

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 3 April 2013

1. **Present** Cllrs: Mrs. P.A. Wise (Chairman), Miss A Halliwell, Mrs J Booth, Mrs B. Blood, Mr P. Burnham, Mrs W Evans and Mrs P Young

Also present was Mr Denis Robinson, Reporter for the Hucknall Dispatch

2. **Apologies for absence** : Apologies were received from Cllr D Adams and Cllr S Gascoigne. County Cllr C Barnfather had also sent his apologies.

3. **Review of the year by the Chairman.**

The Chairman began her report by thanking fellow councillors for all the time and commitment they had so freely given over the past year. She went on to say that it is only thanks to this degree of commitment that the Council had once again succeeded in meeting the needs and requests of the residents. She also thanked Cllr Adams in her absence for her support as the Vice Chairman of the Council.

She advised the Council had achieved much in the year. Amongst the projects delivered was the extension to the MUGA. The Council was also good at reporting fly tipping in the village, and monitoring and reporting faulty lights. The project to improve the Old Cemetery is in its early stages and the Council had already received compliments on the improved look of the Old Chapel following work carried out to the building. Speed signs were shortly to be installed which would make the village safer.

Thanks to Council support, residents were able to join in the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Meetings had been held with the new Police Commissioner where the lack of Police presence in the village was discussed and assurance was given that this would change. The Parish Council would continue to monitor this situation.

The Chairman also thanked the new Clerk for the amount of work undertaken in the first few weeks of her appointment with the Council.

She spoke of various projects which were currently ongoing including village signs and the Newstead Wildlife meadow which will become a proper community space that residents will want to visit and enjoy. The Council also continued to press for the installation of full width safety barriers at the level crossing. She concluded her report by again thanking fellow Councillors for their support

4. **Any items that members of the public wished to discuss with Councillors.**

- 4.1 Mr D Robinson commented that it had been some time since he had last visited the village but had strolled around the village earlier in the day and had been impressed with many aspect of work undertaken to improve the look of the village, including restoration of the stone house opposite the Newstead Centre.

As there was no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.