

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 11th November 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, County Councillor Chris Barnfather and seven members of the public were also in attendance.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. V. Leivers-Millership (family commitment).
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr. Sabin declared an interest in the correspondence from the Newstead Action Group re. donation.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th October 2009.** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
- 5.1 The bench owned by the Parish Council in the Cemetery has been inspected and found to be beyond repair. The Council agreed to remove it.
- 5.2 It was agreed to accept Anthony Clarke's quotation of £135 to replace the water butt in the Cemetery.
- 5.3 Miniature daffodil bulbs and crocuses have been planted around the Genotaph on the village green at a cost of £185. The Council agreed to this expenditure.
- 5.4 A site meeting at Hopping Hill had taken place between councillors and Nick Crouch, Paul Bini and Mick Leivers and the project is now moving forward.
- 5.5 Gedling BC has provided a larger bin in the Cemetery car park.
- 5.6 The County Council has cut back the vegetation which is narrowing the pavement on Hucknall Road as requested by the Parish Council.
- 5.7 The decorative panels for the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace have been made and are being stored at Cornerstone House and still await installation.
- 5.8 The Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) will be presented to the Planning Committee at Gedling BC on Wednesday 18th November 2009.
- 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 Darren Gilder would be contacted re. an increase in the accumulation of litter outside the shop.
- 5.11 The broken fencing on Station Avenue has been removed but not yet replaced.
- 5.12 Notts CC has not yet installed new secured grit bins in Newstead. The Clerk would ask Highways for an installation date.
- 5.13 The Council's request for the installation of temporary interactive speed signs on Hucknall Road between the bus stops and the cemetery has been added to a list by the County Council Highways department.
- 5.14 The police are aware of the parking of HGVs on roads within the village and warnings have been given but there has been little improvement
- 5.15 The white lines at the junction of Musters Road and Markham Street have been repainted.
- 5.16 Trees are overhanging Hucknall Road. The Forestry Commission would be informed again.
- 5.17 It was reported that overgrown vegetation is obstructing the view of drivers on the bend at the skate park on Hucknall Road. Gedling BC would be contacted as this is a potential hazard.
- 5.18 There is an accumulation of litter on the service road to Tilford Road. This would be reported to Gedling BC.

- 5.19 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.
- 5.20 The owners of Poet's Corner have block paved the drive leaving a gap between the property boundary and the Abbey Drive. Jerry Warnes has been contacted and is monitoring the situation.
- 5.21 It was reported that the hedge between the small allotments on Tilford Road is over grown. Notts CC Education department would be contacted.
- 5.22 Fly tipping has been reported in the cemetery car park and on the path between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way to Gedling BC.
- 5.23 The damaged wooden post barrier to the Forestry Commission land has been reported but no action has been taken by the land owners.
- 5.24 The Youth Club Management Committee would arrange a visit to Annesley Youth Club.
- 5.25 A meeting with representatives from Trent Barton to discuss the re-introduction of a bus service to the bottom of Tilford Road would be arranged. The Clerk would make contact.

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

It was reported that the leaves and moss on the cemetery drive needed to be swept up. Gedling BC would be asked for a quotation.

A complaint was made regarding the apparent lack of maintenance of the old cemetery. The Chairman explained that the policy of the council was to return the cemetery to meadow land. She also said that the removal of headstones would be expensive and could cause distress to some families. The council would discuss the future maintenance of the cemetery with the contractor.

An enquiry was made regarding the purchase of bulbs to deter moles in the new cemetery. It was agreed to purchase the bulbs as soon as possible.

6. Accounts

Receipts.

Bank interest (Bonus saver a/c)	1.74
Quarterly Bonus (Bonus saver a/c)	34.66
Bank interest (Reserve a/c)	0.15
HM revenue & Customs	<u>108.10</u>
	<u>144.65</u>

Payments.

000674 J.A. Chisholm	282.53	Clerk's salary (October)	
000675 Inland Revenue	70.80	Tax on Clerk's salary (October)	
000676 P.A. Wise	25.00	Chairman's expenses (October)	
000677 RCAN	13.25	Decorative panel spacers and bolts	
000678 Clarke's Cemetery Services	440.00	Maintenance contract (October)	
000679 GB Office Group	29.68	Diaries and printer paper	
000680 Halcyon Days	185.00	Supply and planting of bulbs at Cenotaph	000681 J.A.
Chisholm	37.16	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	8.61
		Telephone rental	5.50
		Telephone calls	9.60
		Mileage	<u>13.45</u>
			<u>37.16</u>
	<u>1083.42</u>		

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

- 6.2 The Council agreed to close the Reserve account and transfer the balance to the Bonus Saver account.
- 6.3 The Council agreed to donate £100 to the Newstead Action Group to help towards the costs of the Christmas Fayre.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 It was reported that Gedling Homes inspectors would visit properties by mid December. It was stated that the letter which had been received by residents was a little vague regarding dates and times.
- 7.2 It was thought that there should be a change of name for the Hopping Hill project to avoid confusion. The name suggested was the Hopping Hill Field project.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 There has been an increase in fly tipping at Copse Close. The Woodland Trust would be informed.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 Most items of correspondence were dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.
- 9.2 A letter of invitation to a meeting of the Gedling Play Partnership. Councillors received a copy.
- 9.3 The Chairman would attend the Notts. County Council and Parish and Town Council event on Thursday 10th December on behalf of the Council.
- 9.4 Representatives of the Council are invited to a meeting with RCAN re. the Annesley North east tip to be held on 10th December at 1.00pm.

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 2009/0923 Oak View Lodge Newstead Abbey Park
Demolish existing and erect replacement dwelling.
This application was discussed and the Parish Council raised no objections.
- 10.2 2009/0968 Unit 21 Newstead Industrial Park
Insertion of 6 windows in 1st floor front elevation.
This application was discussed and the Parish Council raised no objections.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 Cllr Burnham reported a meeting with Nick Crouch, Paul Bini and Mick Leivers regarding the Hopping Hill Field project. Fencing would be placed around the site and hedges laid. There would be a need for volunteers to help the project move forward.

12. Cemetery issues.

- 12.1 The Chairman has visited Mrs Thorpe re family bench in the cemetery but has not yet found her at home.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 The Council would purchase mole bulbs which act as a deterrent with no harmful effects to living creatures and assess their effectiveness.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 13.1 The Chairman informed the Council that funding has been sought which will fund a project manager for the development of the NE tip.
- 13.2 A visit to Annesley Youth Club by the Newstead YC management committee would be arranged.
- 13.3 The Chairman would arrange the lighting up of the Christmas tree. The school and Newstead Band would hopefully be able to attend.
- 13.4 There would be buffet provided at the close of the December meeting.

- 14. **Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd December 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.