

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 12th November 2008.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Mrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), Mrs. B. Blood, Mrs. J. Booth, P. Burnham, Mrs. W. Evans, and Mrs. T. Sabin.
Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews, PC Brian Newsome, PCSO Chris Shaw, 11 members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Mrs Leivers-Millership (Vice-Chairman) – holiday.
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr. Mrs Sabin declared a personal interest in the co-option of Mrs Dawn Adams (family connection).

The Council agreed unanimously to co-opt Mrs Dawn Adams and Mr Simon Gascoigne to act as Parish Councillors. Both signed acceptance documents accepting the Code of Conduct. The Clerk informed the Council that it was now back to full strength.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 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 Burnham reported that an application for funding for the Hopping Hill project had been made through RCAN.
 - 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. This is on-going.
 - 5.3 The accumulation of rubbish at 55 Tilford Road has been removed and the drains unblocked.
 - 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. This is on-going.
 - 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. This is on the schedule for completion.
 - 5.7 The Council was informed that the three decorative panels which had been removed from the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace are in the possession of Gedling BC. The Clerk will contact Gedling BC with a view to replacement.
 - 5.8 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. The Clerk will contact Darren Gilder.
 - 5.9 It was reported that the road markings at the top of Tilford Road had faded. County Highways have been informed.
 - 5.10 It was reported that a resident has informed the police of the registration numbers of vans taking motor bikes and quad bikes through the village.
 - 5.11 A Christmas tree has been ordered and will be delivered on Thursday 27th November. Mick Leivers and his group would position of the tree. The Parish Council thanked him for this service.
 - 5.12 The Vice-Chairman would check if more lights would have to be purchased.
 - 5.13 The white warning triangles on the traffic humps on the Abbey Drive would be re-painted when there is an improvement in the weather.

- 5.14 The Clerk apologised to the Council for not seeking a closure of Tilford Road but Inspector Nolan would be asked in good time next year if Tilford Road could be closed off for the short time of the ceremony at the Cenotaph.

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

PC Brian Newsome informed the Council of the crime figures for the last month for Newstead. There had been 5 crimes reported – 2 domestics, 2 drug offences and 1 burglary. He encouraged members of the public to report every incident to the control room.

Mick Leivers reported that the surface of Glenalmond Park is very rutted. Mark Guy at Notts CC would be contacted. He also said that the decorative panels which are missing from Chapel Terrace are in the possession of Gedling BC.

Mick Leivers reported that Cornerstone House will be used as a drop in centre.

He reported that there had been flooding at the allotments and Notts. CC is doing remedial work on the culvert which channels the stream to the rear of Abbey Road.

He brought to the attention of the Council the damage being done to the trees on the Abbey Drive because of waterlogging. Several trees have been affected outside Abbey Fields Farm.

He informed the Council that Treefest would be held in July 2009.

Some members of the public complained about the state of the cemetery. Members of the Council listened to the comments which were made and expressed their satisfaction with the work of the contractor.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

Cancelled cheque 000546	150.00	Andrew Astle (Brackenhurst student).
Mansfield Memorials	100.00	Headstone application.
Gedling BC (Cllr. Mrs Andrews)	150.00	Bulbs.
Bank interest (Reserve a/c)	7.70	
Bank interest (Bonus saver a/c)	61.54	
Quarterly Bonus	<u>34.18</u>	
	<u>503.42</u>	

Payments.

000574 NMWCC	150.00	Donation to Parish Halloween Party
000575 J.A. Chisholm	275.88	Clerk's salary (October)
000576 Inland Revenue	69.00	Tax on Clerk's salary (October)
000577 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses (October)
000578 NMWCC	35.26	Room hire
000579 Nottingham Trent Univ.	150.00	Replacement for cheque 000546
000580 Adan Barkes	350.00	Old cemetery maintenance
000581 Elveden Farms Ltd.	327.36	Christmas tree
000582 Clarke's Cemetery Services	470.00	Grounds maintenance contract
000583 J.A. Chisholm	34.00	Clerk's expenses
		Postage 7.20
		Telephone rental 5.50
		calls 6.30
		Mileage <u>15.00</u>
		<u>34.00</u>
000584 Newstead Parochial Church Council	<u>350.00</u>	Donation towards gifts for Christmas Fair
	<u>2221.50</u>	

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

- 6.2 The Clerk informed the Council that a salary increase of 2.45% had been awarded to Parish Clerks back dated to April 2008.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 Mick Leivers gave an up-date on the progress of the Parish Plan. There is a draft action plan and a draft constitution. A bid for £35000 has been made to the BBC initiative. A letter would be sent to all groups in Newstead. There would be regular meetings which would be held bi-monthly, the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10th December.
- 7.2 CAST would be interested in tendering for the tree felling work to be done at the cemetery. It was suggested that 15% of the trees would be left and the yew saplings could be used for hedging. The Council agreed that the work should be done in stages. A meeting of the Cemetery Committee with Mick Leivers would be arranged. The cleared areas could be set down as meadow and mowed in August/September each year.
- 7.3 Cllr. Mrs Sabin and Cllr. Mrs Adams thought that the Council should consider the placing of new railings at the Tilford Road/Fraser Street crossroads to prevent young people sitting on top of the railings near to the shops. The Council could consider the building of a young person's shelter on the village green. It was suggested that ideas from the young people of the village could be sought but a wider public consultation would be necessary. Designs and plans would have to be drawn up and planning permission would be necessary. The Clerk would contact Vicky Harper (GBC planning officer) and Sue Healey (GBC finance).
- 7.4 Cllr. Mrs Sabin suggested the placing of planters in various parts of the village. It was not clear whether or not planning permission would be necessary. Vicky Harper would be consulted.
- 7.5 The Chairman informed the Council that it had been suggested by the Parish Plan committee that a ball park could be built by the side of the Welfare. The land is in the ownership of the Welfare and the Trustees have not given permission at this time.
- 7.6 Cllr. Gascoigne raised the unkempt state of the land at Vicarage Corner. According to the Land Registry this land is owned by Gedling BC. The Clerk would contact GBC.
- 7.7 It was reported that the letter box on Abbey Road is very loose. Royal Mail would be contacted.
- 8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**
- 8.1 It was reported that fly tipping had occurred on High Leys Drive. Gedling BC would be informed.
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 2008/0794 24 Byron Street, Newstead.
Rear ground floor extension.
The Council raised no objections to this application.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 A copy of the Minutes of a CAST meeting held on Monday 13th October re Annesley Pit Tips was given to members of the Council for information.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 There were no further cemetery issues raised.
- 13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 13.1 The Chairman informed the Council that she would be meeting the deputy Chief Executive of Gedling BC, John Robinson on Friday 7th November. The meeting would include a fact finding tour of the village.
- 14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 commencing at 7.30pm. The Parish Council meeting will be followed by a festive buffet.