

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 5th January 2011.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, and S. Gascoigne.
Borough Councillor P. Andrews and eleven members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr T. Sabin
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 2010.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman after the words ".....proposed closure of the Walk-in Centre....." were included in minute 13.1.

The Chairman introduced Zoe Ball, the Head of Patient and Public Involvement at NHS Nottinghamshire County. She gave an explanation of the PCT rationale regarding the public consultation on the future of the Kirkby Walk-in Centre. She also explained the situation regarding the nurse practitioner service in Newstead.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- 5.1 Quotes would be sought for the painting of the decorative panels in the village. No reply from GBC to date.
- 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 The Clerk would contact Highways regarding the 4 grit bins purchased by the Parish Council which have not been installed. Salt/grit had not been delivered to Newstead Centre.
- 5.5 No action has been taken concerning the maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. The Abbey authority claims financial constraints. The Portfolio holder would be contacted again.
- 5.6 GBC would be pressed over the work to level the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces on Station Avenue.
- 5.7 The Environment Agency would be contacted re. the drainage problems on Hucknall Road between the cemetery and the traffic lights. Annesley PC would be contacted re. the recent problems at Post Office corner at Annesley Village.
- 5.8 Cllr Barnfather would be asked to support the Parish Council to have flashing speed signs installed on Hucknall Road and Tilford Road.
- 5.9 Ashfield DC would be contacted re. the pothole near to bus stop on the Kirkby side of Hucknall Road. The drain cover is now higher than the hole.
- 5.10 Designs for a new village sign has been given to Richard Spray.
- 5.11 The drain smells experienced by some residents should be reported individually to the Environment Agency.
- 5.12 Councillor Burnham will continue to represent the Council's views with Network Rail if and when necessary.
- 5.13 The Parish Council would wait three months before highlighting again its concerns over the amount of empty properties in the Abbey and the dilapidated state of some of them. There has been no reply to previous communications to date.

5.14 The Chairman reported that the Christmas tree lighting went very well.

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

A resident informed the Council that there was a problem of missing items of mail. The Clerk would contact the Royal Mail sorting office at Hucknall.

The Council was asked what was its position regarding the closure of Newstead Abbey. Members expressed their concerns and asked the Clerk to write to the City Council and copy in the MP.

It was reported that the pole across the access road was broken on the Forestry Commission side of the cemetery.

A meeting of councillors and Richard Spray re. the cemetery plans, would be set up immediately.

A date for the removal of some trees along the boundary of the cemetery by Acorn Trees would be arranged.

6. Accounts for November 2010.

Receipts.

Gedling BC (Patricia Andrews) evening	50.00	Donation to Christmas tree
Future Newstead	<u>1075.00</u>	Donations towards MUGA
	<u>1125.00</u>	

Payments.

000790 J.A. Chisholm	286.48	Clerk's salary (December)
000791 HMRC (December)	71.40	Tax on Clerk's salary
000792 Mrs P.A. Wise (December)	25.00	Chairman's expenses
000793 Mrs T. Sabin evening	10.20	Expenses Christmas tree
000794 Nelsons Solicitors	1457.00	Legal fees
000795 CAST	6200.00	MUGA base
000796 J.A. Chisholm	63.61	Clerk's expenses
		Postage 12.54
		Telephone rental 5.50
		Telephone calls 11.56
		Mileage 24.04
		Computer mouse <u>9.97</u>
		<u>63.61</u>

8113.69

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

6.2 The Clerk indicated to the Council that the Precept for 2011/2012 could be a very limited increase. Budget figures and Precept requirement would be fully discussed at the February meeting.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 The Clerk would ask for the support of Cllr Barnfather to seek measures to slow down traffic on Hucknall Road.

7.2 Several complaints had been received by councillors re. the lack of gritting in the village. The Clerk would pass these complaints to Highways South.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 The Clerk was asked to contact the City Council re. a spring in the middle of the Abbey Drive 100yards from North Lodge.

9. Correspondence.

9.1 Most correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate part of the agenda.

9.2 The Clerk would email the letter re. festivities for the Diamond Jubilee to councillors.

9.3 Email from Mr Michael Green re. grave maintenance in the old cemetery under the Harry German Trust. The graves would be identified when the weather improves.

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 No planning applications had been received.

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 The Chairman reported on a meeting at Gedling BC re. finances for 2011/2012.

12. Cemetery issues.

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

12.2 Cllr Burnham asked if anyone knew who had cut the hedge at the back of the car park and thrown the cuttings into Newstead Meadow. No information was forthcoming.

12.3 The car park would be an agenda item for the February meeting. A copy of the minutes of the last Cemetery Committee meeting would be sent out with the main minutes and agenda.

12.4 The recent request from a non-resident for reduced cemetery fees was refused.

12.5 The documents re. an accident in the cemetery have been passed to the Council's insurers.

12.6 It was agreed to look into the possibility of burning of the growth of moss on the driveway.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 The Chairman would send a bouquet of flowers to Mrs V. Leivers-Millership.

13.2 It was agreed to send out the Minutes and Agendas by email to those recipients who wish to receive the information that way.

14. Closure and date of next meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.