

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 1st October 2008.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Mrs. B. Blood, Mrs. J. Booth, P. Burnham, Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. V. Leivers-Millership and Mrs. T. Sabin.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Leivers-Millership (Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews, PC Brian Newsome, one member of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Mrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman) – holiday.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2008.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council as a true record and were signed by the Vice-Chairman.

The Clerk informed the Council of the resignation for personal reasons of Cllr. Paul Bateman. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr Bateman.

The Council declared a casual vacancy which would be advertised on the notice board immediately.

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

- 5.1 Cllr Burnham would investigate funding for the Hopping Hill project.
- 5.2 The Gedling BC has been contacted again to request a larger bin and dog bin at the Cemetery car park. wheelie bin has been stolen but will be replaced with a surplus one from the Church. There is still the issue of payment for the removal of fly tipped material on Parish Council owned land. The Chairman will follow this up with Gedling BC.
- 5.3 Gedling BC has responded re. the accumulation of rubbish at 55 Tilford Road. Gedling BC will continue to monitor the situation.
- 5.4 Cllr Burnham has contacted Notts. CC re the formalising of footpaths on the NE tip. This is on-going.
- 5.5 County Council Highways have requested an estimated completion date from the Scheme Manager for the area for the fencing around the green behind the Stone House to be replaced.
- 5.6 The siding out of the pavement on Hucknall Road has been done by the County Council but there is still encroaching vegetation. County Council Highways have been informed and a response is awaited.
- 5.7 Two decorative panels at the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace will be replaced this financial year but with a cheaper panel.
- 5.8 The survey of the wooded area has been completed by the student from Brackenhurst College. Appropriate permissions will be sought. This is on-going.
- 5.9 The Stone House had been sold at auction. The purchaser who is a builder is renovating the property.
- 5.10 It was reported that there had been the theft of two man-hole covers from the path near to the former stocking yards. Mark Guy will take the appropriate action.
- 5.11 The gaps in the steel fencing at the cricket ground are a potential hazard to children, who are running out on to Station Avenue. Warning signs are still to be erected by Gedling BC.
- 5.12 A damaged kerbstone on Abbey Road has been reported to Highways.
- 5.13 Cllr Mrs Leivers-Millership has purchased a lock and chain to secure the wheelie bin in the cemetery car park.
- 5.14 Anthony Clarke has cut back the brambles which are pushing through the hedge at the cemetery car park.
- 5.15 Mark Guy of Notts. CC had been contacted re. the mowing of Glenalmond Park. This would take place in the next week or so.

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

PC Brian Newsome introduced himself to members of the Council. He informed the Council of the crime figures for the last 2 months and comparing them with other areas of the county said that the figures were low. He encouraged members of the public to report every incident to the control room.

The maintenance of the old cemetery was discussed and members of the Council were unsure of the type of maintenance being undertaken. It was agreed to make the maintenance of the old cemetery an agenda item for the November meeting.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

Annesley & Felley Parish Council	10.00	Stationery
Annesley & District Funeral Service	660.00	Deed of Burial and funeral
Mansfield Memorials	50.00	Headstone application
Gedling BC	5789.50	50% Precept
Gedling BC	1993.50	25% Revenue Grant
HM Customs & Excise	768.39	VAT reclaim
Nottinghamshire Memorials	80.00	Headstone
	<u>9351.39</u>	

Payments.

000564 J.A. Chisholm	275.88	Clerk's salary (September)
000565 Inland Revenue	69.00	Tax on Clerk's salary (September)
000566 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses (September)
000567 R. Milliken	29.38	Website annual fee
000568 RCAN	600.00	Donation to Cornerstone House
000569 Bennett Sykes Group	19.29	Diaries and Year planner
000570 NMWCC	35.26	Room hire
000571 Clarke's Cemetery Services	470.00	Grounds maintenance contract
000572 J.A. Chisholm	29.80	Clerk's expenses
		Postage
		7.58
		Telephone rental
		5.50
		calls
		6.72
		Mileage
		<u>10.00</u>
		<u>29.80</u>
000573 RCAN	<u>58.75</u>	Printing for Parish Plan
	<u>1597.36</u>	

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 It was reported that the road markings at the top of Tilford Road had faded. County Highways would be informed.
- 7.2 It was reported that vans taking motor bikes and quad bikes have been seen in the village. Some of these vehicles have been driven across the playing fields. The gate to the playing fields was unlocked. Residents are urged to supply the police with the registration numbers of any of these vehicles.
- 7.3 A contribution from Cllr Mrs Andrews of £150 will be used to supply and plant miniature bulbs at the war memorial. Greenhills Garden Service has agreed to do the work.
- 7.4 Comment was made regarding the number of empty houses both private and Gedling Homes there are in the village.
- 7.5 A Christmas tree would be ordered and arrangements made for it to be delivered on the same day as the one for Linby. Mick Leivers would be asked if he and his group would assist in the positioning of the tree.

- 7.6 The Vice-Chairman would check if more lights would have to be purchased.
- 7.7 The Vice-Chairman would organise the purchase of wreaths for the 9th November Remembrance Sunday services. Inspector Nolan would be asked if Tilford Road could be closed off for the short time of the ceremony at the Cenotaph.
- 8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**
- 8.1 The white warning triangles on the traffic humps on the Abbey Drive would be re-painted later in the year. Tendering for pot hole repairs is in progress at the moment.
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.
- 9.2 A letter from Independent Memorial Inspections informing the Council that the last inspection was undertaken 5 years ago. The Council agreed to note the contents of the letter.
- 9.3 A letter from Miss Sharon Helliwell re an application for a headstone in the cremation area. The Clerk had already supplied the relevant information.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 No planning applications had been received.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 Cllr Mrs Sabin had attended a meeting at the Holocaust Centre organised by the County Council and Police.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 The Council agreed to remove all items from graves which did not conform to the Cemetery Regulations. The removed items would be stored for collection in the mortuary chapel.
- 12.2 A notice would be displayed on the notice board informing residents that removal on non-official items would commence immediately.
- 12.3 It was suggested that a memory wall could be considered but this was rejected as there would be considerable practical difficulties.
- 13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 13.1 The Vice-Chairman had no urgent matters to bring to the attention of the Council.
- 14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th November 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.