

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre on Wednesday 5th May 2010.

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, three members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Darren Gilder.

3. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest were made.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th April 2010.** The Minutes of the Parish Council 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.
- 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. GBC is responsible for this area under licence to the County Council.
- 5.3 John Tatton, 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 removed the grit bins in Newstead. They will be re-installed by next winter.
- 5.6 Ashfield DC has asked the Forestry Commission to cut back the vegetation on the bend at the skate park.
- 5.7 Trent Barton has made no contact with the Parish Council despite several communications. The Chairman will telephone.
- 5.8 Concerns had been expressed over the lack of maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. Jerry Warnes would be asked for a report on any maintenance done in recent weeks.
- 5.9 It was reported that the footpaths through the Abbey grounds were also in need of maintenance. Notts. County Council would be contacted.
- 5.10 The problem of buzzing sounds at night persists. It was suggested that this could be coming from the building site at the former Annesley Colliery. Darren Gilder and Ashfield DC would be informed.
- 5.11 Brambles encroaching on to Station Avenue and the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces is very proud. Gedling BC would be informed.
- 5.12 There is an accumulation of rubbish in gardens around the village including several large items. Darren Gilder would be informed.
- 5.13 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. Gedling BC would be informed.
- 5.14 It was reported that there was an increase in speeding traffic within the 30mph limit on Hucknall Road and Tilford Road. It was also reported that there had been several instances of inconsiderate parking in the village. The Police and Notts. CC would be informed.

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

It was reported that the mole bulbs appeared to be working as there had been decreased mole activity in the cemetery.

A large pothole had appeared near to bus stop on the Kirkby side of Hucknall Road.

6. Accounts for April 2010.

Receipts.

GW Funeral Services	437.50	Interment of ashes
GW Funeral Services	1050.00	Funeral
Gedling BC	995.18	Capital Aid
Gedling BC	12249.00	Precept
Gedling BC	8156.00	Revenue Grant
AW Lymn	<u>150.00</u>	Memorial stone (2 cheques)
	<u>23037.68</u>	

Payments.

000726 J.A. Chisholm	286.48	Clerk's salary (April)
000727 HMRC	71.40	Tax on Clerk's salary (April)
000728 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00	Chairman's expenses (April)
000729 Geo.Hanson & Sons	1169.35	Repairs to Mortuary Chapel
000702 Newstead Youth Club	30.00	Donation from 2009/2010
000730 Vista Signs	106.46	Litter signs
000731 Clarke's Cemetery Services	720.00	Maintenance contract plus other items
000732 Clarke's Cemetery Services	70.00	Repairs to old cemetery gates.
000733 J.A. Chisholm	108.72	Clerk's expenses
		Postage 16.11
		Telephone rental 5.50
		Telephone calls 10.34
		Mileage 12.02
		Printer ink 49.85
		Plant <u>14.90</u>
		<u>108.72</u>

2587.41

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
6.2 The Council agreed to transfer £25000 from the Current account to the Bonus Saver account.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 It was reported that the fencing on Hucknall Road is in need of repair. The Clerk would contact Marshalls at Barrack Farm, Papplewick.
7.2 There is growth of Japanese knotweed at the cemetery car park. Gedling BC would be informed.
7.3 Lamp 1 on the footpath from Chapel Terrace to Hazelford Way is not working. Notts. CC Highways would be informed.
7.4 Street names and road traffic signs are in need of cleaning. Notts. CC Highways would be informed.
7.5 Councillors were asked to have a look at the new Linby village signs. A decision on whether to purchase new village signs for Newstead would be taken at the next meeting.

Mick Leivers was invited to speak about the Lottery presentation and progress in the Village SOS bid. He also wanted to clear the air over representation issues and topics to be discussed at Future Newstead meetings.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 No items were raised.

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. A list of dates has been sent to Gedling BC for consideration.

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 There were no planning applications.

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 The Chairman reported on the most recent Future Newstead meeting. The Minutes of this meeting would be available soon. It would be useful to have a list of groups in the village with contact details.

12. Cemetery issues.

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

12.2 Anthony Clarke would be asked to remove any remaining Christmas wreaths.

12.3 Anthony Clarke would be asked to top up sunken graves.

12.4 Gedling BC had not emptied the brown lidded bin.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 The Chairman reported drain smells when cold water was run from domestic taps at properties on Tilford Road, The Quadrangle, Byron Street and Chapel Terrace. It was agreed that Councillors would speak to residents to get a better picture of the problem. Severn Trent Water would then be asked to investigate and take any appropriate action.

13.2 It was reported that the level crossing barriers and warning lights had not operated recently but still allowed a train to cross Tilford Road. Network Rail would be informed.

14. Closure and date of next meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd June 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.