

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 5th December 2012.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: Mrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), Mrs D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), Mrs B. Blood, P. Burnham, S. Gascoigne, Miss A. Halliwell and Mrs P. Young.
The Clerk and two members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Mrs W. Evans and Borough Cllr Mrs P. Andrews.
3. **Declarations of Personal & Prejudicial Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2012.**
The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed with amendments to Minute 5.8 remove "but no sum was set" and add "of £200" and Minute 5.9 remove the word "sent".

The Chairman welcomed Mick Leivers of Newstead Enterprises to the meeting. He explained to the Council that a planning application had been made to Nottinghamshire County Council to reduce the depth of 2 of the lagoons within the country park using sub soil derived from other areas. Access to the site would be through Annesley. The full planning application should come to the Parish Council for its observations and comment.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 A meeting between councillors and Penny Benniston would be arranged for January. **Cllr Burnham to action.**
 - 5.2 Work on the MUGA has been completed.
 - 5.3 Work on Station Road, Newstead has been completed.
 - 5.4 Carving of the tree stumps in the cemetery by John Flanders and his club members would be discussed in February as John has been ill. **Chairman would follow up.**
 - 5.5 The problems with locked gates on the terraces should be resolved soon.
 - 5.6 Newstead Meadow would be an Agenda item for the January meeting. Cllr Burnham has applied for funding to the Community Chest at Gedling Homes.
 - 5.7 The list of maintenance issues compiled by Cllrs Burnham and Young has been actioned by GBC.
 - 5.8 The bench on the village green has been stolen. **Clerk would inform the Police and the Council's Insurance Company.**
 - 5.9 The bags of salt/grit are stored at Newstead Centre. **The Chairman would attempt to arrange for someone to re-fill the blue grit bins. A maximum budget of £50 was set for this work.**
 - 5.10 Notts Wildlife Trust would be consulted over wild flower planting in the old cemetery. This is on-going. **Cllr Burnham to action.**
 - 5.11 The Council agreed not to send out the Cemetery letter to Deed Holders at this time.
 - 5.12 Parish Liaison meeting on Tuesday 9th October 2012. Minutes have not been received from GBC.
 - 5.13 The instances of graffiti in the village have not been removed to date.
 - 5.14 The Council was informed that the planning conditions for 42 Webb Street had not been adhered. A letter from the enforcement officer had been received. Councillors would like to know what is meant by the word "similar" as in this case the house is red brick and the extension is yellow brick. Why has a porch with a window been built when it did not appear in the original planning approval? **Clerk would contact GBC.**
 - 5.15 When will the grit bins at Priory Wood be re-sited? **Clerk would contact Highways.**
 - 5.16 The Parish Council has had no reply from City Council re. Newstead Abbey.
 - 5.17 It was reported that the Newstead Church Christmas Fayre had been a great success.
 - 5.18 A meeting with Richard Spray would be arranged. **Chairman to action.**
 - 5.19 Interviews for the new Clerk would be on Thursday 6th December at 6.00pm. Cllr. Miss Halliwell would welcome each candidate at the door of the Centre. There would be no need to set aside funds for the hand over period.

The Council agreed to suspend standing orders so that parishioners could discuss parish matters with councillors. It was reported by a member of the public that a surveillance camera had been set up in the cemetery against the wishes of the Parish Council. **Councillors agreed to inform the Police.**

6. **Accounts for November 2012.**
 - Receipts.**
There were no receipts during the month.
 - Payments.**

001011 Mrs B. Blood	10.00 Gate pass to Abbey		
001012 Mr P. Bateman	720.71 Station Road improvements		
001013 Newstead PCC	200.00 Christmas Fayre donation		
001014 J.A. Chisholm	286.48 Clerk's salary (November)		
001015 HMRC	71.40 Tax on salary (November)		
001016 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (November)		
001017 Newstead Centre	36.00 Room Hire		
001018 Mr P. Bateman	708.00 Station Road improvements		
001019 Safe & Sound Playgrounds	14043.60 MUGA extension		
001020 Newstead Centre	12.00 Room hire (Future Newstead)		
001021 Yes 2 Solutions	89.70 Stationery		
001022 Notts. County Council	7800.00 Interactive speed sign		
001023 Acorn Tree Services	400.00 Cemetery tree work		
001024 J.A. Chisholm	63.94 Clerk's expenses		
	Postage		20.10
	Tele.rental		7.50
	Tele calls	12.30	
	Mileage	24.04	
		63.94	
	24466.83		

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 The Council agreed to transfer £7800 from the Bonus Saver account to the Current account.
- 6.3 It was agreed to make a donation of £500 to Linby Parish Council to help to fund a planning consultant to fight housing developments in the area.
- 6.4 It was confirmed that a donation of £200 would be made to the Community Pay back scheme to fund the purchase of an industrial strimmer.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 Light 3 on the footpath between Webb Street and Newstead Centre is still out. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

- 8.1 There have been changes to the main entrance but there has been no planning application. Cllr. Mrs Young would speak to Bev. Pearson at GBC.
- 8.2 It was reported that there is excessive mud on the drive.

9. Correspondence.

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

10. Planning Applications.

- 10.1 No Applications had been received.

11. Reports from External meetings.

- 11.1 Cllrs Burnham and Gascoigne reported on a Lengthsman scheme meeting. No council in the area was prepared to lead. If Newstead became involved the Abbey Park would not be included.

12. Cemetery issues.

- 12.1 The questions raised over potential exhumations would be discussed as an Agenda item at the January meeting.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 13.1 Councillors out of pocket expenses would be discussed as an Agenda item at the January meeting.
- 13.2 The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his 10 years of service to the Parish Council on his retirement and presented him with a card and gift.

- 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 9th January 2013 commencing at 7.30pm.