

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 7th July 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), J. Booth, S. Gascoigne and T. Sabin. Three members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. B. Blood, P. Burnham, W. Evans, V. Leivers-Millership and Borough Councillor P. Andrews.
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Mrs Sabin declared an interest in correspondence from Newstead Church.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June 2010.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 Anthony Clarke would be asked to install the decorative panels for the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace as soon as possible.
 - 5.2 A reply to the request for a safety surface to be laid on the footpath in the small play area next to the school has been received from Gedling BC. GBC would erect barriers on the path to create a chicane. GBC would be informed that members considered the slide unsafe for younger children.
 - 5.3 The broken fencing on Station Avenue has been removed but not yet replaced. Darren Gilder is pursuing this matter with Leisure Services at GBC. GBC would be informed that the wooden fencing on the recreation ground was broken.
 - 5.4 Notts. CC will allow Parish Councils to purchase extra grit bins and the County will replenish them. Cllr Mrs Sabin would find out the cost of the bins. Locations would be on Musters Road and Webb Street/Abbey Road.
 - 5.5 Ashfield DC has asked the Forestry Commission to cut back the vegetation on the bend at the skate park. The Clerk was asked to chase up this item.
 - 5.6 Trent Barton has made no contact with the Parish Council despite several communications. The Clerk would chase up this item. The phone number for the company was requested by the Chairman.
 - 5.7 Concerns had been expressed over the lack of maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. Jerry Warnes been asked for a report on any maintenance done in recent weeks. The reply was found to be unacceptable and the portfolio holder would be contacted.
 - 5.8 The problem of buzzing sounds has diminished during the past few weeks.
 - 5.9 No work to level the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces on Station Avenue has been done. Direct Services at GBC would be contacted.
 - 5.10 There is an accumulation of rubbish in gardens around the village including several large items. Darren Gilder and environmental health at GBC have been informed.
 - 5.11 There are drainage problems on Hucknall Road between the cemetery and the traffic lights. County Highways have been informed.
 - 5.12 It was reported that there was an increase in speeding traffic within the 30mph limit on Hucknall Road and Tilford Road. A site meeting with Ian Parker would be arranged.

- 5.13 The large pothole near to bus stop on the Kirkby side of Hucknall Road has not been repaired. ADC would be informed.
- 5.14 The Japanese knotweed at the cemetery car park and to the rear of Fraser Street has been treated.
- 5.15 Street names and road traffic signs are in need of cleaning. Councillors would supply information to the Clerk.
- 5.16 Quotations for new village signs had been received. Councillors decided to ask for designs from residents and the children of the local school. It was suggested that the Council could donate a money prize to the best design
- 5.17 The Chairman had contacted Future Newstead for a list of groups in the village and contact details but these are still awaited.
- 5.18 Gedling Homes has replied to the Council's concerns regarding the increasing number of complaints from residents re. repairs to windows and roofs.
- 5.19 It was reported that the Woodland Trust had served an injunction on a resident in the Priory Wood area giving him 28 days to remove rubbish from Woodland Trust land. If the rubbish was not moved in that time it would be returned to his garden. This remains ongoing.
- 5.20 The Chairman reported drain smells when cold water was run from domestic taps at properties on Tilford Road, Fraser Street, The Quadrangle, Byron Street and Chapel Terrace. It was agreed to ask residents for information through the next newsletter.
- 5.21 The Chairman informed the Council that a resident had expressed an interest in the mortuary chapel. One idea was to set up a mining museum after refurbishment of the building. The Clerk holds the key for the main chapel doors. No further contact has been made to date.

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

No issues were raised at this time.

A resident asked if the black lidded wheelie bins were being emptied each week. This was confirmed.

6. Accounts for June 2010.

Receipts.

GW Funeral Services	<u>1050.00</u> Interment
	<u>1050.00</u>

Payments.

000740 J.A. Chisholm	286.28 Clerk's salary (June)	
000741 HMRC	71.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (June)	
000742 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (June)	
Transfer to Bonus Saver a/c	25000.00	
000743 Clarke's Cemetery Services	670.00 Maintenance contract plus interment	
000744 Newstead Centre	17.63 Room hire	
000745 Helen Carrington	185.00 Internal audit fee	
000746 J.A. Chisholm	286.28 Clerk's salary (July)	
000747 HMRC	71.60 Tax on salary (July)	
000748 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (July)	
000749 J.A. Chisholm	145.77 Clerk's expenses	
	Postage	14.75
	Telephone rental	5.50

Telephone calls	12.56
Mileage	24.04
Printer ink	<u>88.92</u>
	<u>145.77</u>

000750 Newstead PCC 200.00 Donation to Summer Fayre

26984.16

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 Five councillors and the Clerk signed a new bank mandate as cheque signatories.
- 7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**
- 7.1 It was reported that there was an excessive amount of gravel/mud on Annesley Cutting at Post Office corner. ADC would be informed.
- 8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**
- 8.1 No issues were raised.
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 Most items of correspondence were dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.
- 9.2 The PCT has requested that representatives visit the Parish Council regarding the Nurse Practitioner situation. The Clerk would supply dates.
- 9.3 It was hoped that construction of the MUGA would take place over the next three weeks. The official opening by Mark Spencer MP is planned for Saturday 21st August.
- 9.4 The Council agreed to make a donation of £200 to the Summer Fayre being run by the Church.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 There were no planning applications.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 The Chairman reported on the Youth Club.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 The Clerk would produce an Action Plan for the cemetery extension. This is on-going.
- 12.2 The quote for a survey of the cemetery by Survey Three was accepted. The results of the survey would be as a paper plan and on a computer disc. There would be an annual review.
- 12.3 Mr Richard Spray offered his services to computerise the information which was accepted by the Council.
- 12.4 Anthony Clarke will top up and seed graves where necessary as soon as possible.
- 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 9.30pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th September 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.