

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Summit Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 4th February 2009.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Mrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), Mrs D. Adams, Mrs. J. Booth, P. Burnham and Mrs. T. Sabin. Two members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Mrs. B. Blood, Mrs. W. Evans, S. Gascoigne, Mrs Leivers-Millership (Vice-Chairman) and Borough Councillor Mrs Patricia Andrews.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2009.** 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 have scheduled this for later in the year..
 - 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. Darren Gilder has been contacted and he is seeking to progress this as soon as possible.
 - 5.6 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.
 - 5.7 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
 - 5.8 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.
 - 5.9 Cllr. Gascoigne raised the unkempt state of the land at Vicarage Corner. According to the Land Registry this land is owned by Gedling BC. Dave Parton of Gedling BC has been contacted.
 - 5.10 It was suggested that height restriction barriers could be the answer to stop larger vans using the car park. Gedling BC has been contacted.
 - 5.11 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. There has been no response to date.

- 5.12 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. A reply had been received from Notts. CC informing the Council that no problems had been reported directly involving the bricks. No action would be taken to change these surfaces at this time. The Council agreed to ask residents to advise the Council of any problems that they had experienced. It was pointed out that during the recent inclement weather Gedling BC bin lorries had been unable to access the village.
- 5.13 Vicarage Corner also becomes hazardous in freezing conditions. Notts. CC will not place a grit bin at this location as the road is un-adopted.
The Chairman adjourned the meeting so that members of the public could discuss parish matters with councillors.
- 5.14 It was reported that rubbish was again accumulating at the rear of 55 Tilford Road. Jane Ansell at Gedling BC had been informed and Darren Gilder would be contacting the resident.
- 5.15 There has been considerable motor bike activity in the woods opposite the skate park. Mud is being transferred to the road surface. Residents are asked to give the vehicle registration numbers to the police.
- 5.16 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 has been informed and he has found no evidence of this path on the 1951 OS map.
- 5.17 The Linby Trail and Freckland Wood have been left in a poor state after recent remedial work by Notts CC. Cllr. Burnham will contact Nick Crouch of NCC.
- 5.18 The grit bins remain empty on Hazelford Way.

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The Council was informed that several people had fallen owing to the recent poor weather.

6. Accounts Receipts.

Bank interest Bonus saver a/c	33.48	
Bank interest Quarterly bonus	34.38	
Bank interest Reserve a/c	4.40	
Geo. Hanson & Sons	75.00	Interment of ashes
D&M Monumental Masons	<u>50.00</u>	Memorial stone
	<u>197.26</u>	

Payments.

000599 J.A. Chisholm	282.53	Clerk's salary (January)	
000600 Inland Revenue	70.80	Tax on Clerk's salary (January)	
000601 Mrs P.A. Wise	10.00	Chairman's expenses (January)	
000602 Bennett Sykes	73.91	Stationery	
000603 Clarke's Cemetery Services	45.00	Interment of ashes	
000604 Annesley & Felley PC	150.00	Payment for computer	
000605 Clarke's Cemetery Services	125.00	Repair of Cemetery fencing	
000606 J.A. Chisholm	112.41	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	8.22
		Telephone rental	5.50
		calls	7.59
		Mileage	15.50
		Printer ink	<u>75.60</u>
			<u>112.41</u>
	<u>869.65</u>		

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
 - 6.2 The Council was informed by the Clerk that the increase in the Precept would be 2.75%
- 7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**
- 7.1 Cllr. Mrs Sabin presented a map of the village to the Council showing the ownership of the various pieces of land. Mr Paul Bateman will supply a more detailed copy at a later date.
 - 7.2 A brochure showing designs of youth shelters was presented to the Council. The young people of the village and the residents would have to be consulted before any decision is made. The shelter would be in co-ordination with the provision of a ball park. The Council agreed to wait until the plans for the ball park are available before making any decisions.
 - 7.3 The Council agreed to continue pressing Gedling BC re fly tipping as the Council believes that any land owned by the Parish Council should also be considered as being publicly owned.
 - 7.4 Lamp 15 at the junction of Stonehouse Terrace and Chatsworth Terrace is not functioning properly.
- 8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**
- 8.1 No items were brought to the attention of the Council.
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 All items of correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate place on the agenda.
- 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 glass vases, 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. There are serious Health and Safety issues which have to be considered. The Council agreed that any item which is not on the plinth of the memorial stone will be removed.
 - 12.2 A clarification of the regulations would be posted on the notice board.
 - 12.3 There was a discussion of an article which had appeared in the Hucknall Dispatch which criticised the attitude of the Council regarding the enforcement of the Cemetery regulations. As the letter was not sent directly to the Council, it was agreed that no reply would be sent.
 - 12.4 There was a lengthy discussion on the draft cemetery charges as supplied by the Clerk. The Council asked the Clerk to present a revised list of charges to include the amendments as agreed by the Council.
 - 12.5 It was reported that the wire fencing on the north side of the cemetery had been repaired by Anthony Clarke.
- 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 9.25pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.