

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 6th October 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), J. Booth, B. Blood, P. Burnham, W. Evans, S. Gascoigne Borough Councillor P. Andrews, four members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs D. Adams (Vice-Chairman) and T. Sabin.
3. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest were made.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 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.
 - 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 Notts. CC will allow Parish Councils to purchase extra grit bins and the County will replenish them. Cllr Burnham would find out the cost of the bins. Locations would be on Musters Road and Webb Street/Abbey Road. This is on-going.
 - 5.5 The vegetation on the bend at the skate park is a hazard to motorists. Ashfield DC would be informed.
 - 5.6 No action has been taken concerning the maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. The Abbey authority claims financial constraints.
 - 5.7 GBC would be pressed over the work to level the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces on Station Avenue.
 - 5.8 There are drainage problems on Hucknall Road between the cemetery and the traffic lights. County Highways have been informed. The Environment Agency would also be informed.
 - 5.9 A site meeting with Ian Parker would be arranged to discuss speeding traffic on Hucknall Road and Tilford Road.
 - 5.10 The large pothole near to bus stop on the Kirkby side of Hucknall Road has not been repaired. ADC would be informed.
 - 5.11 Councillor Burnham would provide a list of street nameplates which are in need of cleaning. The information would be sent to GBC
 - 5.12 Designs for a new village sign would be discussed at the next meeting. Letters of thanks would be sent to the school and the youth club.
 - 5.13 Jenny Kirkwood would be contacted for a list of groups in the village and contact details.
 - 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 no change to this situation.

- 5.15 A meeting with PCT representatives and the Parish Council regarding the Nurse Practitioner situation has still to be arranged. The Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Andrews are pushing this with GBC. This remains ongoing.
- 5.16 The fencing for the MUGA has been put up. The tarmac has been inspected and found to be fit for purpose. It was hoped that the official opening could be by the end of October.
- 5.17 The large concrete blocks on the village green have been removed.
- 5.18 The Christmas tree has been ordered and will be delivered on the same day as the Linby tree possibly at the end of November. The Chairman would ask the caretaker to supervise the erection of the tree.
- 5.19 Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 14th November.
- 5.20 Councillor Burnham would meet with representatives of Network Rail on Tuesday 12th October. He would report back at the next meeting.

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

The Headstock event had been a great success.

6. Accounts for September 2010.

Receipts.

Ernest Smith stonemason	95.00	Permission for memorial stone
HM Revenue & Customs	<u>2298.41</u>	VAT repayment
	<u>2393.41</u>	

Payments.

000762 J.A. Chisholm	286.28	Clerk's salary (September)
000763 HMRC	71.60	Tax on Clerk's salary (September)
000764 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00	Chairman's expenses (September)
000765 Newstead Centre	70.52	Room hire x 2
000766 Clarke's Cemetery Services	520.00	Maintenance contract plus various small items
000767 J.A. Chisholm	67.87	Clerk's expenses
		Postage 30.03
		Telephone rental 5.50
		Telephone calls 8.30
		Mileage <u>24.04</u>
		<u>67.87</u>

1047.27

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 It was agreed to pay up to £800 to part fund the provision of a flying skip. GBC would pay £1000.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 A collapsed grate was reported on Chapel Terrace. GBC would be informed.
- 7.2 Councillor Burnham reported that he had information on how Newstead Meadow could be made into a nature reserve.

- 7.3 Notts. CC had investigated the recent closures of the youth club. It could open 4 times per week in the future.
- 7.4 It was suggested that there should be a family evening on the night of the Christmas tree lights switch on.
The Parish Council would fund the evening.
- 8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**
- 8.1 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 asked for the Council's strategy over these properties. Councillor Gascoigne would be the lead councillor.
- 8.2 The gullies on the side of the drive are becoming deeper so making access to some properties difficult. Councillor Gascoigne would follow this up.
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 All correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 2010/0617 Poets Corner, Station Avenue
Erection of wind turbine 15m high with 9.7m diameter rotor. Objections sent to GBC.
This application has been withdrawn.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 The Chairman reported on a meeting of Future Newstead.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 The Clerk would produce an Action Plan for the cemetery extension. This is on-going.
- 12.2 The quotation by Acorn Tree Services for £1380.00 to remove selected trees was accepted.
- 12.3 The quotation by Clarke's Cemetery Services for £95.00 to cut back shrubs to the rear of the cemetery was accepted.
- 12.4 The quotation by Clarke's Cemetery Services for £55.00 to remove all side shoots on trees was accepted.
- 12.5 The quotation by Clarke's Cemetery Services for £500.00 to remove spoil mound was accepted.
- 12.6 It was reported that an angel from the memorial to Lynsey Madeline Peach (plot 117) was missing. Mr Peach would be informed.
- 13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 13.1 The Chairman asked the Council to consider the application of double yellow lines between Fraser Street and the bottom of Tilford Road on the south side. Ian Parker would be invited to visit.
- The Chairman invited members of the public and the press to leave the meeting as the following items were deemed to be private and confidential.
- 14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 commencing at 7.00pm.