

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 2nd January 2008.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), P. Bateman, J. Booth, B. Blood, and P. Burnham.

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

2. **Apologies for absence:** W. Evans (illness) and V. Leivers- Millership (family commitment).

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

There had been one application in response to the vacancy and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs Tracey Sabin. Mrs Sabin signed the acceptance document.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2007.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council as a true record with an amendment to 5.10 which should read “ Cllr. Burnham represented the Council.....” . The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

- 5.1 There are still concerns over the back exit of the skate park 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. The skate park is well used.
- 5.2 Cllr Carless is investigating other areas of funding for the Hopping Hill site. Two applications have been prepared. This is on-going.
- 5.3 Both bus shelters on Hucknall Road are damaged. Notts. CC would be informed again.
- 5.4 Gedling BC has been 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. This is on-going.
- 5.5 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. NCC would be contacted again.
- 5.6 Gedling BC would be asked if clear yard orders could be issued to private properties. The Clerk would contact again for this information.
- 5.7 Cllr Burnham has contacted Notts. CC re the formalising of footpaths on the NE tip. This remains on-going.
- 5.8 A plan of campaign for Newstead Church was presented to the Council. A copy of the plan would be sent to each member for inclusion at the next Parish Council meeting. This remains on-going.
- 5.9 Cllr Bateman would be informed that the quote of £100 for cutting the hedge at the Cemetery car park was acceptable to the Council. This remains on-going.
- 5.10 The Chairman informed the Council that Gedling BC had decided to send the Stone House for auction. There has been no further information from Gedling BC. This remains on-going.
- 5.11 Gedling Homes information van visited the village on a Monday morning between 10am and Noon when most residents were at work. The Clerk was asked to contact Gedling BC re the poor consultation arrangements. A letter had been received from Gedling BC re-scheduling the consultation to a Saturday morning.
- 5.12 It was reported that there were areas of graffiti which Gedling BC had not cleaned. The street signs for Musters Road and the shutters of the former take away were examples. Gedling BC would be contacted again.
- 5.13 Cllr Lonergan had said at an earlier meeting that the names of the fallen had been read out at the recent Remembrance Day ceremony. He wondered if there were any residents of Newstead who had died in

other conflicts whose names do not appear on the Cenotaph. The Chairman would organise notices for the Parish notice boards and there would be an article in the press.

5.14 2007/0973 Northfield House, Tilford Road.

Permanent tower crane erection (20 metres)

The Council asked for the construction to be no higher than the existing building. This application has been refused by Gedling BC.

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

It was reported that the existing bin in the Cemetery car park is not being emptied. Gedling BC would be informed.

Residents had been impressed with the Christmas tree and the seasonal lights. The Clerk would check with Cllr Carless re. removal of the lights and tree.

The Council was informed that the site of the nursing home on Fraser Street was up for auction but no date had been set so far.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

HM Revenue and Customs

288.76 Repayment of VAT

288.76

Payments

000479 J.A.Chisholm

253.18 Clerk's salary (December)

000480 Inland Revenue

71.50 Tax on Clerk's salary (December)

000481 Mrs P.A. Wise

10.00 Chairman's expenses

000482 NMWCC

146.88 Room hire and Christmas buffet

000483 SPEC

807.23 Electric installation for lights

000484 Jenny Thornton

50.00 Prize Parish Plan

000485 Abbey Gates & Drives

300.00 Hole for Christmas tree

000486 J.A. Chisholm

49.10 Clerk's expenses

Postage 8.00

Telephone rental 5.50

calls 10.60

Mileage 25.00

49.10

1687.89

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

6.2 The Council agreed to hold an extra meeting on Wednesday 9th January 2008 to discuss the budget, precept and risk assessment policy. This extra meeting would be held every January from this date.

6.3 It was agreed to make the Grounds Maintenance contract an agenda item for the February meeting.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 No action had been forthcoming from the County Council re. repairs to the bus shelters. The Clerk would contact Nottinghamshire County Council.

7.2 It was reported that the rear yard of 55 Tilford Road was being filled with discarded rubbish. An order has been issued by Gedling BC before and the response of the resident was to ignite the piles of rubbish. This is a Health and Safety issue. Vermin are also being attracted to the premises.

7.3 The fencing around the green behind the Stone House is being removed allowing cars to park on the grass. The removal could also allow travellers to occupy the area. The Clerk would contact the County Council and Gedling BC.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 The drive at the village end is in a very poor state. Jerry Warnes would be contacted again for any progress towards repairs.

8.2 *The access to the Park was discussed and it was agreed to hold a public meeting for residents to air their views. Cllr Bateman agreed to organise this event and the Chairman would contact him with dates when the large hall at the Community Centre was available.*

9. Correspondence.

9.1 *Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.*

9.2 *A questionnaire re seasonal lighting had been received from Gedling BC.*

9.3 *A letter had been received by the Chairman re the approval of funding for the Parish Plan.*

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 *2007/1075 Newstead Abbey, Newstead Abbey Park.*

Upgrade building fabric on all fire compartment klines subject to this application. To include doors, screens, service risers etc. New wiring to accommodate upgrade of fire alarm system. Lifting and re-instatement of existing roof slates to allow roof voids to be fire upgraded.

The Council raised no objections.

10.2 *2007/1079 2 Haggnook Cottages, Newstead Abbey Park*

Renewal of manhole outlet from house pipe work and septic tank.

The Council raised no objections.

10.3 *Cllr Burnham informed the Council of a Downing Street petition to remove VAT from repairs etc of listed buildings.*

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 *There were no reports of external meetings attended.*

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 *Cllr Bateman reported on the tree survey being carried out by a student from Brackenhurst College as part of his college work. The survey would be completed by the end of March.*

12.2 *Some trees would have to be removed and the wood could be saleable.*

12.3 *There could be a knock-on effect with other departments at the College. Cllr Bateman would keep the Council informed on progress.*

12.4 *After some discussion on information supplied by the Clerk, the Council agreed to offer the possibility of using an eight foot grave for three interments.*

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 *The hedge at the rear of the Cemetery car park would be laid on Friday 4th January 2008.*

13.2 *It was agreed to discuss the broken fencing at the Cemetery car park at the February meeting.*

13.3 *The siding out of the pavement on Hucknall Road between the village and the Cemetery has not been completed to date.*

14. Closure and date of next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6th February 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.