

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 5th February 2014

1. **Present:** Cllrs: Mrs P Wise (Chairman), Mrs D Adams, Mrs J Booth, Mr P Burnham, Ms H Crouch, Mr S Gascoigne and Miss A Halliwell. Also present were Cllr P Andrews and one member of the public.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were noted from Cllrs Mrs B Blood and Mrs P Young. Belated apologies were also received from County Cllr Chris Barnfather.
3. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**  
No interests were declared by Cllrs.
4. **Address by D Widdowson on the Newstead Locality Plan**  
This address did not take place as the speaker cancelled at short notice due to flu.
5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2014**  
Subject to the following correction - that the meeting finished at 8.40pm and not 7.40pm as shown - it was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record and this was agreed.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
  - 6.1 **Address by Joel Marshall** - The Clerk advised the matter would be discussed at a meeting held at County Hall on 25th February. A letter of objection from the Council would be circulated shortly for comment. Cllr P Wise queried whether further consultation had been undertaken by the County Council and in what form. The Clerk advised no further correspondence had been received by the Parish Council. The Chairman advised she was disappointed that no further consultation appeared to have been undertaken and that the County Council should be informed.
  - 6.2 **Highways** - Clerk to request an officer to address the Council in March
  - 6.3 **Sand Kite Man** - Cllrs said use of the sports field by the sand kite man continues particularly over the weekends. It was reported that Darren Gilder had advised Cllrs that until he personally sees the man using this equipment on the field, there is little more he can do. Cllrs were advised to ring 101 to report further incidents. Cllrs were also asked by the Clerk to report sightings direct to D Gilder where she was not always available to report these sightings immediately. **Clerk to contact D Gilder re latest sightings.**
  - 6.4 **Village Nameplates** - Cllrs were happy with the proposed design, which had been emailed. Cllr Crouch raised a question re colour of written words as she felt the lighter colours may fade in time. The Clerk explained that the colours on the template emailed to Cllrs were not representative of the final design. Councillors were happy to instruct Malcolm Lane to proceed with the order with a view to the nameplates being installed around the end of March. **Clerk to instruct Malcolm Lane to proceed.**
  - 6.5 **Newstead Abbey** - the Clerk advised that Jo Hunt had confirmed she would be happy to meet with the Council and requested dates for the meeting. An email had been sent by the Clerk asking whether it would be possible to arrange an evening meeting. No reply had yet been received. **Clerk to chase**
  - 6.6 **Notice Boards** - Permission received from Notts. City Council to replace existing notice board. Estimates currently being obtained for the cost of installation.

6.7 ID Badges - It was agreed all Cllrs would arrange for their own passport photos to be supplied to the Clerk

6.8 Highway Issues - Cllr Halliwell reported the lamp on Webb Street had been repaired. This in turn had raised a further query as to who was responsible for the three street lights between Webb Street and the cut through up to Tilford Road. Further enquiries to be made with the Newstead Centre

6.9 Tilford Road - Although the settee had now been removed, rubbish was reported as being left on the street outside the same home. **Clerk to report**

7.0 Livingstone Street - This settee had now been removed but it looked as though the garden was currently being excavated. The Clerk confirmed no planning applications had been received in respect of creating a new driveway over the front garden and it was agreed that Cllrs would continue to monitor the situation

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme - The Clerk advised she had been contacted by the lengthsman following painting of the railings to advise he had approximately half a can of paint remaining and whether there was anywhere else within the village where the paint could be used. The Clerk had directed the lengthsman to a number of public seats and litter bins in the areas around the MUGA and village green; and also to the litter bin in the cemetery car park. Further suggestions were welcomed from Cllrs who endorsed the actions of the Clerk in putting forward the suggestions outlined above.

7.2 Grounds Maintenance Contract - An email had been sent to A Clarke confirming the Council's decision to extend the existing grounds maintenance contract by a further year subject to the additions outlined in his letter to the Council and circulated with the agenda.

*The meeting closed to allow members of the public to bring up the next matters*

The following items were discussed: The amount of litter on Hucknall Road particularly on the side of the forest e.g. Woodside. Cllr Andrews proposed that the Council should consider a litter pick later in the year

when weather picks up possibly in April.

The amount of water again on Station Ave adjacent to Abbeyfield's Farm was discussed with Cllr Gascoigne explaining the history of the problem.

A parishioner queried why the speed limit sign did not convey the speed at which a motorist was travelling until almost level with the sign.

Cllr Andrews felt there were powers which could be exercised by Gedling Borough Council to force homeowners, particularly private owners, to tidy up their gardens and she would look into this.

## **7. Accounts**

### **7.1 Receipts and Payments for January 2013**

#### **Receipts.**

£750.00                      A W Lymn - New cremation

#### **Cheques for approval at this meeting**

100047	Newstead Centre	£36.00	Room hire for January Council meeting
100048	Newstead Centre	£12.00	Room hire for Future Newstead Meeting
100049	Mrs P A Wise	£10.00	Chairman's Allowance (Jan)
100050	Mrs J Johnson	£289.70	Clerks Wages (January)
100051	Notts County Council	£74.88	Pension Contributions - (January)
100052	Mrs J Johnson	£43.29	Clerk's expenses (Jan)
		Postage/Other	31.89
		Tel/Broadband	6.00
		Mobile Calls	Nil
		Mileage	<u>5.40</u>

Total

43.29

The accounts were approved as stated

## 7.2 **To Consider Grants to Other Bodies**

### a) **Garden Competition**

Details of a garden competition to be held in Newstead Village and organised by Debbie Widdowson had been circulated to Cllrs with the agenda. Cllrs felt the idea of the competition was sound but would like further information on the categories to be judged. Cllr Gascoigne also asked whether it was possible for the competition to include the whole of the parish, not just the village. As Ms Widdowson was currently off ill it was assumed that a meeting originally scheduled for the 6th February would not take place. The Parish Council agreed to sponsor the event and pledged the sum of £100 towards this.

## 8. **Matters Concerning Newstead Village**

8.1 **Flying Skip** - To counter the problems of flytipping in the parish, it was suggested that the flying skip service be reinstated. This was discounted however on the grounds of cost where the cost of providing this service was in the region of £1700 and thus prohibitive. The service offered by Gedling to collect larger items was discussed

and it was agreed to circulate details of these costs. **Clerk to obtain details of the collection**

**costs from Gedling Borough Council.**

8.2 **Overgrowth on Footpath** - Cllr Booth reported overgrowth growing through the fencing on the footpath between the access road serving the northern end of the terraces and Hazleford Way. **Clerk to report**

8.3 **Telephone Kiosk** - It was agreed to write to BT to remove the dilapidated telephone kiosk on the village green where it was evident this had not been in public use for many months and was now becoming a magnet for vandalism and general eyesore.

8.4 **Post Box** - The lip to the entrance to the post box on the wall of the Post Office had been damaged and there is now the potential for someone to cut their hand if posting a letter. It is believed that the owners of the Post Office have reported this matter to the Royal Mail. The Council has agreed to write to the Royal Mail requesting repair.

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

9.1 **Flytipping** - Cllr Gascoigne reported a number of black plastic bags had been left on Vicarage Corner. **Clerk to report**

9.2 **Former Coal Stockings Yard/Linby Newstead Trail** - It was reported that children on scrambling bikes have started using this area and churning up the landscape. It was agreed that Cllrs would pass on details of reg no of the bikes causing problems. The Clerk to contact Notts CC to warn them of problems. **Clerk to action**

9.3 **Junction 27 M1/Boy Racers** - Noise of motors racing down the by-pass had been heard the previous Sunday evening by Newstead residents. The Clerk advised that she was travelling home that evening and been overtaken

by a number of boy racers who had gathered at Junction 27 and who were racing between the island at junction

27, the dual carriageway past Sherwood Business Park and down the A611 to Hucknall. It was agreed this problem should be brought to the attention of the Police where problems relating to 'boy racers' at this junction had been successfully stamped out previously.

9.4 West Lodge - Cllr Gascoigne raised concern regarding an area of woodland which he believed had been purchased

by the new owners of West Lodge and which had now been scraped back. It was felt at this stage no planning permission would be required for tidying up the land but the situation needed to be monitored. He was also

concerned that the new owners had diverted the course of the original watercourse through their garden and

a rough sketch map was drawn up of the proposed deviation and handed to the Clerk. **Clerk to report the matter to the Environment Agency.**

## 10. Correspondence.

The following items were specially discussed:

10.1 Ward Walk - Details of a revised date would be forwarded to Cllrs.

10.2 Update from Future Newstead - The following updates were noted:

- Network Rail have replaced the old picket fencing with white metal railing
- LIS bid for gym equipment turned down due to lack of funds
- A Greenwood grant had been obtained towards fruit trees for the communal orchard.
- Planters/Raised beds had been weeded and topped up with soil donated by parishioners but theft of plants still occurring
- CISWO agreed to a meeting with Future Newstead and Trustees of the Newstead Centre to explore further opening hours of centre

10.3 Burial Records - Cllr Halliwell asked for further details on the request to see plans of the old cemetery.

The Chairman explained arrangements had already been made with the persons concerned to view the plans prior to the start of the Council meeting.

## 11 Planning Applications

None received

## 12. Reports from External Meetings

None

## 13. Cemetery Issues

None

## 14. Any Other Items the Chairman considers Urgent

No urgent items were raised by the Chair

## 15 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th March.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.05pm.