

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 7th December 2011.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, and P. Young.

Darren Gilder (GBC) and two members of the public were also in attendance.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. W. Evans, S. Gascoigne, T. Sabin, County Cllr C. Barnfather and Borough Cllr P. Andrews.

The Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Mrs T. Sabin with immediate effect.

3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 and the special planning meeting held on Wednesday 9th November.** The Minutes of the meetings were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

5.1 The painting of the replacement decorative panel on Chapel Terrace will be undertaken by GBC. This is on-going.

5.2 GBC (John Evens – Technical Services) is investigating the possibility of using Public Realm funding to repair the block paving close to the Post Office. This is on-going.

5.3 A quote for the removal of Japanese knotweed at the old cemetery had been received from GBC. **The Clerk would contact GBC re.the time scale necessary to eradicate JK.**

5.4 A quote for the cleaning and painting of the Mining Memorial Wheel had been received from GBC. **The Clerk would raise the question of ownership with GBC.**

5.5 Cllr Barnfather has arranged a meeting with the Highways manager Ian Parker re. flashing speed signs and drainage problems on Hucknall Road for Friday 9th December. Cllrs Burnham and Gascoigne would also attend.

5.6 Cllr Mrs Young would contact Rachel Dewsbury re. access cards to Newstead Abbey.

5.7 The flooding problem at Post Office corner at Annesley has been partially rectified. **The Clerk would contact Ashfield DC.**

5.8 It was agreed that the flooding on Hucknall Road close to the entrance to Hayes Farm and Woodside Cottage was not as bad.

5.9 There had been no reply from Royal Mail re. replacement post box for Abbey Road. **The Clerk would ask the MP for help.**

5.10 It was agreed to arrange the meeting with Messrs Spray re. the new cemetery plan and the website changes for the New Year.

5.11 The benches would be placed outside the Newstead Centre and on the triangle at Tilford Road. Notts. County Council would install.

5.12 Niki Pekal had made some progress re. 66 Tilford Road. She would keep up the pressure on the landlord.

5.13 The Chairman has contacted the Probation service re work in the old cemetery. This is on-going

5.14 The fence at Hopping Hill needs repairing and the grass needs cutting. **Councillor Burnham would organise with Paul Bini.**

5.15 Anthony Clarke has removed the composting bin from the cemetery.

5.16 The Remembrance Sunday service had been well attended. **The Clerk would contact the police with thanks for closing Tilford Road.**

5.17 A reply had been received re. development in the greenbelt. The Council was unhappy with the reply. **The Clerk would contact GBC Planning.**

- 5.18 The Chairman of Linby PC would invite councillors to attend meetings re. proposed development at Top Wighay in the New Year.
- 5.19 Cllr Mrs Young would represent the Council at the monthly meetings with Mark Spencer MP at the Under One Roof centre. The next meeting would be on Monday 16th January 2012 at 9.30 am.
- 5.20 The exposed metal spikes from the removed bench have been made safe.

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

Mr Paul Bateman explained the reasons for his email to the Council. Members agreed to look at ways of communicating better with residents.

It was suggested that the Council should hold a councillor surgery each month. This would be discussed at a later meeting.

Mr Jim Spray said that he had had discussion with Mark Spencer MP. He explained that GBC seemed to be adhering to the old housing targets regarding numbers of houses. This was not necessary under recent legislation.

The Clerk would contact the MP for an up-date.

6. Accounts for November 2011.

Receipts.

| | | |
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| Graham Ward Funeral Service | 100.00 | Interment of ashes |
| Co-op Funeralcare | 175.00 | Funeral |
| Quarterly bonus | 89.26 | Bonus Saver a/c |
| Interest | 4.46 | Bonus Saver a/c |
| The Harry German Trust | 516.84 | For maintenance of old cemetery |
| | 885.56 | |

Payments.

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|-------------------------------------|---------|--|-------|
| 000902 Acorn Tree Services | 2300.00 | Cemetery maintenance work | |
| 000903 Newstead PCC | 50.00 | Donation to Christmas Fayre | |
| 000904 J.A. Chisholm | 286.48 | Clerk's salary (November) | |
| 000905 HMRC | 71.40 | Tax on salary (November) | |
| 000906 Mrs P.A. Wise | 25.00 | Chairman's expenses (November) | |
| 000907 Newstead Centre | 36.00 | Room hire | |
| 000908 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 115.00 | Interment of ashes and non-contract work | |
| 000909 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 75.00 | Non-contract work | |
| 000910 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 160.00 | Funeral | |
| 000911 Soc. Of Local Council Clerks | 83.00 | Annual subscription | |
| 000912 J.A. Chisholm | 89.63 | Clerk's expenses | |
| | | Postage | 22.50 |
| | | Tele.rental | 5.50 |
| | | Tele calls | 12.85 |
| | | Mileage | 24.04 |
| | | Wine for reception | 24.74 |
| | | | 89.63 |
| | 3291.51 | | |

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 The Clerk would attend a meeting at GBC re. Parish Aid on Thursday 8th December 2011.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 GBC would be asked to sweep up the leaves from the pavements close to the school.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 The chevrons and signs in the Abbey Park remain in the same state. Lorries collecting sugar beet from farms are contributing to the break-up of the drive. **The Clerk would contact the Abbey administration.**
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 9.1 Most correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 9.2 Letter from GBC re. Parish Finance 2012/13. The Clerk would attend the meeting 8th December 2011.
- 9.3 Letter from GBC re planning consents.
- 9.4 Quotations from GBC. **The Clerk would seek further information from GBC.**
- 9.5 Information re. Localism Act 2011.
- 9.6 Letter from the Police re. Priority Setting meetings.
- 9.7 Severn Trent re new connections charges. **The Council would discuss at the January meeting.**
- 9.8 Letter from GBC re meeting to discuss Newstead Village Wednesday 14th December 2011.
- 9.9 Email from Mr Baguley re Pots Corner. **The Clerk would express the Council's dissatisfaction with the reply from Mr Baguley.**
- 9.10 Email from RCAN re OIL.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 There were no planning applications.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 There were no reports from external meetings.
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 There were no outstanding cemetery issues
- 13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 14.1 The lighting of the Christmas tree by the Mayor of Gedling would take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 8th December 2011.
- 14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.