

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Mrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), Mrs. B. Blood, P. Burnham Mrs. W. Evans and S. Gascoigne.
PC Matthew Wardle, two members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Mrs D. Adams (family commitment), Mrs. J. Booth (illness), Mrs. T. Sabin (family commitment) and Borough Councillor Mrs P. Andrews (GBC commitment).
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 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 would contact Mick Leivers re. the application for funding for the Hopping Hill project. Confirmation of a successful bid to the BBC initiative was awaited.
 - 5.2 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 Clerk would contact Caroline McKenzie for an up-date on progress.
 - 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. Jane Ansell would be contacted for an up-date on progress.
 - 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 have not been erected by Gedling BC. Darren Gilder will be contacted. Councillors would like to know if the Parish Council can erect these warning signs.
 - 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 The vegetation at Vicarage Corner has been cut back. The Parish Council's thanks would be communicated to GBC.
 - 5.10 A quotation of £2024.00 had been received from Gedling BC for the supply and erection of height restricting barriers at the cemetery car park. This was thought to be high and GBC would be asked for the specifications (size, materials etc) and the necessary regulations so that further quotes could be sought.

- 5.11 The small play area next to the School is in the ownership of Notts. County Council (Education). It is maintained by Gedling BC who also inspects and maintains the play equipment. The Chairman reported that the path from the gate to the play area, which is on a downward slope, is made of tarmac and not a safety surface. An accident to a child had occurred recently. Gedling would be contacted to ask for the surface to be changed.
- 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. Tilford Road had become very icy down towards the level crossing and the police decided that the road should be closed. Notts CC was informed but the road remained open. The portfolio holder Councillor Mrs Stella Smedley would be informed through Councillor Lonergan. A grit bin should be provided at the bottom of Tilford Road. Network Rail would be informed that it should take more responsibility for the de-icing of the level crossing at Newstead as the road slopes downwards to the crossing and skidding vehicles could compromise the crossing.
- 5.13 The steel cable blocking the old Postman's footpath between Quarry Lane, Linby and Newstead Abbey has been removed.
- 5.14 The Linby Trail and Freckland Wood have been left in a poor state after recent remedial work by Notts CC. Cllr. Burnham visited the areas had found no major issues. The Council agreed to re-check the areas in a few months time.
- 5.15 A more detailed map of the village showing the ownership of the various pieces of land will be supplied by Mr Paul Bateman at a later date.
- 5.16 The provision of a youth shelter is tied into the provision of a MUGA (multi-use games area).
- 5.17 Lamp 15 at the junction of Stonehouse Terrace and Chatsworth Terrace is not functioning properly. Also lamp 5 on Chapel Terrace goes on and off. Lamp 3 on the path from Tilford Road and Webb Street by the side of the Youth Club building is also going on and off.
- 5.18 The Council agreed that there were too many glass vases, ornaments, toys, solar lights etc on some graves. The Clerk would identify the graves involved and write to the Deed holders to ask for the 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.
- 5.19 A clarification of the regulations would be posted on the notice board.

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

It was reported that rubbish had accumulated at the front and to the rear of 87 Chapel Terrace. Darren Gilder would be informed.

The Council was informed that 2 trees had been removed from the cemetery car park. It was agreed to ask Greenhills Garden Centre to supply replacements. PC Wardle agreed to do spot checks at the car park.

An increasing litter problem at the cemetery car park was reported.

A letter to the Hucknall Dispatch has highlighted the poor state of the cricket ground in Newstead Abbey Park.

It was stated that the Parish Plan was on target and the work being done was very impressive.

It was reported that the pavement and road outside the cemetery car park had deteriorated into pot holes.

It was asked if more information from the Internet could be acquired regarding a grass feed in which there was a mole deterrent.

PC Wardle informed the Council that there had been few crimes reported during the past months, the most serious of which had been damage to a vehicle from a snowballing incident; a shed being broken into and tools being stolen; a broken house window and door panelling; and instances of nuisance behaviour.

PC Wardle explained the use of Smart Water which would be given to residents free of charge. A letter had been distributed to houses in the older part of the village informing residents of this initiative. The rest of the Parish would be involved at a later date. He asked residents to nominate people that they thought would benefit from the scheme. PC Wardle can be contacted through Arnold Police Station 0115 9670555 extension 4161 or on his mobile 07702141552 or by email matthew.wardle@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

6. Accounts Receipts.

HM Customs & Excise

867.49 VAT reclaim
867.49

Payments.

000607 J.A. Chisholm
000608 Inland Revenue
000609 Mrs P.A. Wise
000610 NALC
000611 GB Office
000612 NMWCC
000613 J.A. Chisholm

282.73 Clerk's salary (February)
70.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (February)
10.00 Chairman's expenses (February)
170.66 Annual subscription
138.00 Stationery and photocopier contract
17.25 Room hire
34.09 Clerk's expenses
Postage 8.51
Telephone rental 5.50
Telephone calls 6.22
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34.09

723.33

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 The Council was informed by the Clerk that the Precept for 2009/2010 would be £11892.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 It was reported that there was an accumulation of litter outside the shop. Gedling BC litter pick the area every week but it would be helpful if residents would use the litter bins provided to dispose of unwanted items.
- 7.2 PC Wardle was encouraging some young people who had volunteered to remove graffiti from the take-away. The Council may be asked for some funding.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 It was reported that the grit bin on Fairfield Drive was empty.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 The Council had received a letter from the Abbey Cricket Club asking for funding for portable sight screens. After discussion the Council agreed not to grant this request at this time as a large donation had already been given during this financial year.
- 9.2 A letter had been received from the Newstead Action Group (N.A.G.) requesting a donation towards the Easter Fayre. After discussion it was agreed to donate £150.
- 9.3 A letter had been received from Victim Support requesting a donation. After discussion the Council agreed not to comply with the request.
- 9.4 All other pieces of correspondence were dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 No planning applications had been received.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 A Parish Plan meeting had been held and had been a great success.

- 11.2 A meeting had been held to discuss the provision of a multi-use games area. Thanks were given to officers at RCAN for their participation.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 There were no further items involving the cemetery.
- 13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 13.1 The Chairman explained MUGA – multi-use games area. It is hoped that the land at the side of the Miners Welfare Community Centre the permission of the Trustees was given.
- 13.2 Gedling BC has been asked to maintain the facility on completion but has refused. In the future the Parish Council may be asked to donate a regular amount per year for maintenance. The Parish Council agreed in principle to make funds available.
- 13.3 The provision of this facility is a high priority in the Parish Plan and Mick Leivers has done a great deal of work towards the success of this project.
- 13.4 The Chairman wondered why the bulbs had not appeared around the Cenotaph. The Clerk would initially contact the Vice-Chairman.
- 13.5 There are several empty houses in the village, both Gedling Homes and private. Gedling BC would be asked how many empty properties there are and what is happening to them. It was stated that empty houses encourage litter and other forms of anti-social behaviour.
- 13.6 It was agreed that the Council would meet in the Sherwood Room each month and not in the Summit Room.
- 14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st April 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.