

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 7th October 2009.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, and T. Sabin.

Borough Councillor P. Andrews, Darren Gilder (GBC) and twelve members of the public were also in attendance.
Mick Leivers of RCAN gave a brief up-date on the proposed projects for the North-east tip.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, S. Gascoigne and V. Leivers-Millership (family commitment).
County Councillor Chris Barnfather also sent apologies.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared at this time.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2009.** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Council agreed to adjourn the meeting so that members of the public could discuss parish matters with councillors.

Concerns were expressed by residents over the proposals for a multi use games area to be located adjacent to the Welfare. The views expressed were that it would be too close to properties on Fraser Street and Webb Street and it was felt that residents had not been sufficiently consulted. It would constitute an eyesore and could possibly lead to an increase in anti social behaviour. After a lengthy discussion the Council agreed to organise a meeting with residents and the police so that further consultation could take place.

It was stated that the planning application was not on the GBC website.

Concerns were expressed over loose dogs in the village. This followed a report published in the Hucknall Dispatch. As the Chairman had been quoted in the newspaper report it was agreed that Cllr. Mrs Sabin would take the chair for this part of the meeting. It was stated that at least 2 people had been bitten but it was thought that the reports of major dog incidents in the village were exaggerated in their tone.

It was reported by a member of the public that a bench in the Cemetery and owned by the Parish Council was in a poor state of repair. It was agreed to inspect the bench and repair or remove.

It was agreed to replace the water butt in the Cemetery. The new one would have a lid.
It was agreed to spend £150 on miniature daffodil bulbs to be planted on the village green. The Clerk would organise.

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 31st March 2010. Cllr Burnham explained what is necessary to get the project moving. Volunteers are needed to cut down the existing vegetation and Mick Leivers and his group are willing to help. A site meeting would be organised by Cllr. Burnham with all interested parties.
 - 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. As this has gone on so long with little progress, the Council agreed to wait and see what happens.

- 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. This item would be discharged.
- 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. The Council agreed not to further this project as it was thought to be expensive and unnecessary.
- 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. The Council agreed not to pursue this group any further.
- 5.11 Darren Gilder thought that the accumulation of litter outside the shop had lessened.
- 5.12 The problem of parked cars along Station Avenue during sporting events had lessened.
- 5.13 Gedling BC has re-sprayed Japanese Knotweed in the previously treated areas.
- 5.14 Darren Gilder would inform Gedling BC regarding the broken fencing on Station Avenue.
- 5.15 Notts CC will trial new secured grit bins in Newstead. These should be installed October/November.
- 5.16 The Council agreed to ask the County Council to install temporary interactive speed signs on Hucknall Road between the bus stops and the cemetery.
- 5.17 The police are aware of the parking of HGVs on roads within the village and warnings have been given.
- 5.18 The white lines at the junction of Musters Road and Markham Street have not been repainting. Ian Parker would be contacted.
- 5.19 Trees are overhanging Hucknall Road. The Forestry Commission would be informed.
- 5.20 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 again as this is a potential hazard.
- 5.20 The hedge at the front of 22/24 Livingstone Street has been cut back.
- 5.21 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.
- 5.22 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.
- 5.23 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 again.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

Gedling BC	5946.00	Precept 50%
Gedling BC	<u>2039.00</u>	Revenue Grant 25%
	<u>7985.00</u>	

Payments.

000664 J.A. Chisholm	282.73	Clerk's salary (September)
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000665 Inland Revenue	70.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (September)	
000666 P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (September)	
000667 NMWCC	34.50 Room hire	
000668 Mrs L. Flanders	28.95 Expenses from Parish Plan launch	
000669 NMWCC	48.30 Repair to notice board	
000670 Clarke's Cemetery Services	440.00 Maintenance contract (September)	
000671 Portland College	867.60 Printing of Parish Plan	
000672 Newstead Primary School	350.00 Donation to DARE project	
000673 J.A. Chisholm	48.47 Clerk's expenses	
	Postage	18.93
	Telephone rental	5.50
	Telephone calls	12.88
	Mileage	<u>11.16</u>
		<u>48.47</u>
	<u>2196.15</u>	

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
6.2 The Council ratified the donation to Newstead Primary School.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 It was reported that the hedge between the small allotments on Tilford Road is over grown. Notts CC Education department would be contacted.
7.2 Two wreaths would be purchased for Remembrance Sunday.
7.3 A complaint regarding dog noise and excessive rubbish in the yard was made about 55 Tilford Road. Darren Gilder would be informed.
7.4 A flying skip has been arranged for Saturday 24th October. Residents would be leafleted.
7.5 Fly tipping was reported in the cemetery car park and on the path between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way.
7.6 The wooden post barrier to the Forestry Commission land has been damaged so allowing vehicle access.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 No items were brought to the attention of the Council.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 Correspondence was dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 2009/0784 Newstead Children's Centre, Tilford Road
Multi use games area

Although members of the Parish Council continue to support this application in principle, several residents attended the meeting to express forcefully their opposition to this application. The residents concerned live in close proximity to the proposed location and the main thrust of their objections was that it would be too close to their properties, it would be an eyesore, and there was a possibility that there would be an increase in anti-social behaviour as the facility would be unsupervised. This could lead to an increase in vandalism. Residents felt that the MUGA would only duplicate existing amenities. The Parish Council does not share the views that were expressed at the meeting but asked residents to write to Gedling BC Planning department.

- 10.2 2009/0797 Newstead Abbey.

Fire protection works (Phase 2)

This application was discussed and the Parish Council raised no objections.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 The Chairman reported on the Youth Club Management Committee meeting. Few children are attending as they consider it boring and with little to do. Volunteers are needed to fill positions on the management committee and to train as youth workers. A visit to Annesley Youth Club was suggested.

12. Cemetery issues.

- 12.1 It was agreed not to go ahead with a path to the front of the cemetery. Geo Hanson would be thanked for the quotation.
- 12.2 The Clerk has received no reply from the Thorpe family regarding the bench. The Chairman would arrange to visit.
- 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. This remains on-going.
- 12.4 The Council explained its position over moles in the cemetery. There would be no action taken which would harm the moles. It was agreed to investigate the purchase of mole bulbs which act as a deterrent with no harmful effects to living creatures.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 13.1 The Chairman suggested a meeting with representatives from Trent Barton to discuss the re-introduction of a bus service to the bottom of Tilford Road.
- 13.2 Cllr. Mrs Andrews drew to the attention of councillors a fund of money for environmental improvements. The fund is called Public realm works.

- 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 11th November 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.