

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 3rd October 2007.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), P. Bateman, J. Booth, B. Blood, P. Burnham, D. Carless, W. Evans, and V. Leivers-Millership.
Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews, one member of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence :** R. Milliken.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interests.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2007.** It was confirmed that PC Andy Vale attended the last meeting. With this amendment the Minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the meeting with Ravenshead Parish Councillors on Tuesday 11th September were also approved.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 It was agreed that the event for the opening of the skate park would not go ahead.
 - 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. 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. This is on-going.
 - 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. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide the funding if Gedling BC would empty it.
 - 5.7 The planting of the car park would be undertaken by Anthony Clarke. The plants would be chosen by Councillors Wise, Evans and Leivers-Millership.
 - 5.8 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 Bateman agreed to 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.
 - 5.9 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.

- 5.10 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.
- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 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.
- 5.13 Concern was expressed over the poor state of maintenance of West Lodge which is a Grade 2 listed building. There are no firm plans of what the City Council intends to do with the property .
- 5.14 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.
- 5.15 It was necessary to renew the Cemetery Regulations on the gate of the Cemetery.
- 5.16 Cllr Leivers-Millership would organise the wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.
- 5.17 Bunches Florapost would be asked if the new extension would be screened by trees. The planting of trees is part of the planning application.
- 5.18 The quote for the repair of the flagpole is £261.00 plus VAT
- 5.19 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 as part of a wider survey for the Parish Plan.

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

Concern was expressed regarding the narrowing of the pavement on Hucknall Road. Notts. County Council would be advised.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

Mansfield Memorials Ltd.	<u>100.00</u>	Memorial stone.
	<u>100.00</u>	

Payments

000443 J.A.Chisholm	253.18	Clerk's salary (September)
000444 Inland Revenue	71.50	Tax on Clerk's salary (September)
000445 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses
000446 Clarke's Cemetery Services	420.00	Cemetery and Village maintenance
000447 Bennett Sykes Group	12.73	Photocopier contract
000448 J.A. Chisholm	55.25	Clerk's expenses
		Postage
		Telephone rental
		calls
		Mileage
		<u>13.75</u>
		<u>11.00</u>
		<u>10.50</u>
		<u>20.00</u>
		<u>55.25</u>
	<u>822.66</u>	

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 Gareth Booth has not shown that he wants to take on the work offered to him in the old cemetery. The Chairman would contact another young man from the village and offer him the work.

7.2 It was reported that a large growth of ivy was spreading over the old cemetery wall.

7.3 Gedling BC has cleared graffiti from several areas of the village. There still is graffiti on the shutters of the former take-away. Gedling BC would be informed.

7.4 The recent flying skip had taken away a considerable amount of rubbish from the village but the yards of some properties still contain piles of unwanted items. Gedling BC would be asked if clear yard orders could be issued to private properties.

7.5 A letter had been received from Mr Barclay re. the removal of fencing from the village green area behind Stone House. Notts. County Council Highways would be informed.

7.6 The list of post office closure does not include Newstead Post Office. A letter of support for the local post office/shop would be sent.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 It was reported that there are some large pot holes in the Abbey Drive at the Newstead end. Jerry Warnes would be informed.

8.2 It was agreed to make access to Newstead Abbey Park an agenda item for the November meeting.

9. Correspondence.

9.1 Some items of correspondence had been dealt with under matters arising.

9.2 The list of post offices in Nottinghamshire being considered for closure.

9.3 A consultation document from Notts. County Council re provision for the elderly.

9.4 Letter from Notts. Police giving reasons for the removal of a beat manager from the Ravenshead police contact point.

9.5 Information re hanging baskets and floral displays.

9.6 A review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations from Gedling BC.

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 Newstead Church Council. He reported that a very committed group of volunteers were working to keep the Church open. It is hoped to change the Church into a community facility. There are a large amount of repairs still to be done.

11.2 The Chairman reported on the meeting to discuss the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan questionnaire contains 57 questions for residents to answer.

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 There were no further issues.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 13.1 The Council discussed the possibility of having a Christmas tree and Carol Service in the village. The Church, school and youth club could be involved.
- 13.2 A letter would be sent to local businesses asking for sponsorship for the tree.
- 13.3 The Council agreed to have a tree and would ask the Miners Welfare Community Centre for permission to site it outside the building. It was agreed to spend up to £500 on Christmas lights. Cllr Leivers-Millership would speak with Wyn Lewis of Linby Parish Council.
- 13.4 The Chairman would contact Newstead Band.
- 13.5 The Christmas event would be an agenda item for the November meeting.
- 13.6 It was agreed to have a Christmas buffet following the December meeting.
- 13.7 The Chairman informed the Council that the Newstead Residents Association wanted to produce a professional newsletter for the village. The Council agreed to give a donation of £350.

14. Closure and date of next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7th November commencing at 7.30pm.