

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 4th June 2008.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), P. Bateman, B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, V. Leivers-Millership and T. Sabin.
Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews, one member of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** There were no apologies for absence. Mr John Flanders had agreed to contact Cllr Carless so that the Council could be made aware of his future intentions.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2008 and the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th May 2008.** The Minutes of the meetings were approved by the Council with an amendment to the wording of an item during public question time "... 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. Cllr Burnham asked for the Council's permission to approach his employer for funding for this project.
 - 5.2 The bus shelter on the triangle on Hucknall Road is still 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. There is also the issue of payment for the removal of fly tipped material on Parish Council owned land.
 - 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. The Neighbourhood Wardens are dealing with the landlord.
 - 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 north east tip is still in the ownership of Annesley Developments Ltd.
 - 5.6 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.
 - 5.7 The public meeting re. access to Newstead Abbey Park has still to be arranged. This item is included in the Parish Plan.
 - 5.8 The siding out of the pavement on Hucknall Road would be done by the County Council shortly.
 - 5.9 It was reported that the grit bin on Fraser Street had been removed. Highways would be contacted.
 - 5.10 Two decorative panels at the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace are still missing. Highways would be replacing the panels shortly.
 - 5.11 The Chairman reported that a decision had been made by the PCT to accommodate a nurse practitioner at the Miners Welfare Community Centre possibly 2 days per week.
 - 5.12 The Chairman had written to Police Sergeant Crofts regarding the reply which had been received by the Council which Councillors considered unhelpful.
 - 5.13 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. This is on-going.
 - 5.14 The Parish Plan meeting had been held on Tuesday 3rd June. It had been a very successful meeting and well attended, business being conducted in a very relaxed atmosphere.

- 5.15 Mark Guy of Notts. County Council would be contacted again as the grassed areas of Glenalmond Park are still very uneven.
- 5.16 The street lights are still out on the pathways between Chapel Terrace, Stonehouse Terrace, Garden Terrace and Chatsworth Terrace. Highways had been informed and the lights would be repaired shortly. During the meeting, Councillors observed youths climbing the lamp standards and removing the sensors. Highways would be informed.
- 5.17 The safety rails at the skate park had been removed but were repaired the next day thanks to the prompt action of Terry Ball of Gedling BC.
- 5.18 A letter had been sent to Notts CC regarding the affected areas in the summer flooding. The Council would receive a copy of the Select Committee's report which would be discussed at a future meeting.
- 5.19 The extra fencing and planting at the Cemetery car park has commenced and should be completed in the next few days.
- 5.20 Cllr Mrs Sabin had contacted Southwell Diocese about the extension being consecrated. Contact details were given to the Clerk.

The appointment to the position of Vice-Chairman which had been deferred at the last meeting, was discussed. Cllr Mrs. Leivers-Millership was proposed and seconded and unanimously elected unopposed.

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

The Chairman thanked all of the volunteers who had made the recent Parish Plan meeting so successful.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

A.W.Lymn	250.00	Funeral	
R. Kendrick	<u>150.00</u>	Deed of exclusive right of burial	
	<u>400.00</u>		

Payments

000526 Rural Community Action	1421.76	Parish Plan	
000527 Clarke's Cemetery Services	120.00	Re-open grave	
000528 J.A.Chisholm	275.88	Clerk's salary (May)	
000529 Inland Revenue	69.00	Tax on Clerk's salary (May)	
000530 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses	
000531 NMWCC	17.63	Room hire	
000532 Clarke's Cemetery Services	425.00	Grounds maintenance contract	
000533 Bennett Sykes Group	27.64	Stationery	
000534 J.A. Chisholm	36.36	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	11.30
		Telephone rental	5.50
		calls	7.56
		Mileage	<u>12.00</u>
			<u>36.36</u>
	<u>2403.27</u>		

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 The Council was informed that Treefest would not go ahead this year as there was a shortage of volunteer help and lack of funding. Even though the event had not happened last year, the donation given by the Council had been used in initial set up costs.
- 7.2 There is Japanese knotweed at the Cemetery car park. Gedling BC would be requested to remove it.
- 7.3 The wheelie bin at the Cemetery car park is well used.
- 7.4 It was reported that there was a gap in the fencing along the railway which allows people to cross the line. This is a health and safety issue and Network Rail would be informed immediately.

- 7.5 Groups of young adults have been seen congregating at the mortuary chapel late at night. The police would be informed.
- 7.6 The revving up of cars and noisy stereos in the early hours of the morning is becoming a problem for residents. The police would be informed.
- 7.7 It was suggested that individual Councillors should take on responsibility for an aspect around the Parish.
- 7.8 When the results of the Parish Plan questionnaire are available a separate meeting of the Parish Council would be arranged.
- 7.9 Residents are not always aware of what the Parish Council does. It was suggested that the newsletter could be used to explain the responsibilities of the Council. Cllr Bateman agreed to lead.
- 7.10 79 and 82 Stonehouse Terrace are boarded up and there is evidence of fire damage to one of the properties. The Neighbourhood Wardens would be alerted.
- 7.11 Two properties on Tilford Road (first house and 54) are also boarded up. Children are entering the Stone House and rubbish is accumulating. The Neighbourhood Wardens would be contacted.
- 7.12 Has the County Council withdrawn maintenance of Glenalmond Park and Freckland Wood? Phil Kimbrey would be contacted.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 No issues were brought to the attention of the Council.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.
- 9.2 A letter from Chief Inspector Burton had been received by Cllr Burnham.

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 There were no planning applications.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 A report on the Parish Plan meeting was given by the Chairman.

12. Cemetery issues.

- 12.1 An application for a memorial stone in the cremation area was presented to the Council. The Clerk explained that each grave space in the cremation area is divided lengthways into four allowing for 2 cremation caskets in each part. Each part will measure 3 feet wide x 2 feet long. The size of a memorial must be carefully monitored. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Evans would make a site visit before permission was given to the application. The Clerk would be informed of the decision.
- 12.2 Cllr Bateman informed the Council that the woodland survey had been completed. He would draft out the necessary letters seeking the relevant permission and send them to the Clerk. It would be necessary to brief consultants.
- 12.3 A composting bin has been made and is sited near to the water tap. Appropriate signs would be supplied by Cllr. Mrs. Booth.
- 12.4 The Registrar of the Southwell Diocese would be contacted re consecration of the Cemetery extension

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 13.1 The Council agreed unanimously that a computer should be provided for the use of the Chairman.

- 14. **Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd July 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.