

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 3rd February 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, S. Gascoigne, V. Leivers-Millership and T. Sabin.

Borough Councillor P. Andrews and three members of the public were also in attendance.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. D. Adams (Vice-Chairman) and B. Blood.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2009.** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
No meeting was held in January 2010 owing to adverse weather conditions.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 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.
 - 5.2 Conditional planning permission has been granted for the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) by Gedling BC and funding has been received.
 - 5.3 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. This remains on-going.
 - 5.4 Darren Gilder would be contacted over the increase of litter outside the shop.
 - 5.5 The broken fencing on Station Avenue has been removed but not yet replaced.
 - 5.6 Notts CC has not yet installed new secured grit bins in Newstead. Darren Gilder would contact Nick Clark at NCC Highways.
 - 5.7 Some of the trees overhanging Hucknall Road have been cut back but some have been left. The Forestry Commission will be informed.
 - 5.8 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 would be informed.
 - 5.9 The owners of Poet's Corner have block paved the drive leaving a gap between the property boundary and the Abbey Drive. Jerry Warnes continues to monitor the situation.
 - 5.10 The damaged wooden post barrier to the Forestry Commission land has been repaired.
 - 5.11 Mick Leivers has visited Annesley Youth Club.
 - 5.12 A meeting with representatives from Trent Barton to discuss the re-introduction of a bus service to the bottom of Tilford Road has still to be arranged.
 - 5.13 The rubbish in the yard at 55 Tilford Road is still there. There has been a problem with the family dog. Darren Gilder would be contacted.
 - 5.14 The fences between Livingstone Street and the railway are in need of repair. It would seem that Network Rail is the owner of the fences and would be informed of the problem. Gedling BC would also be informed. A PCSO from the British Transport Police has asked to visit the April meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk would contact her.

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

It was reported that there was a lot of mole activity in the cemetery and the adjacent woodland.

Cllr. Mrs Andrews had met with Alison Bennett (Strategic Housing Manager) of Gedling BC re. Public Realm Works 2009/10 and 2010/11. An agreement between Gedling BC and Gedling Homes would make available £550,000 each year for five years. This funding is for the improvement of the housing stock both public and private, and the adjacent environment. For this year £70,000 has been made available for Newstead and this will be used to up-date the rows area. Gedling Homes own 65 houses in the village.

It was suggested that new house building in the village could encourage the growth of other amenities such as shops etc. Councillors were asked to identify potential building land in and around the village.

6. Accounts for December 2009.

Receipts.

Bank interest Reserve a/c	0.10
Bank interest Bonus saver a/c	1.79
Quarterly bonus	<u>35.78</u>
	<u>37.67</u>

Payments.

000692 J.A. Chisholm	286.28	Clerk's salary (December)	
000693 Inland Revenue		71.60	Tax on Clerk's salary (December)
000694 Mrs P.A. Wise	48.00	Chairman's expenses (December)	
000695 LexisNexis Publishers		59.05	Local Government Administration
000696 Mrs P.A. Wise		27.46	Refreshments Christmas tree lighting
000697 Elveden Farms Ltd		43.19	VAT payment on Christmas tree
000698 NMWCC		34.50	Room hire
000699 NMWCC		175.95	Christmas buffet plus room hire
000700 NMWCC		159.98	Refreshments Parish Plan meeting/leaflets
000701 J.A. Chisholm	39.47	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	14.81
		Telephone rental	5.50
		Telephone calls	8.35
		Mileage	<u>10.81</u>
			<u>39.47</u>
000702 Newstead Youth Club	<u>30.00</u>		
	<u>975.48</u>		

Accounts for January 2010.

Receipts.

There were no receipts received during January.

Payments.

000703 J.A.Chisholm	286.28	Clerk's salary (January)	
000704 HMRC		71.60	Tax on salary (January)
000705 Mrs P.A.Wise	25.00	Chairman's expenses (January)	
000706 NMWCC		64.26	Repairs to Christmas lights
000707 J.A.Chisholm	33.30	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	6.00
		Tele.rental	5.50
		Tele.calls	9.50
		Mileage	<u>12.30</u>
			<u>33.30</u>

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 The Clerk presented the budget for 2010/2011 which was agreed by the Council.
- 6.3 The Precept for 2010/2011 was agreed at £12248.76

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 The Council was informed that Capital Aid was available but this must be spent before March 31st. Various environmental schemes were discussed and it was agreed to seek quotes for the repair of the mortuary chapel door and the repairs to the stonework of gates to the old cemetery.
- 7.2 It was reported that lamp no.2 on Fraser Street was not functioning.
- 7.3 An accumulation of rubbish was reported on the path between Tilford Road and Hazelford Way on the Ashfield DC side.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 Concerns were expressed over the lack of maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. Jerry Warnes would be contacted.
- 8.2 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.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 Most items of correspondence were dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.
- 9.2 An invitation to councillors to take part in an on-line survey regarding transport strategy.
- 9.3 A proposal for changes to the junction of Hucknall Road and the A611.

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 2009/1023 8 High Leys Drive, Priory Wood.
Erect extension to existing garage, and alterations to boundary wall.
The Council raised no objections.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 Cllr Burnham reported on progress at Hopping Hill Field. Hedges have been laid, grass has been cut, and a wildlife refuge completed.
- 11.2 A report of the County Council/Parish Councils meeting held in December was given. Councillors had received a copy of the minutes of this meeting.
- 11.3 Concerns were expressed over the over emphasis of the Annesley and Newstead Country Park project at Future Newstead meetings which was originally set up to formulate and deliver the Parish Plan. The Council suggested that separate meetings could be arranged. Councillors expressed the view that the name Future Newstead and a pit wheel logo was a contradiction in terms.

12. Cemetery issues.

- 12.1 The lock on the main cemetery gates has been broken. Anthony Clarke will replace the lock.
- 12.2 The Clerk would produce an Action Plan for the cemetery extension.
- 12.3 It was suggested that a notice informing the public of the commencement of grass cutting should be placed on the cemetery notice board so that Christmas wreaths etc can be removed.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 13.1 The Chairman had no urgent items.

- 14. **Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.11pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd March 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.