

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, S. Gascoigne and T. Sabin.  
Borough Councillor P. Andrews and one member of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. V. Leivers-Millership (family commitment).  
County Councillor Chris Barnfather also sent apologies.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
  - 5.1 It was confirmed that funding towards the Hopping Hill project had been received and being held by RCAN. This would be available until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. It was agreed that Cllr Sabin would speak to Mick Leivers and that the project would be placed on the October agenda for discussion.
  - 5.2 Gedling BC has not provided a larger bin in the Cemetery car park even though this will be at the expense of the Parish Council for installation. Gedling BC has agreed to empty the bin on a regular basis.
  - 5.3 The County Council has cut the grass but still has not cut back the vegetation which is narrowing the pavement on Hucknall Road. County Council Highways North will be contacted.
  - 5.4 The decorative panels for the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace have been made and are being stored at Cornerstone House. The Clerk would contact Mick Leivers.
  - 5.5 Two warning signs at the cricket ground informing drivers of the gaps in the fencing have been installed.
  - 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. A decision has still to be made whether or not this should be pursued.
  - 5.7 The provision of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) is still under discussion by various groups in the village.
  - 5.8 A decision regarding the supply and erection of height restricting barriers at the cemetery car park has still to be made. Cllr Gascoigne would supply names of other contractors.
  - 5.9 It was agreed to pursue the provision of a safety surface on the footpath in the small play area next to the school with Gedling BC.
  - 5.10 The Clerk has made several attempts to contact Remedi (restorative justice and mediation initiatives) regarding its contract with the Parish Council with no success to date.
  - 5.11 Darren Gilder would be contacted for up-dated information regarding the accumulation of litter outside the shop.
  - 5.12 Darren Gilder will be contacted for an up-date regarding the parking of cars along Station Avenue during sporting events.
  - 5.13 Gedling BC would be contacted as Japanese Knotweed has reappeared at the treated areas.
  - 5.14 Gedling BC would be contacted regarding the broken fencing on Station Avenue.
  - 5.15 The vegetation in the old cemetery has been cut down. It was agreed that the future maintenance would be discussed as an agenda item for the January meeting.
  - 5.16 Notts CC will trial new secured grit bins in Newstead. The Clerk would ask for the date of installation.

- 5.17 It was reported that the litter/fly tipping on the cycle path (old road) at the Hucknall end of Hucknall Road has been cleared.
- 5.18 Concern was expressed regarding the excessive speed of some vehicles using Hucknall Road between the bus stops and the cemetery. Concerns were also expressed about instances of the parking of HGVs on roads within the village. Contact would be made with Ian Parker.
- 5.19 The white lines at the junction of Musters Road and Markham Street have not been repainting. Ian Parker would be contacted.
- 5.20 Trees are overhanging Hucknall Road. The Forestry Commission would be informed.

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

Cllr. Andrews reminded the Council that there was a need to buy bulbs for the Cenotaph. It was suggested that the children involved in the School Garden Project may wish to help in planting. The Chairman would contact the Headteacher.

**6. Accounts  
Receipts.**

HM Revenue & Customs	522.24	VAT reclaim
Co-op Funeralcare	160.00	Funeral costs
Bank interest (Bonus saver a/c)	1.71	
Quarterly bonus (Bonus saver a/c)	34.22	
Bank interest (Reserve a/c)	0.15	
A.W.Lymn	80.00	Interment of ashes
Graham Ward Funeral Service	80.00	Interment of ashes
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A.W.Lymn (4 cheques)	<u>205.00</u>	Memorial permissions
	<u>1163.32</u>	

**Payments.**

000655 J.A. Chisholm	282.73	Clerk's salary (August)	
000656 Inland Revenue	70.60	Tax on Clerk's salary (August)	
000657 P.A. Wise	85.00	Chairman's expenses (August)	
000658 Gedling BC	91.69	Treatment of Japanese knotweed	
000659 GB Office Group Ltd	15.29	Stationery	
000660 Clement Keys Accountants	327.75	Fees for external audit	
000661 Clarke's Cemetery Services	665.00	Maintenance contract plus 4 interment of ashes	
000662 Clarke's Cemetery Services	795.00	Maintenance contract plus old cemetery	
000663 J.A. Chisholm	43.16	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	12.83
		Telephone rental	5.50
		Telephone calls	10.88
		Mileage	<u>13.95</u>
			<u>43.16</u>
	<u>2376.22</u>		

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 The external audit has been completed with nothing to report.

**7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**

- 7.1 The provision of planters would be discussed as an agenda item at the January meeting.
- 7.2 It was reported that overgrown vegetation is obstructing the view of drivers on the bend at the skate park on Hucknall Road. Ashfield DC would be contacted.

- 7.3 The Youth Club building has been vastly improved by recent maintenance work. Volunteers are being sought to serve on the Management Committee of the Youth Club.
- 7.4 The hedge at the front of 22/24 Livingstone Street is obstructing the pavement. Gedling BC would be informed. There are also obstructing trees on Chapel Terrace.
- 7.5 An accumulation of litter was reported on the service road to Tilford Road and lamp 22 at the end of Chapel Terrace is not working.
- 7.6 The Parish Council has been informed that Trent Barton buses will continue to serve the village.
- 7.7 It is becoming increasingly more difficult to join the A611 at the Annesley Cutting junction. It was suggested that a re-phasing of the traffic lights at the Badger Box may help. Ashfield DC would be contacted.
- 8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**
- 8.1 The owners of Poet's Corner have block paved the drive leaving a gap between the property boundary and the Abbey Drive. Jerry Warnes would be contacted.
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 Correspondence was dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 2009/0670 Newstead Abbey.  
Existing timber ramp to Orangerie to be replaced with new steelwork freestanding ramp with appropriated gradient.  
This application was discussed and the Parish Council raised no objections.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 The Clerk had attended a meeting at Gedling BC regarding Parish Aid. A report had been written for Councillors.
- 11.2 The Parish Plan has been successfully launched.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 Anthony Clarke has mended the pump and cleaned out the water butt.
- 12.2 The Clerk has written to the Thorpe family regarding the bench but there has been no reply to date. The Clerk would write again and a visit from the Chairman may have to be arranged.
- 12.3 The lock on the door to the Mortuary Chapel needs to be replaced and the door either repaired or replaced. Repairs to the main gate need to be done.
- 12.4 The quotation from Geo. Hanson for a path to the front of the cemetery would be discussed at the next meeting.
- 13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 13.1 The Chairman had no urgent matters to place before councillors.
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.