

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Mrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), Mrs D. Adams, Mrs. B. Blood, P. Burnham, Mrs. W. Evans, S. Gascoigne, Mrs Leivers-Millership (Vice-Chairman), and Mrs. T. Sabin.  
Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Mrs. J. Booth, PC Brian Newsome and PCSO Chris Shaw.
3. **Declarations of interest:** The Chairman and Mrs Sabin declared an interest in the Youth Club as Management Committee members.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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 was on-going.
  - 5.2 The Gedling BC has been contacted again to request a larger bin and dog bin at the Cemetery car park. 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 siding out of the pavement on Hucknall Road has been done by the County Council but there is still encroaching vegetation. County Council Highways would be contacted.
  - 5.4 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. A response from Jane Ansell had been received informing the Council that Gedling BC would consider an expression of interest and quote from Mick Leivers for a local re-working of the missing panels and replacement of the existing ones. This remains on-going.
  - 5.5 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. There has been no progress with this item.
  - 5.6 The Christmas tree will be removed on January 10<sup>th</sup> thanks to Mick Leivers and his group. The lights would be stored by the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Evans.
  - 5.7 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. This is on-going.
  - 5.8 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. This is on-going
  - 5.9 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. This is on-going and RCAN and John Robinson - deputy CEO at Gedling BC, are involved.
  - 5.10 Cllr. Gascoigne raised the unkempt state of the land at Vicarage Corner. According to the Land Registry this land is owned by Gedling BC. There has been no response from Gedling BC to date.
  - 5.11 It was suggested that height restriction barriers could be the answer to stop larger vans using the car park. Gedling BC would be contacted.
  - 5.12 The ownership of the small play area next to the School was queried. It is believed that the land is owned by Notts. County Council and maintained by Gedling BC. The Clerk would clarify the position with Gedling BC.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting so that members of the public could discuss parish matters with councillors.  
There were no public questions.

**6. Accounts**

**Receipts.**

Elveden Farms Ltd.	58.76	Rebate on Christmas tree
S.M. Johnson & Son	125.00	Funeral
Gedling BC	9041.00	Capital Aid
G.W. Funeral Service Ltd	<u>250.00</u>	Funeral
	<u>9474.76</u>	

**Payments.**

000592 J.A. Chisholm	282.73	Clerk's salary (December)	
000593 Inland Revenue	70.60	Tax on Clerk's salary (December)	
000594 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses (December)	
000595 NMWCC	35.26	Room hire	
000596 Newstead Youth Club	4100.00	Donation for heating and suspended ceiling	
000598 J.A. Chisholm	36.85	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	7.35
		Telephone rental	5.50
		calls	7.20
		Mileage	<u>16.80</u>
			<u>36.85</u>
	<u>4785.44</u>		

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

6.2 The Council agreed a 3% increase in the Precept unanimously.

**7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**

7.1 It was reported that the red bricks set into the road surfaces as a calming measure are very slippery in icy conditions. The 2 areas of concern are on Webb Street and at the junction of Markham Street and Musters Road where a resident's wall has been demolished on 3 occasions in recent years. Highways South would be informed.

7.2 Vicarage Corner also becomes hazardous in freezing conditions.

7.3 It was reported that rubbish was again accumulating at the rear of 55 Tilford Road. Jane Ansell at Gedling BC would be informed.

7.4 Concerns were expressed over the absence of gritting on Tilford Road as the road is used by large lorries accessing Northfield Construction.

7.5 There has been considerable motor bike activity in the woods opposite the skate park. Mud is being transferred to the road surface. The Forestry Commission would be informed.

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

8.1 The Old Postman's footpath between Quarry Lane, Linby and Newstead Abbey has been blocked by a steel cable beyond the quarries. The Footpaths Officer for Notts. County Council would be informed.

**9. Correspondence.**

9.1 Most items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.

9.2 An email from David and Robert Stocks re the amount of ornaments etc being placed on graves. This would be discussed later in the meeting.

9.3 Letter from Ashfield DC re the proposed extension to the cemetery confirming that the area already has planning permission for a burial ground.

9.4 Email from Mark Guy re Freckland Wood.

9.5 Email from Laura Trusler Highways South re grit bins, pavements and cleansing issues.

**10. Planning Applications.**

10.1 No planning applications had been received.

**11. Reports from External meetings.**

11.1 There were no reports from external meetings attended.

**12. Cemetery issues.**

12.1 The Council agreed that there were too many ornaments, toys, solar lights etc on some graves. The Clerk was asked to identify the graves involved and write to the Deed holders to ask for removal of items which are against the Cemetery Regulations.

12.2 There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed cemetery charges as supplied by the Clerk. The Council asked the Clerk to present a revised list of charges and a comparison with the charges for other Burial Authorities to the next Council meeting.

12.3 It was agreed to discuss the problem of fly tipping in the Cemetery car park at the next meeting.

12.4 It was reported that the wire fencing on the north side of the cemetery was in need of repair. Anthony Clarke would be asked to quote for the restoration of the fencing.

**13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**

13.1 The Chairman had no urgent matters to bring to the attention of the Council.

**14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.