

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans, S. Gascoigne, T. Sabin and P. Young.  
Eight members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Borough Councillor P. Andrews.
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr. Mrs Young declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application 2011/0930.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2011 and the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 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 decorative panels in the village has been completed.
  - 5.2 The alteration to the path in the children's play area has been completed.
  - 5.3 Cllr Barnfather has still to rearrange 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.
  - 5.4 The Chairman has written an article for the Newstead Newsletter.
  - 5.5 There has been no further progress re issues raised over Newstead Abbey Park. **Clerk would contact City Council.**
  - 5.6 The pavement outside the cemetery car park and the 2 potholes outside Woodside Cottage on Hucknall Road have been repaired.
  - 5.7 Only one in five of the white chevrons on the speed humps in Newstead Abbey Park have been re-painted. **Clerk will contact City Council.**
  - 5.8 Information has been received from Gaynor Jenkins re the old cemetery management. **Clerk will contact Notts. Wildlife Trust with thanks.**
  - 5.9 Flooding at Post Office corner at Annesley is still causing problems. **The Clerk would contact Steve Whyld at Ashfield DC.**
  - 5.10 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.**
  - 5.11 A resident had reported that the bushes and trees had been cut back along the boundary between Foundry Terrace and Hazelford Way by Gedling BC. **The Clerk would send a copy of the reply from GBC to Mr Tony Barclay of 11 Foundry Terrace.**
  - 5.12 Flooding outside 96 Chapel Terrace after rain had been caused by a blocked drain. The drain has been cleared.
  - 5.13 The wooden surround from the gates of the skate park has been replaced.
  - 5.14 The settee dumped between Chapel Terrace and Garden Terrace has been removed.
  - 5.15 The block paving close to the Post Office has been cleared of weeds.
  - 5.16 The post box on Abbey Road would be replaced with a larger one. Royal Mail would be informed that the box had not been stolen but knocked down by a delivery vehicle and that the Parish Council did not consider the provision of a larger box was necessary. **Clerk would contact Royal Mail.**

The Council agreed to adjourn the meeting so that parishioners could discuss parish matters with councillors. The work in the Old Cemetery had improved the outlook but as yet had not been completed. It was reported that there were 2 bags of rubbish in the Old Cemetery. Anthony Clarke would be asked to remove them.

The provision of a bench in the Old Cemetery would be discussed at a later date.

Village SOS programme televised on 4<sup>th</sup> September was discussed. There are no signs to the new eco building but it was pointed out that the organisers are discouraging visitors as the building has not been completed. Apologies for absence were sent by Mr. Richard Spray. **A meeting of councillors and Mr J. Spray and Mr R. Spray would be arranged to launch the new cemetery plans to the public.**

**6. To discuss a change of website to NewsteadParish Council.gov.uk**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Rob Milliken who explained the various options available. After a discussion the Council agreed to apply for this domain name. A meeting would be arranged with Rob. Milliken, Richard Spray, Councillors and the Clerk. **The Clerk would liaise with Mr Milliken.**

**7. Accounts for July and August 2011.**

**Receipts.**

Bank interest Bonus saver a/c	4.41	
Quarterly bonus Bonus saver a/c	88.10	
AW. Lymn	20.00	Inscription on memorial
AW. Lymn	75.00	Memorial stone
AW. Lymn	125.00	Memorial stone
A. Wass	350.00	Funeral
	662.51	

**Payments.**

000873 Newstead Parochial Church Council	300.00	Donation to Summer Fayre
000874 MD. Kimpton	92.47	Repairs to water pump at cemetery.
000875 J.A. Chisholm	92.28	Website fees
000876 Newstead Centre	36.00	Room hire
000877 Clement Keys	480.00	External audit fee
000878 Peter Mills	300.00	Repairs to mortuary chapel as per quote
000879 Peter Mills	260.00	Extra repairs to mortuary chapel as agreed.
000880 Clarke's Cemetery Services	670.00	Monthly maintenance contract(July)
000881 Clarke's Cemetery Services	170.00	Preparation of single grave
000882 J.A. Chisholm	286.48	Clerk's salary (August)
000883 HMRC	71.40	Tax on salary (August)
000884 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00	Chairman's expenses (August)
000885 Clarke's Cemetery Services	670.00	Maintenance contract (August)
000886 Clarke's Cemetery Services	410.00	Non-contract work
000887 J.A. Chisholm	42.73	Clerk's expenses
		Postage 15.21
		Tele.rental 5.50
		Tele calls 10.00
		Mileage 12.02
		42.73
	3906.36	

7.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7.2 The Council agreed to the purchase of a new telephone for the Clerk. It was also agreed to write off existing the telephones.

**8. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**

8.1 After consultation with residents the choices for the site of a new notice board were as follows:-

i) At the bus stop on the triangle on Hucknall Road.

ii) At the railway station.

- iii) Outside the school.
  - iv) At the bus stop outside the cemetery.
- The majority of returns favoured the triangle site.

**The Clerk would apply for two notice boards but the replacement of the existing board at Newstead Centre would be the priority.**

The choices for the siting of new benches were as follows:-

- i) Near to the bus stop at the triangle.
- ii) On the playing field.
- iii) Near to the old cemetery.
- iv) Near to the war memorial.

The majority of returns favoured the triangle site.

- 8.2 It was reported that the yard of 66 Tilford Road is in a very poor state. **The Clerk would inform Darren Gilder.**
- 8.3 Some vehicles belonging to Northfield Construction are being driven very quickly down Tilford Road. **Councillor Burnham would make a note of registration numbers.**

#### **9. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**

- 9.1 It was reported that the automatic gate at the village end of the Abbey Drive was broken for the majority of the school holidays. **The Clerk would ask Rachel Dewsbury for the reason.**
- 9.2 The gates are left open every Tuesday and Sunday. **The Clerk would ask for the reason.**
- 9.3 The driveway at the Newstead end is in a poor state. **The Clerk would contact the City Council with the Parish Council's concerns.**

#### **10. Correspondence.**

- 10.1 Most correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 10.2 Gedling CVS re. AGM.
- 10.3 Email from Allianz Insurance. This was a confidential matter and would be dealt with in a closed session at the end of the meeting.
- 10.4 Various issues from GBC dealt with in matters arising.
- 10.5 Email from Royal Mail re. missing post box. **The Clerk would reply.**
- 10.6 Email from Paul Bateman. **The Clerk would reply and invite Mr Bateman to the next meeting of the Council.**
- 10.7 Request from Ernest Smith re two memorial inscriptions. **The Council approved the wording.**
- 10.8 Information re. old cemetery management and Hopping Hill meadow from Notts. Wildlife Trust. **The Clerk would write with the Council's thanks.**
  - i) Leslie Flanders would be contacted re. contact details for the Probation service.
  - ii) The fence at Hopping Hill needs repairing. **Councillor Burnham would organise with Paul Bini.**
  - iii) Acorn Trees have done an excellent job on the hedge at Hopping Hill.
  - iv) The grass at Hopping Hill needs cutting. **Councillor Burnham will organise.**
  - v) Japanese knotweed needs treating at the back of Fraser Street and at the old cemetery. **The Clerk would contact GBC and Marshalls.**

#### **11. Planning Applications.**

- 11.1 2011/0908 Sports Ground, Tilford Road  
Installation of dry freight container ( for storage of sports equipment)  
The Council had concerns over this application. It was felt that the container was too large and would be too obvious especially at a time when the new country park was being developed. The container would be not in keeping with the improvements which are being made to the area.
- 11.2 2011/0930 Elysium Newstead Abbey Park  
Installation of air source heat pump.

The Council raised no objections to this application.

**12. Reports from External meetings.**

- 12.1 The Chairman reported on the Youth Club. Volunteers to the management committee are urgently required. She also reported damage to the building by some members. Parents have been informed and the police are involved.
- 12.2 The Chairman expressed concerns over Future Newstead meetings which in her view had lost sight of the Parish Plan and there was too much outside influence.

**13. Cemetery issues.**

- 13.1 After a lengthy discussion on the proposal to place plinths as markers on future pre-purchased graves, a vote was taken and the proposal was defeated by 6 votes to 3.

**14. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**

- 14.1 The Council was reminded that the Headstock Festival would take place on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September.
- 14.2 Remembrance Sunday poppy wreaths. **The Clerk would order from the British Legion.**

At this point of the meeting a resolution was passed unanimously to exclude the public and press as it was deemed that the item to follow was confidential.

- 15. **Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th October 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.