

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), P. Bateman, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, V. Leivers-Millership and T. Sabin.
Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews, two members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** B. Blood (holiday) and D. Carless (family commitment).
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 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 continues to investigate other areas of funding for the Hopping Hill site.
 - 5.2 Both bus shelters on Hucknall Road have been repaired again after incidents of vandalism. The Chairman would make some enquiries in an attempt to find the culprits.
 - 5.3 Gedling BC has been contacted again to request a larger bin and dog bin at the Cemetery car park. The Chairman has contacted Caroline McKenzie at Gedling BC and a reply is awaited.
 - 5.4 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. This is on-going.
 - 5.5 Cllr Burnham has contacted Notts. CC re the formalising of footpaths on the NE tip. This remains on-going.
 - 5.6 A plan of campaign for Newstead Church was presented to the Council. This remains on-going.
 - 5.7 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.
 - 5.8 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.
 - 5.9 The public meeting re. access to Newstead Abbey Park has still to be arranged. This item is included in the Parish Plan and would be an Agenda item for the next meeting.
 - 5.10 The siding out of the pavement on Hucknall Road between the village and the Cemetery has not been completed to date. The County Council is awaiting the new financial year.
 - 5.11 It was reported that the grit bin on Fraser Street had been turned upside down. Highways had attended and righted the bin but it had been tipped over again.
 - 5.12 The gate to Hopping Hill has been replaced thanks to Mr M.D. Kimpton. A letter of thanks would be sent.
 - 5.13 Two decorative panels at the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace are still missing. Gedling BC would be asked if it was their intention to replace the panels.

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

It was reported by a resident that two men had been calling at houses in the village asking about scrap metal. PCSO Joe Parlett is aware of these men and is able to identify them. Residents are again urged to report every incident to the police.

The meeting of the Resident's Association and representatives of Trent/Barton had had some success. It is hoped that another meeting with the company would take place in June.

A resident complained about the amount of brambles and other plants sticking out of the fence on Station Avenue close to Vicarage corner. He said that there was a distinct possibility that cars would be damaged and a claim made against the council. The land is owned by Gedling BC. There should be a footpath around this land but it is so overgrown that the path is not evident.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

Graham Ward Funeral Service	225.00	Funeral
A.W. Lymn	300.00	Funeral
HM Revenue & Customs	383.52	VAT repayment
Cancelled cheque 000507	<u>41.13</u>	
	<u>949.65</u>	

Payments

000508 Newstead Abbey & Village CC	1000.00	Donation to permanent practice nets
000509 Greenhills Garden Centre	1324.52	Planting at Cemetery car park
000510 NMWCC	35.26	Room hire
000511 J.A.Chisholm	253.18	Clerk's salary (March)
000512 Inland Revenue	71.50	Tax on Clerk's salary (March)
000513 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses
000514 Gedling BC	90.86	Cemetery rates
000515 Allianz Insurance	688.51	Annual insurance
000516 M.D. Kimpton	145.00	Fixing Cemetery gate.
000517 JMS Flagpole	41.13	Replacement of lost cheque
000518 J.A. Chisholm	56.70	Clerk's expenses
		Postage
		6.48
		Telephone rental
		5.50
		calls
		6.34
		Mileage
		15.00
		Printer ink
		<u>23.38</u>
		<u>56.70</u>

000519 Clarke's Cemetery Services	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>4016.66</u>

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 The Chairman reported that now that the funding for the Healthy Living Centre had ceased it had been agreed by the PCT, Gedling BC and the trustees of the community centre that a room would be made available at the community centre for the Nurse Practitioner.

7.2 It was reported that the grassed areas of Glenalmond Park were very uneven and would need to be levelled before the grass started to grow. At the moment the surface is unsuitable as a park. There is also an amount of dumped cabling which needs to be removed. Mark Guy of Notts. County Council would be informed.

7.3 Comment was made about the amounts of accumulating rubbish in the yard of 55 Tilford Road. Darren Gilder of Gedling BC would be informed.

7.4 It was reported that all of the street lights were out on the pathways between Chapel Terrace, Stonehouse Terrace, Garden Terrace and Chatsworth Terrace.

7.5 The Council was informed that there has been a police operation in the village recently which also involves the Neighbourhood Wardens from Gedling BC. No information had been received by the Parish Council. PC Andy Vale and Paul Gibbs of Gedling BC would be contacted. PC Andy Vale would be asked to attend the meetings of the Parish Council and make residents aware of the action taken on the reports given to the police.

7.6 Recently a motor cycle had been stolen from premises on Tilford Road. The police were informed and a crime number obtained. After fourteen days the police have made no contact with the owners. Fortunately local residents were able to retrieve the motor bike and return it to its rightful owner.

- 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 No issues were raised.
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.
- 9.2 The Minutes of a Cemetery officers meeting held at Gedling BC were discussed. One of the issues was the presence of moles in Cemeteries. The Parish Council ratified the earlier decision not to exterminate moles in Newstead Cemetery. The mole hills would be scattered as often as possible.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 2008/0175 Stable Cottage, Newstead Abbey Park.
Erect an enclosed entrance porch. Cllr Mrs Leivers-Millership had visited the property and her recommendation was accepted by the Council.
The Council raised no objections.
- 10.2 2008/0236 Stable Cottage, Newstead Abbey Park.
Listed building consent.
The Council raised no objections.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 Cllr Mrs Sabin had attended a Parochial Church Council meeting. The main business was the election of Churchwardens. She also informed the Council of the great success of the Easter Fayre.
- 11.2 Cllr Bateman informed the Council that the Parish Plan Steering Committee would meet on Thursday 3rd April 2008. A public consultation meeting would be held on Tuesday 3rd June 2008.
- 11.3 The Chairman had attended a meeting at Gedling BC to discuss the consultation issues between Gedling BC and Parish Councils. Cllr Mrs Andrews commented that there was a disparity between the finances provided for urban and rural areas of the Borough.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 Fencing at the Cemetery car park was discussed. Cllrs would hold a site meeting on Friday 4th April at 6.00pm.
- 12.2 Headstone for Cotton was agreed as the points of the horse's ears had been blunted.
- 12.3 Gedling BC had been requested to carry forward the Capital Aid of £7260 as this would be needed to extend the Cemetery.
- 12.4 The survey of the wooded area had almost been completed by the student from Brackenhurst College. There may be some value in the extracted timber.
- 12.5 A letter of thanks would be sent to the residents who helped with the Cemetery clean up.
- 12.6 The Council agreed that the Newstead Residents Association could place notice of its meeting on the Cemetery notice board and on the Parish Council notice boards.
- 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 9.26pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7th May 2008 commencing at 7.30pm. This will also be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.