

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 6th May 2009.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams, B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, S. Gascoigne and T. Sabin.
Two members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. V. Leivers-Millership, Borough Councillor P. Andrews and Darren Gilder (Gedling BC).
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2009.** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 Cllr Burnham would contact Mick Leivers re. confirmation of the success of the bid to the BBC initiative for funding towards the Hopping Hill project.
 - 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. The Clerk would check when the bin would be installed.
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 would be asked when this work would be done.
 - 5.4 Gedling BC would be asked when the decorative panels would be installed at the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace.
 - 5.5 Gedling BC has agreed to erect warning signs at the cricket ground informing drivers of the gaps in the fencing. The Borough Council would be asked when the signs would be installed. The issue of wheel chair access to the playing fields would be investigated by Darren Gilder of Gedling BC. It was reported that the cricket nets have been damaged through misuse. Young children have been observed using the nets inappropriately. It was agreed to ask for the support of the headmaster at the school to solve this problem.
 - 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 further reply had been received from Cllr. Stella Smedley re. the lack of gritting and grit bins. Councillor Smedley declined an invitation to visit the village.
- 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 Mick Leivers had informed the Council that there were suitable trees in the woodland presently being cleared, which could be transplanted into the Cemetery car park. The bulbs for the Cenotaph would be bought and planted later in the year. It was agreed to contact Remedi (restorative justice and mediation initiatives) and ask for help in weeding the planted area of the Cemetery car park.
- 5.14 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. No reply had been received. Darren Gilder would provide any regulations which pertain in these sorts of cases.
- 5.15 Jane Ansell and Darren Gilder had visited the village on 2nd April to assess the amount of empty properties. Information would be sent to the Parish Council.
- 5.16 Cars had been parked along Station Avenue during a recent football match. Gedling BC had been informed.
- 5.17 Gedling BC officers would visit the village on 7th May re. yards.
- 5.18 Anthony Clarke had filled and turfed 16 sunken graves as instructed by the Council..

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

The maintenance of the mortuary chapel and cemetery gates was raised. Councillor Gascoigne would visit and assess the problems and report back to the Council by July. This would be an agenda item for the July meeting.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

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| Bank interest Bonus saver a/c (end of year) | 4.80 | |
| Quarterly bonus (end of year) | 33.77 | |
| Bank interest Reserve a/c (end of year) | | <u>0.43</u> |
| | | <u>39.00</u> |
| G.W. Funeral Services | 80.00 | Interment of ashes. |
| Gedling BC | 1993.00 | Final Revenue Grant 2008/2009 |
| Gedling BC | 5946.00 | 50% Precept |
| Gedling BC | 4078.00 | 50% Revenue Grant 2009/2010 |
| Mrs J. Bradley | <u>900.00</u> | Purchase of exclusive right of burial x 2 |
| | | <u>12997.00</u> |

Payments.

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| 000624 J.A. Chisholm | 282.73 | Clerk's salary (April) | |
| 000625 Inland Revenue | | 70.60 | Tax on Clerk's salary (April) |
| 000626 P.A. Wise | | 10.00 | Chairman's expenses (April) |
| 000627 RCAN | 3335.00 | Removal of trees from cemetery extension | |
| 000628 J.A. Chisholm | | 44.61 | Computer software |
| 000629 Allianz Insurance plc | 743.19 | Annual insurance premium | |
| 000630 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 610.00 | Maintenance contract plus interment of ashes | |
| 000631 RCAN | | 70.00 | Annual subscription |
| 000632 J.A. Chisholm | 41.29 | Clerk's expenses | |
| | | Postage | 16.13 |
| | | Telephone rental | 5.50 |
| | | Telephone calls | 7.20 |
| | | Mileage | <u>12.46</u> |
| | | | <u>41.29</u> |
| | <u>5207.42</u> | | |

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 It was reported that Japanese Knotweed was growing at the cemetery car park and on the land adjacent to the Miners Welfare. Gedling BC would be asked to treat.
- 7.2 The bricks in the road surface at the top of Musters Road are proud of the asphalt. Highways South would be informed.
- 7.3 The posts and metal rails on the railway side of Station Avenue which were installed by Gedling BC are in need of repair. Highways South would be informed.
- 7.3 The tarmac surface of Station Avenue is in need of repair. Highways South would be informed.
- 7.4 The drains are overflowing at 55 Tilford Road. Darren Gilder would be informed.
- 7.5 Two fridges and a TV have been dumped in the yard of the last house on Tilford Road. Darren Gilder would be informed.
- 7.6 There has been fly tipping on the path between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way. Gedling BC and Ashfield DC would be informed.
- 7.7 The brick surfaces on the square between the rows are being lifted as a result of grass growth and weeds. Highways South would be informed.
- 7.8 Councillor Sabin would contact Paul Bateman re the Parish map.
- 7.9 It was reported that the path to the Linby Trail had been reinstated and that several trees have been planted to replace those which had been removed.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 An email had been received from Paul Bateman regarding the flooding on the Abbey Drive at Abbey Fields farm and the consequent damage to trees. Two trees, a chestnut and a lime, were lopped initially by Eon as overhead electricity cables were being fouled. A subsequent visit by a tree surgeon found that the trees were dead so they were removed. The timber has been left in an unsightly pile. The Council was told that further losses of historic trees were inevitable if the problem of flooding was not addressed. The City Council would be contacted with a possible simple solution. Members of the Council would be willing to meet with representatives of the City Council on site.
- 8.2 It was reported that rubbish was being deposited on land owned by the Woodland Trust in the High Leys Drive area of the parish.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 The County Council Civic Service was brought to the attention of councillors.
- 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 The Chairman reported on a meeting to discuss the provision of a Multi-use games area. A visit to a MUGA in Arnold had been arranged. Funding from the Parish Council for cleaning and other maintenance and insurance would have to be considered at a later date.

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 The grass area outside the cemetery wall would have to be levelled. This would be a very expensive job. It was suggested that a paved path could be provided between the entrance to the woods and the cemetery gates. George Hanson Ltd would be asked to visit and supply a quotation.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 The Chairman had no items of urgency to present to the Council.

14. Closure and date of next meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.