

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 8th December 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, P. Burnham, W. Evans, and T. Sabin. Thirteen members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. J. Booth and Borough Councillor P. Andrews.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2010.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 Quotes would be sought for the painting of the decorative panels in the village. No reply from GBC to date.
 - 5.2 GBC will erect barriers on the path in the children's play area to create a chicane. This is on-going.
 - 5.3 The broken fencing on Station Avenue has still to be replaced by GBC.
 - 5.4 4 grit bins have been purchased from Notts. CC. The preferred locations, namely the top and bottom of Musters Road, the junction of Webb Street/Abbey Road and the corner of Fairfield Drive and High Leys Drive have been approved by Highways South.
 - 5.5 The Forestry Commission will cut back the vegetation on the bend at the skate park in the Spring.
 - 5.6 No action has been taken concerning the maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. The Abbey authority claims financial constraints. The Portfolio holder would be contacted again.
 - 5.7 GBC would be pressed over the work to level the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces on Station Avenue.
 - 5.8 The Environment Agency will inspect the drainage problems on Hucknall Road between the cemetery and the traffic lights.
 - 5.9 Speeding traffic on Hucknall Road and Tilford Road will be an agenda item for the January meeting.
 - 5.10 The pothole near to bus stop on the Kirkby side of Hucknall Road has been filled in.
 - 5.11 Councillor Burnham has provided a list of street nameplates which are in need of cleaning and the information has been sent to GBC.
 - 5.12 Designs for a new village sign were discussed at the start of the meeting and a decision made. The designs will be displayed at the Christmas tree lighting up event on 9th December.
 - 5.13 A list of groups in the village and contact details has been completed but there are still some amendments to be made.
 - 5.14 The Chairman reported a solution to the drain smells experienced by residents when cold water was run from domestic taps at properties on Tilford Road, Fraser Street, The Quadrangle, Byron Street and Chapel Terrace. There has been some deterioration in this situation. The Environment Agency has been informed.
 - 5.15 A meeting with PCT representatives and the Parish Council regarding the Nurse Practitioner situation will be discussed at the December meeting with a possible visit to the Council meeting in January.
 - 5.16 Councillor Burnham had met with representatives of Network Rail on Tuesday 12th October. His report had been issued to councillors with the minutes. This is on-going.
 - 5.17 Further concerns were expressed over the amount of empty properties in the Abbey and the dilapidated state of some of them. Councillor A. Clark Portfolio holder at the City Council would be contacted again. There has been no reply to date.
 - 5.18 Cllr. Burnham withdrew his request for £200 for the mowing of Newstead Meadow.
The Council agreed to adjourn the meeting so that parishioners could discuss parish matters with councillors.

It was reported that fly tipping had occurred on Hucknall Road. Darren Gilder was already aware.

The Hucknall Dispatch was thanked for the excellent piece on the recent vandalism and drinking problem in the cemetery car park

6. **Accounts for November 2010.**

Receipts.

WREN
HMRC

27350.50 Payment for MUGA
5060.26 Repayment of VAT

32410.76

Payments.

000777 J.A. Chisholm	286.28 Clerk's salary (November)	
000778 HMRC	71.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (November)	
000779 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (November)	
000780 Nelsons Solicitors	1445.84 Legal fees	
000781 Newstead Centre	35.26 Room hire	
000782 Safe & Sound Play Equipment	32136.84 MUGA payment	
000783 Elveden Farms Ltd	350.74 Christmas tree	
000784 GB Office Group Ltd	19.38 Stationery	
000785 Soc. of Local Council Clerks	95.00 Annual subscription	
000786 HMRC	200.00 Tax adjustment	
000787 Newstead Centre	35.26 Room hire	
000788 Clarke's Cemetery Services	130.00 Various minor items	
000789 J.A. Chisholm	83.05 Clerk's expenses	
	Postage	16.11
	Telephone rental	5.50
	Telephone calls	10.26
	Mileage	24.04
	Wine for buffet	<u>27.14</u>
		<u>83.05</u>

34914.25

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 The lighting of the Christmas tree would take place on Thursday 9th December at 6.30pm. Children from the school and the Newstead Band would be involved. Paddy Tipping would switch on the lights.

7.2 Several complaints had been received by councillors re. the lack of gritting in the village.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 The Clerk was asked to enquire of the City Council why no replies to Council letters had been received.

9. Correspondence.

9.1 Most correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate part of the agenda.

9.2 Email from Mr James Earwaker offering to cut down overgrown vegetation on Forestry Commission land free of charge. He was asked to contact the Forestry Commission.

9.3 Email from Mr Michael Green re. grave maintenance in the old cemetery under the Harry German Trust. The graves would be identified when the weather improves.

9.4 Letter from Mr M. Shelton re. grave purchase in the cemetery. This request would be considered at the January meeting.

9.5 Email from Andrea Sharp re. use of MUGA. She would be asked to speak to the Chairman.

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 No planning applications had been received.

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 The Chairman and Cllr. Burnham reported on an extraordinary meeting of Future Newstead. Mick Leivers was agreed as Chairman, Paul Bateman as Vice Chairman and Dave Carless as Treasurer.

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 The Clerk would produce an Action Plan for the cemetery extension. This is on-going.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 It was agreed that the Council would write to the PCT objecting to the Walk in Centre at Kirkby.

14. **Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th January 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.