

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 7th May 2008.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), P. Bateman, B. Blood, P. Burnham, V. Leivers-Millership and T. Sabin. Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews and two members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** J. Booth (holiday) and W. Evans (holiday).
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2008.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council with an amendment to the wording "... there should be a footpath through this land" 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. The Council has received no recent up-date concerning this matter.
 - 5.2 The bus shelter on the triangle on Hucknall Road has again been damaged. Gedling BC would be informed.
 - 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 has served an order on the landlord of 55 Tilford Road in respect of the accumulations of rubbish at the property.
 - 5.5 Cllr Burnham has contacted Notts. CC re the formalising of footpaths on the NE tip. An excellent job of renovation has been done by Merrimans. The Clerk would contact Persimmon Homes re. present ownership of the north east tip.
 - 5.6 Instances of graffiti in various areas of the village have been cleared.
 - 5.7 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 again as no reply had been received.
 - 5.8 The public meeting re. access to Newstead Abbey Park has still to be arranged. This item is included in the Parish Plan.
 - 5.9 The siding out of the pavement on Hucknall Road between the village and the Cemetery has not been completed to date. The County Council would be contacted.
 - 5.10 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.
 - 5.11 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.
 - 5.12 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. This is on-going.
 - 5.13 The Chairman would write to Police Sergeant Crofts regarding the reply which had been received by the Council which Councillors considered unhelpful.
 - 5.14 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. Cllr Bateman would continue to liaise with the student and provide the Clerk with information so that the appropriate permissions can be pursued.

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

There were no further issues brought to the attention of the Council.

6. **Accounts**

Receipts.

Gedling BC	1820.00	Final Revenue Grant 2007/8
Gedling BC	5789.50	50% Precept
Gedling BC	<u>3987.00</u>	50% Revenue Grant 2008/9
	<u>11596.75</u>	

Payments

000520 J.A.Chisholm	276.08	Clerk's salary (April)	
000521 Inland Revenue	68.80	Tax on Clerk's salary (April)	
000522 Clarke's Cemetery Services	425.00	Village and cemetery work	
000523 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses	
000524 NMWCC	35.26	Room hire	
000525 J.A. Chisholm	33.77	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	10.35
		Telephone rental	5.50
		calls	7.92
		Mileage	<u>10.00</u>
			<u>33.77</u>
	<u>848.91</u>		

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 The Council agreed to use some of the accumulated balances for projects such as the removal of woodland at the cemetery and in making the village more aesthetically acceptable. It was also agreed to form a sub-committee to identify areas and formulate ideas.
- 6.3 The Council authorised a transfer of £10,000 from the Current Account to the Bonus Saver Account.

7. **Matters concerning Newstead Village.**

- 7.1 The Parish Plan meeting would be held on Tuesday 3rd June. It was agreed by the Council to offer a free drink to each person attending in an attempt to encourage more residents to attend. The Chairman and Cllr Bateman would man a Parish Council information table at this meeting.
- 7.2 Mark Guy of Notts. County Council would be informed that the grassed areas of Glenalmond Park are still very uneven. At the moment the surface remains unsuitable as a park.
- 7.3 The street lights are still out on the pathways between Chapel Terrace, Stonehouse Terrace, Garden Terrace and Chatsworth Terrace. John Evens would be informed again.
- 7.4 The safety rails at the skate park have been removed. Cllr. Bateman had informed Terry Ball of Gedling BC who attended immediately to make the equipment safe.

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

- 8.1 The issue of public access would be addressed by the Parish Plan. The opinions of residents would be sought.

9. **Correspondence.**

- 9.1 Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.
- 9.2 Cllr Bateman would draft a letter to Notts CC regarding the affected areas in the summer flooding.

10. **Planning Applications.**

- 10.1 2008/0256 4 Byron Street, Newstead Village.
Erect single storey extension.
The Council raised no objections.
- 10.2 2008/0317 3 Copse Close, Newstead
Proposed extension to rear of the property to extend the existing kitchen.
The Council raised no objections.

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 No meetings had been attended.

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 Fencing and planting at the Cemetery car park was discussed. A quotation had been received from Greenhills Garden Centre to remove and dispose of the existing fencing and to plant out a further area for a total of £1556.90 inclusive of VAT. The Council agreed to accept the quotation.

12.2 Cllr Bateman would continue to liaise with the student from Brackenhurst College re. the cemetery extension. Various permissions would have to be sought. Cllr Mrs Sabin would seek information about the extension being consecrated.

12.3 Anthony Clarke would be asked to fill in some sunken graves.

12.4 The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council the comments made by the Government minister responsible for cemeteries re safety in cemeteries and topple testing.

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 9.45pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th June 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.