

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 2nd November 2011.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans and P. Young.
Mick Lievers (Future Newstead) and four members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), S. Gascoigne, T. Sabin, Borough Councillor P. Andrews and County Councillor C. Barnfather.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2011.** 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 on this occasion. In the future GBC would provide a competitive quotation to the Parish Council for this work.
 - 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. **The Clerk would contact John Evens.**
 - 5.3 The Japanese knotweed at the back of Fraser Street and at the old cemetery needs treating. **The Clerk would contact GBC for a quote re. the old cemetery. The Clerk would contact Newstead Centre Trustees re the land to the rear of Fraser Street and Marshalls of Barrack Farm re the land adjacent to the old cemetery.**
 - 5.4 The accumulation of rubbish in the skate park will be cleared by the GBC street cleansing team.
 - 5.5 It was agreed to seek quotes for cleaning and painting the Mining Memorial Wheel. **Clerk would seek quotations.**
 - 5.6 Cllr Barnfather would arrange a meeting with the Highways manager Ian Parker re. flashing speed signs and drainage problems on Hucknall Road. Cllrs Burnham and Gascoigne would be consulted over dates.
 - 5.7 Councillors would arrange to submit documentation to Newstead Abbey to obtain access cards.
 - 5.8 The flooding problem at Post Office corner at Annesley has been rectified.
 - 5.9 Councillor Mrs Adams has taken photographs of the flooding on Hucknall Road close to the entrance to Hayes Farm and Woodside Cottage. **Cllr Mrs Adams will email photos to the Clerk.**
 - 5.10 **Clerk would contact PMG Royal Mail** re. replacement post box for Abbey Road.
 - 5.11 It was agreed to arrange the meeting with Messrs Spray re. the new cemetery plan and the website changes at a weekend. **Mr Spray would supply suitable dates.**
 - 5.12 The Council agreed to placing a bench at Priory Wood and a bench overlooking the lake in Newstead Abbey Park. Mick Lievers and members of CAST would install.
 - 5.13 **Clerk would contact Niki Pekal** for progress report re. 66 Tilford Road.
 - 5.14 The Chairman has contacted the Probation service re work in the old cemetery. This is on-going
 - 5.15 The fence at Hopping Hill needs repairing and the grass needs cutting. **Councillor Burnham would organise with Paul Bini.**
 - 5.16 The Council would discuss the replacement of a bench to the memory of the late Councillor Turton at the January meeting.
 - 5.17 Anthony Clarke would remove the composting bin in the cemetery.

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

Mick Lievers reported on the progress of the Parish Plan, Country Park and the activities of Future Newstead. Various suggestions were made such as the necessity for regular reviews, the name of the organisation

responsible for achieving parts of the Parish Plan should appear when the Action Plan is up-dated, and a finance sheet should be a part of the up-dates as significant funding had been brought into the village and residents should be aware of where the money has been spent. A very pleasing aspect is that there have been in excess of 450 volunteers delivering the project.

The Chairman thanked Mick for his attendance and his contribution to the delivery of the Parish Plan.

A member of the public asked about the cutting down of 2 conifers in the cemetery. The Chairman explained that they were keeping light out of the cemetery which encouraged moss to grow. It was envisaged that the remaining 6 feet stumps would be sculptured.

Mrs Harvey of the Residents Association asked about the old mining tub which was at present in the old cemetery. Could it be retrieved and placed at the entrance to the village? The Council agreed to ask for opinions from residents and place this item on the January agenda.

6. Accounts for October 2011.

Receipts.

There were no receipts during October

Payments.

000896 J.A. Chisholm	286.48 Clerk's salary (October)
000897 HMRC	71.40 Tax on salary (October)
000898 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (October)
000899 Newstead Centre	36.00 Room hire
000900 Clarke's Cemetery Services	670.00 Maintenance contract (October)
000901 J.A. Chisholm	52.46 Clerk's expenses
	Postage 15.39
	Tele.rental 5.50
	Tele calls 13.54
	Mileage <u>18.03</u>
	<u>52.46</u>
	<u>1141.34</u>

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

6.2 Six councillors requested week to view diaries. **Clerk would order.**

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 It was reported that Lamp 22 on the path between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way was out. **The Clerk would inform Highways.**

7.2 The Chairman would organise the flying of the Union flag for Remembrance Sunday.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 Cllr Mrs Young brought the issue of development in the greenbelt to the attention of the Council. The planning authority appeared to be taking too much time in its decision making and in some instances structures were built and retrospective planning consent had to be sought. **The Clerk would seek information from GBC.**

9. Correspondence.

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

9.2 The Council agreed that the MEP could post his newsletter on the Village website. **The Clerk would inform Mr Bill Newton Dunn.**

9.3 Queen's Jubilee Beacons would be discussed at the January meeting.

9.4 The Council agreed not to provide a donation to Victim Support.

9.5 No volunteer came forward to be a NALC Planning Champion.

- 9.6 The Council agreed to a donation of £50 towards the Christmas Fayre at Newstead Church to be used for the purchase of prizes and gifts.
- 10. Planning Applications.**
- 10.1 The Council discussed at length the proposed changes to the Local Development Framework by Gedling BC. The consultation period was inadequate and many residents were provided with no information. The Parish Council had not been consulted.
The Council agreed to joining with other local Parish Councils (one time GAG 5) to object strongly to GBC.
Clerk would write to GBC with copies to MP, Chairman of Linby PC, our local borough and county representatives and to Ashfield DC.
- 11. Reports from External meetings.**
- 11.1 The Chairman reported on the Youth Club. Volunteers to the management committee are urgently required. She felt that the Youth Club was not working properly.
- 11.2 Cllr Mrs Young agreed to represent the Council at the monthly meetings with Mark Spencer MP at the Under One Roof centre. **Clerk would ask for the date of the next meeting.**
- 12. Cemetery issues.**
- 12.1 The Council discussed the proliferation of toys, solar lights, vases etc on 2 graves. It was agreed to discuss this further at the January meeting.
- 12.2 It was reported that a bench had been removed in the new cemetery leaving exposed metal spikes. This would be investigated.
- 13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**
- 14.1 There were no urgent matters.
- 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 7th December 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.