

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 14th March 2012.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans and S. Gascoigne.
Borough Cllr P. Andrews, Donna Bradley (GBC) and two members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. P. Young. County Cllr C. Barnfather also sent apologies.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2012.**The Minutes of the meeting were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and invited Donna Bradley to explain and take questions regarding the Frontrunner scheme as seen in the Localism Act which would become law on April 6th 2012. After due discussion the Council voted 6 to 1 against taking the lead in the scheme as it was felt that no benefits would accrue for the Parish.

The Chairman thanked Donna Bradley for her input.
Standing Orders were re-instated.

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 The removal of Japanese knotweed at the old cemetery would take 2/3 growing seasons and would commence in the Spring 2012. **The Clerk would contact GBC for progress report and ask if the neighbouring farmer would be taking action.**
- 5.4 The cleaning and painting of the Mining Memorial Wheel has been completed. The plate would be re-fixed by GBC.
- 5.5 The provision of interactive speed signs was discussed. New costings had been received from Lambley Parish Council. **The Clerk would research sources of funding.** It was agreed to discuss this more fully at the April meeting.
There is still flooding on Hucknall Road between the cemetery and the traffic lights. **The Clerk would contact Highways.**
- 5.6 The replacement post box for Abbey Road has not been installed. **The Clerk would inform the MP.**
- 5.7 The proposed village sign was re-designed so that it was more legible. **The Clerk would seek quotes.**
- 5.8 The Chairman has contacted the Probation service re work in the old cemetery. This is on-going.
- 5.9 The fence at Hopping Hill needs repairing and the grass needs cutting. **Councillor Burnham would organise with Paul Bini for later in the year.**
- 5.10 The repairs to the Abbey Drive are still to be completed.
- 5.11 The wooden bench has been completed. A cost of £45.00 was agreed for an application of teak oil.

- 5.12 Councillors agreed to spend £126.00 as a deposit for the initial work necessary to bring a water supply to the cemetery, to Severn Trent Water re. connection charges.
- 5.13 GBC has agreed to take out the cemetery bins for emptying and return them. Cllr Mrs Evans agreed to monitor this arrangement.
- 5.14 Lighting and replacing wiring at each end of the MUGA would be an agenda item for the April meeting.
- 5.15 The problem of parked cars on Station Avenue during a football match continues. **The Clerk would inform GBC and the Police.**

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

No issues were raised.

6. Accounts for February 2012.

Receipts.

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| Co-op Funeralcare | 20.00 | Memorial inscription |
| AW Lymn | 700.00 | Interment |
| JF Smith | 125.00 | Deed of Exclusive Right of Burial |
| JF Smith | 100.00 | Interment of ashes |
| Bank interest | 4.42 | |
| Quarterly bonus | 88.47 | |
| | 1037.89 | |

Payments.

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| 000931 J.A. Chisholm | 286.48 | Clerk's salary (February) | |
| 000932 HMRC | 71.40 | Tax on salary (February) | |
| 000933 Mrs P.A. Wise | 25.00 | Chairman's expenses (February) | |
| 000934 Newstead Centre | 36.00 | Room hire | |
| 000935 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 250.00 | New grave | |
| 000936 JA Chisholm | 48.98 | Printer inks | |
| 000937 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 50.00 | Interment of ashes | |
| 000938 J.A. Chisholm | 68.29 | Clerk's expenses | |
| | | Postage | 30.86 |
| | | Tele.rental | 7.50 |
| | | Tele calls | 5.89 |
| | | Mileage | 24.04 |
| | | | 68.29 |
| | 836.15 | | |

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 A cheque sent to Newstead PCC for £50.00 has been lost. The Council agreed to replace the cheque.
- 6.3 A proposed grant application form was approved with a minor amendment to allow applicants more writing space.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

- 7.1 A pothole was reported on Musters Road. **The Clerk would contact Highways.**
- 7.2 It was reported that some residents were using the grit/salt from the bins for their own use. The Council emphasised that the grit in the grit bins was for use on the highways only.
- 7.3 Fly tipping was reported on Station Road.

7.4 Lamp 3 on Tilford Road/Chapel Terrace service road is not operating.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 30mph speed signs have been erected on High Leys Road. Residents think that 20mph signs would be more appropriate.

9. Correspondence.

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

9.2 Document re. relevant issues when discussing planning applications.

9.3 Reply from Newstead School re. parking outside the school.

9.4 Various emails from Sharon Herriot re. fly tipping.

9.5 Email from Planning Dept. – Peter Baguley. **The Clerk would check that all recent planning applications have been seen by the Parish Council.**

9.6 Email from Paul Bateman re. village map.

9.7 Miss Anne Halliwell of 68 Webb Street, Newstead Village was co-opted to the Council as a councillor for the Village Ward.

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 2012/0044 and 2012/0045 West Lodge, Newstead Abbey Park. Proposed extension. The concerns of the Council were sent to GBC.

10.2 2012/0149 Newstead Abbey. Work to internal door DG01 to make it FR60. No objections.

10.3 2012/0169 The Granary, Abbey Fields Farm. Convert existing stone building (currently used for storage) into two bed roomed dwelling. The concerns of the Council were sent to GBC.

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 The Clerk and Cllr Burnham reported on a meeting with Dave Wakelin Corporate Director Direct Services and Public Protection GBC. Also a report on meeting with Ian Parker Highways manager Notts.CC

12. Cemetery issues.

12.1 Request from Co-op Funeralcare for permission to add an inscription. **Permission was granted.**

12.2 Request from Mr William Broad to plant oak saplings in memory of his father. **Mick Leivers would be contacted re. planting in the country park.**

12.3 Christmas wreaths and flowers still on some graves. Anthony Clarke will remove in April.

12.4 Permission was granted for ashes to be interred in plot 699 in the old cemetery.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

13.1 It was reported that the church would close if numbers of people attending did not increase.

14. Closure and date of next meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.57pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th April 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.