

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), P. Bateman, B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, V. Leivers-Millership and T. Sabin.  
Six members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** D. Carless (illness) and Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews (Gedling commitment)
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008.** 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 Cllr Carless is investigating other areas of funding for the Hopping Hill site. This is on-going.
  - 5.2 Both bus shelters on Hucknall Road have been repaired.
  - 5.3 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. Cllr. Evans volunteered to empty the bin if necessary. The Council agreed to ask Anthony Clarke to quote for emptying the bin on a regular basis. This is on-going.  
Gedling BC has said that fly tipped material in the Cemetery car park will not now be removed. The Chairman would contact Caroline McKenzie at Gedling BC.
  - 5.4 Notts County Council (Mark Guy) has responded 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 would appear in the Parish Plan.
  - 5.5 Gedling BC would be asked if clear yard orders could be issued to private properties. Gedling BC (Darren Gilder) has responded. Gedling BC will take action if information is provided by residents.
  - 5.6 Cllr Burnham has contacted Notts. CC re the formalising of footpaths on the NE tip. This remains on-going.
  - 5.7 A plan of campaign for Newstead Church was presented to the Council. This remains on-going.
  - 5.8 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.
  - 5.9 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. It was agreed to put this in to the newsletter. No responses have been received.
  - 5.10 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.
  - 5.11 The public meeting re. access to Newstead Abbey Park has still to be arranged.
  - 5.12 The siding out of the pavement on Hucknall Road between the village and the Cemetery has not been completed to date. The Clerk would contact the County Council again.
  - 5.13 It was reported that the gas canisters on Forestry Commission land near to the Cemetery had been removed but some black bags of rubbish remain.

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

PCSO Dan Bird had sent the crime figures for the period since the last meeting:-  
 Racial harassment(1 and 1 arrest); theft(2 and 1 arrest); theft from vehicle(1); criminal damage(4);  
 burglary(3); possession of drugs(1 and 1 arrest); possession of an offensive weapon(1 and 1 arrest);  
 actual bodily harm(1 and 1 arrest).

The Council was informed that cars had been damaged by paint stripper or brake fluid. The police had been informed.

It was reported that men offering to do gardening jobs had been in the village recently. They targeted the elderly and charged extortionate rates. Residents would be made aware of these unscrupulous contractors.

A resident complained about the mole activity in the Cemetery. The Council agreed that moles would not be exterminated.

It was agreed that the clear up day at the Cemetery would be Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 2.00pm. Representatives of Trent Barton would attend the Resident's Association meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.00pm.

Various properties were highlighted as having an excessive amount of discarded rubbish in the yard. The addresses of these properties would be sent to Gedling BC.

## 6. Accounts

### Receipts.

|                             |                |                         |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| A.W. Lymn                   | 20.00          | Memorial inscription    |
| Notts. Community Foundation | 3032.00        | Funding for Parish Plan |
| D & M Stonemasons           | 100.00         | Memorial stone          |
| Annesley Parish Council     | <u>40.00</u>   | Paper                   |
|                             | <u>3192.00</u> |                         |

### Payments

|                                      |                |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 000498 Newstead Church Action Group  | 200.00         | Donation to Easter Fayre         |
| 000499 J.A.Chisholm                  | 253.18         | Clerk's salary (February)        |
| 000500 Inland Revenue                | 71.50          | Tax on Clerk's salary (February) |
| 000501 Mrs P.A. Wise                 | 10.00          | Chairman's expenses              |
| 000502 Rural Community Action Notts. | 221.86         | Printing costs Parish Plan       |
| 000503 NMWCC                         | 35.26          | Room hire                        |
| 000504 Bennett Sykes Group           | 95.78          | Copier paper                     |
| 000505 Geo. Hanson & Sons            | 429.53         | Cemetery notice board            |
| 000506 J.A. Chisholm                 | 40.37          | Clerk's expenses                 |
|                                      |                | Postage                          |
|                                      |                | 7.48                             |
|                                      |                | Telephone rental                 |
|                                      |                | 5.50                             |
|                                      |                | calls                            |
|                                      |                | 7.39                             |
|                                      |                | Mileage                          |
|                                      |                | <u>20.00</u>                     |
|                                      |                | <u>40.37</u>                     |
| 000507 JMS Flagpole                  | <u>41.13</u>   | Weight for flagpole              |
|                                      | <u>1398.61</u> |                                  |

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

6.2 It was agreed by the Council to have a short meeting in April to ring fence funds for any outstanding projects.

## 7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 Four quotations had been received for the Grounds Maintenance contract. After discussion, the Council agreed unanimously to accept the quotation from Clarke's Cemetery Services and the contract would run from April 2008 until March 2011.

7.2 It was reported that a resident had lost his dog and the poor response that he had received from Gedling BC. The dog had been found and returned at a cost of £130. The Parish Council asked for a copy of the Borough Council's policy re. lost pets.

7.3 Cllr. Burnham said that Gedling BC had mistimed the announcement of a rent rise before the result of the ballot re the change to Gedling Homes was known.

- 7.4 It was reported that the grit bin on Fraser Street had been turned upside down. Highways would be informed.
- 7.5 The gate to Hopping Hill has been stolen. The police have been informed. Mick Leivers has been asked to place a large boulder across the entrance.
- 7.6 The decorative panels at the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace have been stolen. The police have been informed.
- 7.7 Each councillor was asked by the Chairman to log incidents that occur in the village and also make a note of the nature of the police response to those incidents.

**8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**

- 8.1 The drive at the village end has been repaired.
- 8.2 It was reported that a lot of rubbish had accumulated behind the changing rooms at the Cricket Club. The secretary, David Graham, would be informed.

**9. Correspondence.**

- 9.1 Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.
- 9.2 A letter from Newstead Abbey & Village Cricket Club had been received asking for a donation. The Council agreed to make a donation to the fund for permanent practice nets of £1000. The Cricket Club would be asked to advertise their matches and practice sessions to encourage participation of local residents.
- 9.3 The Chairman and Cllr. Leivers-Millership would represent the Council at the meeting of the Parish Liaison Group at Gedling BC on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**10. Planning Applications.**

- 10.1 2008/0121 Newstead Abbey, Newstead Abbey Park.  
Upgrade the building fabric on all fire compartment lines. Subject to this application to include doors, screens, service risers etc. New wiring to accommodate the upgrade of the existing fire alarm system. Lifting and reinstatement of existing roof slates to allow roof voids to be fire upgraded.  
The Council raised no objections.
- 10.2 2008/0129 Knights Cross Wood, Newstead Abbey Park.  
Erect two storey extension.  
The Council raised no objections.
- 10.3 2008/0169 12 Fairfields Drive, Newstead.  
Demolition of double garage and construction of new garage with home office over.  
The Council raised no objections.

**11. Reports from External meetings.**

- 11.1 The Chairman had attended a Parish Plan meeting. There were 11 people present but only 4 were from the Parish. There was a need for more advertising to encourage residents to attend the next meeting. The Parish Plan would not be successful with so small a representation from the Parish.
- 11.2 Of the 500 questionnaires delivered, 176 had been returned.

**12. Cemetery issues.**

- 12.1 Fencing at the Cemetery car park was discussed. It is in need of repair and quotations would be sought. It was necessary to measure the amount of fencing needed.
- 12.2 Headstone for Cotton was agreed after the points of the horse's ears were blunted. As it was originally it was thought to be a health and safety issue.
- 12.3 Trees overhanging the grave plot 117 (Peach). It was agreed by the Council that there were no plans at the present time to remove any trees from the Cemetery.
- 12.4 The Clerk would purchase 4 stiff brushes for use in the Cemetery.

**13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**

- 13.1 The Chairman had no urgent items to place before the Council.

14. **Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.