flatten the mole hills.

PC Andy Vale gave an up-date on policing matters in the Parish. The Beating Burglary leaflet had been distributed and it is an excellent publication.

Since 1st July there had been only one theft of lead. Before that date thefts, were in double figures.

He encouraged residents to use Smart Water on their property at a cost of £15. This product is registered to an individual resident.

A new PCSO, Joe Parlett has completed his training and will commence his duties during September.

There has been a reduction in incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Speeding vehicles remain a problem on Hucknall Road and Tilford Road.

Residents would be asked for their priorities for policing in the area and volunteers would be sought to join an electronic local area group to receive emails re priorities. The priorities at the moment are environmental problems, anti-social behaviour and vehicle movements.

It was reported that there has been an attempted break-in at the chapel in the old cemetery.

It was requested that a notice be placed on the water pump for able-bodied men to prime the pump.

6. Accounts.

Receipts

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| Ken Gregory & Sons | 700.00 Funeral fees. |
| A.W. Lymn | 20.00 Memorial inscription |
| Bank interest | 28.80 Bonus Saver a/c |
| Quarterly Bonus | 15.02 Bonus Saver a/c |
| Cancelled cheque 303 | 10.00 Not presented by payee |
| Bank interest | 8.42 Reserve a/c |
| Mr J. Heath-Tilford | <u>50.00 Cremation plot</u> |
| | <u>832.24</u> |

Payments

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| 000432 J.A.Chisholm | 253.18 Clerk's salary (August) | |
| 000433 Inland Revenue | 71.50 Tax on Clerk's salary (August) | |
| 000434 Mrs P.A. Wise | 43.10 Chairman's expenses | |
| 000435 Newstead Miners Welfare CC | 35.26 Room hire | |
| 000436 Mrs Julie Smith | 180.00 Internal audit fee | |
| 000437 Bennett Sykes Group | 45.31 Stationery items | |
| 000438 Newstead Miners Welfare CC | 46.78 Parish Plan refreshments | |
| 000439 Bennett Sykes Group | 62.53 Stationery items | |
| 000440 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 855.00 Cemetery and Village maintenance | |
| 000441 Bennett Sykes Group | 14.32 Stationery items | |
| 000442 J.A. Chisholm | 51.13 Clerk's expenses | |
| | Postage | 14.22 |
| | Telephone rental | 5.50 |

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| | calls | 11.41 |
| Mileage | | <u>20.00</u> |
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- 6.1 *The accounts were approved and passed for payment.*
7. **Matters concerning Newstead Village.**
- 7.1 *It was necessary to renew the Cemetery Regulations on the gate of the Cemetery.*
- 7.2 *Cllr Leivers-Millership would organise the wreath for Remembrance Sunday.*
- 7.3 *The vandalism to the flagpole had been reported to the police. A quote for the repair is awaited and will be passed on to the Chairman for approval.*
- 7.4 *Bunches Florapost would be asked if the new extension would be screened by trees.*
8. **Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**
- 8.1 *It was reported that there are no litter bins on the Abbey Drive. The Abbey Residents Association would discuss the issue at their next meeting.*
9. **Correspondence.**
- 9.1 *Items of correspondence had been dealt with under matters arising.*
- 9.2 *There was a discussion on the conditions laid down in the original planning permission and if there was any contraventions by Northfield Construction in their use of the former Facade Engineering site. There has been a change of use.*
Large vehicles are using Tilford Road and there is limited room because of parked cars.
A survey of the opinions of residents would be undertaken by Cllrs. Carless, Bateman and Wise.
- 9.3 *Cllr. Carless would contact Gedling BC re the area plan for Newstead.*
10. **Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 *There were no planning applications for this month.*
11. **Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 *Councillor Burnham had attended a meeting of representatives from Persimmon Homes re the NE tip. He commented that the Friends of Annesley Lagoons were very happy with what had been achieved to date.*
- 11.2 *The Chairman reported on the meeting to discuss the Parish Plan.*
12. **Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 *Gedling BC would be contacted for advice on the planning for the cemetery extension. A site meeting would be asked for.*
- 12.2 *Cllr. Carless would contact John Flanders re removal of trees.*
- 12.3 *A quote for the removal of Japanese Knotweed is awaited from Gedling BC.*
- 12.4 *It was reported that there was Japanese Knotweed on land at Vicarage Corner.*
13. **Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 13.1 *Gedling CVS is asking for volunteer drivers for the Voluntary Transport Scheme which is to be extended to Newstead. This is part of the Notts. Rural Transport Partnership.*
- 13.2 *The Council agreed to fund part of the cost of publishing and distributing a leaflet of explanation.*
14. **Closure and date of next meeting.**
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.53pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 3rd October commencing at 7.30pm.