

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams, B. Blood, P. Burnham, W. Evans, S. Gascoigne and T. Sabin. County Cllr J. Lonergan, Borough Councillor P. Andrews, Darren Gilder (Gedling BC), two members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. V. Leivers-Millership.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009.** An amendment was made to agenda item 13.1 which now reads "It is hoped that the land at the side of the Miners Welfare Community Centre could be used if permission of the Trustees is given".
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. It was agreed that the Clerk would attend a funding fair at the Ashwood Centre, Kirkby in Ashfield on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 on behalf of the Council.
  - 5.2 Gedling BC has agreed to provide a large dual purpose bin at the expense of the Parish Council for the Cemetery car park. Gedling BC has also agreed to empty the bin on a regular basis. There is still the issue of payment for the removal of fly tipped material on Parish Council owned land. Gedling BC will not remove fly tipped material from Parish Council owned land free of charge. The Council resolved to wait for an instance of fly tipping to occur and then decide the best course of action.
  - 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 decorative panels which had been removed from the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace will be replaced by Gedling BC.
  - 5.5 Gedling BC has agreed to erect warning signs at the cricket ground informing drivers of the gaps in the fencing.
  - 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 as it is part of the MUGA provision.
  - 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 as it is part of the MUGA provision.
  - 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 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. A reply from Chris Brown (GBC) is awaited.
  - 5.10 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. A reply from Chris Brown (GBC) is awaited.

- 5.11 A reply had been received from Cllr. Stella Smedley re. the lack of gritting and grit bins. The Council considered that the reply was not satisfactory and invited Cllr Smedley to visit the village and meet with Parish Councillors.
- 5.12 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. No action had been taken. Highways South would be contacted again.
- 5.13 Most family plots in the Cemetery are now within the regulations and the Councillors thanked all those who had complied with the Council's request.
- 5.15 The Clerk reported that Greenhills Garden Centre was unable to undertake the work to replace 2 trees in the Cemetery car park. It was agreed to ask Mick Leivers if there were any suitable trees in the woodland presently being cleared which could be transplanted. The bulbs for the Cenotaph would be bought and planted later in the year.
- 5.16 It was agreed that the Clerk would attend future meetings of the Parish Plan group. He would request a schedule of dates of the meetings for publication.
- 5.17 Information from the Internet has been acquired regarding a grass feed in which there is a mole deterrent. It was agreed that a decision over the use of this type of product would be made towards the end of the year.
- 5.18 The potholes in the pavement and road outside the cemetery car park have deteriorated further. Highways South will be informed.
- 5.19 Gedling BC would be asked why the increase in the Precept has been shown as 4.4% on Council Tax bills and not 2.7% as calculated by the Parish Council.
- 5.20 The accumulation of litter outside the shop persists. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the shop owners asking for their co-operation in addressing this problem. Darren Gilder would clarify any regulations which pertain in these sorts of cases. It was suggested that the shop owner could write the name of the purchaser on the item so making it easier to identify where the purchase was made.
- 5.21 Empty grit bins would be re-filled during the next few weeks.
- 5.22 The Council was informed that Jane Ansell and Darren Gilder would be visiting the village on 2<sup>nd</sup> April to assess the amount of empty properties.  
The Chairman adjourned the meeting so that members of the public could discuss parish matters with councillors.

The problem of litter was discussed. Some litter is dropped by the Gedling BC dust bin collectors. There is an accumulation of litter close to the Youth Club and on the footpath between the Welfare and Webb Street which is also becoming overgrown with vegetation.

The Forestry Commission had been informed of an accumulation of fly tipping in the woods on Hucknall Road.

Cllr Lonergan had written to the NHS re. the availability of doctors in the area. It was also stated that the weighing of babies at Surestart was not being carried out because midwives were unavailable. Cllr Lonergan would supply the contact details so that the Parish Council could write expressing concerns. A press article concerning buses no longer using Tilford Road was discussed.

## 6. Accounts Receipts.

There were no receipts in March

### Payments.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 000614 J.A. Chisholm  | 282.73 Clerk's salary (March)       |
| 000615 Inland Revenue | 70.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (March) |
| 000616 P.A. Wise      | 10.00 Chairman's expenses (March)   |
| 000617 J.A. Chisholm  | 50.67 Ink for printer               |
| 000618 Gedling BC     | 156.32 Non-domestic rate - Cemetery |
| 000619 NMWCC          | 34.50 Room hire                     |

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| 000620 RCAN                              | 181.33        | Decorative panels        |              |
| 000621 GB Office                         | 21.49         | Office equipment         |              |
| 000622 J.A. Chisholm                     | 35.39         | Clerk's expenses         |              |
|  |               | Postage                  | 9.25         |
|  |               | Telephone rental         | 5.50         |
|  |               | Telephone calls          | 6.38         |
|  |               | Mileage                  | <u>14.26</u> |
|  |               |                          | <u>35.39</u> |
| 000623 Newstead Parochial Church Council | <u>150.00</u> | Donation to Easter Fayre |              |
|  | <u>993.03</u> |                          |              |

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

**7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**

7.1 Cars had been parked along Station Avenue during a recent football match. Gedling BC would be asked to inform those wishing to hire the pitches not to park on Station Avenue but use the car park provided. Station Avenue is an access road to Newstead Abbey.

7.2 A complaint had been brought to the attention of councillors regarding bonfires. There are specific regulations but if the use of bonfires is persistent, environmental health officers at Gedling BC should be informed.

7.3 A letter had been received by the residents of the old village from Gedling Homes re. yards. Residents were unhappy as they feel that they are being targeted. This is not the case as the rest of the village will be receiving the same letter shortly.

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

8.1 No matters were brought to the attention of the Council.

**9. Correspondence.**

9.1 The membership fee for RCAN is to be increased. The Parish Council agreed to renew its membership.

9.2 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. The Clerk informed the Council what had been discussed.

**12. Cemetery issues.**

12.1 The Council agreed to instruct Anthony Clarke to fill in sunken graves and turf where necessary.

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

13.1 The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council a copy of the Financial Risk Assessment which is required to be ratified each year. The Council agreed to accept the present Risk Assessment document.

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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 commencing at 7.00pm, following the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual General meeting.