

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 7th April 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, S. Gascoigne and V. Leivers-Millership.
Cllr. D. Adams took the chair.

Borough Councillor P. Andrews, PCSO Rachel Woodcock and colleague from the British Transport police and three members of the public were also in attendance.

Councillors expressed their concerns to Rachel and her colleague over the poor state of repair of the fencing along the railway especially on Livingstone Street. Concerns were also expressed over the irresponsible use of the level crossings by some road users. It was suggested that a more appropriate barrier would be a double gated crossing to prevent road users dodging round the barriers when in the down position. The crossing could be used more frequently in the future as the country park is developed.

The contact telephone number for Network Rail is 01332 442324 which is Derby Control.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. P.A. Wise (Chairman), Cllr. W. Evans and Cllr. T. Sabin.
3. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest were made.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2010.** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Vice - Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 The decorative panels for the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace are still awaiting installation.
 - 5.2 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. The Education Dept. at County Hall has confirmed that GBC is responsible for this area under licence to the County Council.
 - 5.3 The man with the barrow is working one day per week to keep the village tidy.
 - 5.4 The broken fencing on Station Avenue has been removed but not yet replaced. Darren Gilder is pursuing this matter with Leisure Services at GBC.
 - 5.5 Notts. CC has not yet installed new secured grit bins in Newstead. Darren Gilder is pursuing this matter.
 - 5.6 The trees overhanging Hucknall Road have been cut back.
 - 5.7 The vegetation on the bend at the skate park has been cut back on the village side of Hucknall Road. Concerns were expressed about the height of the vegetation on the Forestry Commission side. Ashfield DC has informed the Forestry Commission.
 - 5.8 Trent Barton has made no contact with the Parish Council despite several communications.
 - 5.9 The work to replace and paint the mortuary chapel door has been completed and a new lock has been supplied.

- 5.10 The accumulation of rubbish on the path between Tilford Road and Hazelford Way on the Ashfield DC side has been cleared.
- 5.11 Concerns had been expressed over the lack of maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. The Council was informed that the trees at the Ravenshead side had seen some work recently. Jerry Warnes would be asked if it was the intention of the Abbey to maintain the trees at the Newstead end to the same standard. A reply has not been received.
- 5.12 It was reported that the footpaths through the Abbey grounds were also in need of maintenance. Jerry Warnes and Notts. County Council would be contacted. A reply has not been received.
- 5.13 Darren Gilder had met with residents of Chatsworth Terrace regarding their complaints.
- 5.14 The problem of buzzing sounds at night persists. Residents are asked to identify the sources and inform the Parish Council.
- 5.15 Anthony Clarke has mended the pump in the cemetery.
- 5.16 Six litter signs have been purchased and will be fitted in the cemetery car park.
- 5.17 Three watering cans have been placed in the cemetery. They have been marked as the property of Newstead Parish Council.

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

A resident asked for the reason why the bench in memory of Cllr. Len Turton had been removed from the cemetery. He was informed that it was beyond repair but the brass plate was in the possession of the Clerk. The possibility of a replacement bench would be discussed by the Parish Council at a later date.

6. Accounts for March 2010.

Receipts.

Co-op Funeralcare	<u>160.00</u> Funeral
	<u>160.00</u> 2009/2010
Gedling BC	157.68 Capital aid
GW Funeral Services	<u>437.50</u> Interment of ashes
	<u>595.18</u>

Payments.

000717 Newstead Parochial Church Council	<u>120.00</u> Donation to Easter Fayre
	<u>120.00</u>
000718 J.A. Chisholm	286.28 Clerk's salary (March)
000719 HMRC	71.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (March)
000720 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (March)
000721 Gedling BC	161.84 Business rates for cemetery
000722 NALC	13.50 Local Council Review x 4
000723 Clarke's Cemetery Services	205.00 Double grave and interment of ashes
000724 Aon Limited	792.47 Annual Council insurance premium
000725 J.A. Chisholm	41.97 Clerk's expenses
	Postage 12.21
	Telephone rental 5.50

Telephone calls	12.24
Mileage	<u>12.02</u>
	<u>41.97</u>

1597.66

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 Brambles encroaching on to Station Avenue and the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces is very proud. Gedling BC would be informed.
- 7.2 There is an accumulation of rubbish in gardens around the village including several large items. Darren Gilder would be informed.
- 7.3 There are drainage problems on Hucknall Road between the cemetery and the traffic lights. It was suggested that silted up drains may be the cause.
- 7.4 It was reported that there was an increase in speeding traffic within the 30mph limit on Hucknall Road.
- 7.5 It was reported that there had been several complaints regarding letters being opened before delivery and contents removed. Residents are advised to report these incidents to the Royal Mail and the police.
- 7.6 The Clerk reported the provision of a notice board and bench for the village green by the County Council.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 The pot holes at the Newstead end of the Abbey Drive are to be filled in soon.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 Most items of correspondence were dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.
- 9.2 A request for a visit by members of the Standards Committee had been received. The June meeting was suggested.
- 9.3 It was agreed not to enter the best kept village competition 2010.
- 9.4 The provision of a storage container on the cricket ground would be discussed when the planning application was received.
- 9.5 No councillors wished to attend the annual County Council Civic Service.
- 9.6 It was agreed to set aside £925 to underwrite the expected deficit in the funding for the MUGA.

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 There were no planning applications.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 The Clerk reported on the most recent Future Newstead meeting. The Minutes of this meeting would be available soon.

12. Cemetery issues.

- 12.1 The Clerk would produce an Action Plan for the cemetery extension.

12.2 A resident had complained to the contractors about the leaves in the cemetery. It was agreed that a notice to explain the complaints procedure would be placed on the notice board.

13. Items that the Vice-Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 There were no urgent items.

14. Closure and date of next meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th May 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting commencing at 7.00pm.