

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs: Mrs P Wise (Chairman), Mrs D Adams, Mrs B Blood, Mrs J Booth, Mr P Burnham, Ms H Crouch, Miss A Halliwell and Mrs P Young. Also present were Ward Cllr P Andrews, County Cllr C Barnfather and one member of the public.

2. **Apologies for absence:** None received.

3. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

No interests were declared by Cllrs.

4. **Address by D Widdowson on the Newstead Locality Plan**

Hard copies of the plan were passed to Cllrs. Deborah Widdowson explained that she was employed by Gedling Borough Council to tackle many of the issues affecting the village. The Locality Plan could be described

as her work programme and is more focused on economic development than the Parish Plan. Two areas covered

in the plan relate to children and young adults, the absence of facilities for age ranges 5 to 12 has been noted,

and also economic well being, which included initiatives on employment and training. The plan itself will include an

annual evaluation of the plan and interim reviews and she wished the Council to be involved in this.

She raised concerns that the proposed closure of the Newstead Childcare centre could also result in Su Start

moving from their current premises in Newstead to the Tin Hat Centre or Annesley. The proposed closure would be discussed in further detail at the next meeting of the Children and Young People's group. Alternative childcare provision would also be more expensive and as a result it may no longer be financially viable for some parents to work.

Finally, in respect of the garden competition she advised that in principle there were no objections to this being

parish wide and help would be needed to advertise the competition to remainder of parish. She also felt there may be a need for a separate category for the gardens of residents in the Abbey. The next meeting to plan competition and fun day would be held at the Newstead Centre on 27th March 2014 at 7pm.

5. **Approval of the Minutes**

5.1 **Precept Meeting**

Cllr Burnham felt he had expressed a wish at the precept meeting that the budget allocated in respect of S137/Donations should have been lower. The Clerk advised that figure had been reduced to the same amount as agreed last year in accordance with Cllr Burnham's comments. With this noted, it was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record and this was agreed.

5.2 **March Council Meeting**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record and this was agreed.

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Precept Meeting

6.1 There were no matters arising from these minutes

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6.2 Address by Joel Marshall - A letter had been sent to Notts. County Council as agreed ahead of the planning meeting to be held on the 25th February. Following this and further consultation with residents along Hucknall Road and the Accident Investigation Unit, officers had recommended the use of Annesley Cutting as the sole access to the site. Cllr Barnfather advised that the Planning Committee had agreed to accept the recommendations put forward by officers and that photographs along the route of Hucknall Road had been taken by Joel Marshall, Planning Officer and displayed at the planning meeting. These clearly showed the bends in the road and number of gaps in field fences. It was felt that Mr Marshall had taken on board comments put forward by the Council and the Council was appreciative of the work carried out by him. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Barnfather for speaking at the planning meeting to ensure a successful outcome on this matter.

6.2 Highways - The Clerk advised she had been unable to persuade an officer to attend an evening meeting but had received confirmation that an afternoon site meeting could be arranged. Cllrs P Wise, Burnham and Young would be able to attend during the day and it was agreed the Clerk would arrange a suitable date, which would also be circulated to all other Cllrs in the event they could take time off work to attend.

6.3 Sand Kite Man - The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to Niki Pekal who advised that both the Neighbourhood Wardens and Police/PCSO's were aware of the use of the playing field by this individual. Nothing further would happen until the individual was caught in the act. Cllrs were asked to report any sightings using the 101 number as this would alert any PCSO's who happened to be on duty at the time. Cllr Young also noted the sports field was being used by a person flying a model helicopter and queried whether this was in Gedling's terms of use. Most Cllrs did not feel this was a problem and the Chairman felt this activity may be of interest to local children.

6.4 Village Nameplates - The Clerk advised that instructions had been sent to Malcolm Lane to undertake work and now it was just a matter of time before nameplates installed.

6.5 Newstead Abbey - A date for a meeting had been put forward of Thursday 13th March at 10am in the Abbey. Cllrs Wise, Burnham, Young and the Clerk to attend. **Clerk to confirm**

6.6 Notice Boards - An estimate of £190 had been received from Mr A Clarke for the cost of installing the new notice board and removing the existing. This was below the provision of £200 included in the budget forecast for this work. The Council agreed the work could proceed. **Clerk to action**

6.7 ID Badges - No further developments

6.8 Highway Issues - It was agreed that responsibility for the lights between Webb Street and Tilford Road would be raised at the next meeting with Highways. It was noted that one of the lights had been repaired previously by the County Council.

6.9 Tilford Road - This had now been cleaned up.

6.10 Livingstone Street - No longer a problem.

6.11 Lengthsman Scheme - The Clerk advised she had passed instructions to the lengthsman to trim back vegetation on the cycle route /footpath from the terraces to Hazleford Way.

6.12 Flying Skip - Details of the collection service offered by Gedling had been circulated to Cllrs. Discussion ensued as to whether it was possible for the Parish Council to have three skips delivered to the car park at the Newstead Centre. Cllr Burnham felt that three small skips would not be anywhere sufficient to accommodate the amount of goods that would be disposed of by residents.

6.13 Overgrowth on footpath - See also 6.11. Cllr Booth reported that although the grass bank had been trimmed on one side of the path but it was noted that vegetation still coming through the railings.

6.14 Telephone Kiosk - The Clerk advised she had received a response from BT who advised that they would not normally remove a telephone where there was a proven need and an engineer would be instructed to carry out any repairs necessary. The Clerk had sent a further letter advising that the phone had been out of action for many months and that no public demand existing for its repair. No further action required pending visit by engineer.

6.15 Post Box - The Clerk advised she had made a number of phone calls trying to establish who was responsible for the replacement of the post box. Eventually she was advised that the local delivery office would have to request action to repair/replace the mail box and she had therefore written to the Hucknall Sorting Office

6.16 Flytipping - The black bags had been picked up

6.17 Former Coal Stocking Yard - Activity on this land had now ceased but Cllr Halliwell reported a number of bikes were seen accessing Freckland Road and going towards the Country park. Cllrs were advised to ring 101 to report the bikes as a problem.

6.16 Junction 27/M1 - No further cars racing had been heard. Cllr C Barnfather advised that the Police were well aware of the problem, but the previous injunction obtained by the Police to stop the problem was time limited. The racers had initially moved to Netherfield but an injunction had now been served on this location hence the return to Jct 27.

6.17 West Lodge - Cllr P Young raised concerns that the owner of West Lodge might try to extend the curtilage of his garden into the woodland.

6.18 Ward Walk - Cllr Burnham confirmed that he and the Chairman had participated in this walk. Minutes taken during the walk had yet to be received

The meeting then closed to allow members of the public to discuss parish matters with the Council

Mrs P Harvey advised that the Newstead Residents Association had now been wound up and that the proceeds remaining in their bank account had been split between Newstead PTA and the Parish Council. She hoped the Parish Council would use the proceeds to pay for the next newsletter. Cllrs had no objections to this arrangement

and a cheque for the sum of £272.76 was presented to the Council. The Clerk asked Mrs Harvey to ensure that the printer sent their account for the next edition of the newsletter to the Parish Council for payment. Mrs Harvey also raised the problems of moles in the cemetery. The Clerk was asked to find out further information on bulbs previously planted to deter moles.

The meeting re-opened

7. Accounts

7.1 Receipts and Payments for February 2014

Receipts.

£225.00 A W Lymn - Memorial headstone for recent cremation

Cheques for approval at this meeting

100053	Nottinghamshire County Council	£25.00	5 bags of 25kg Salt
100054	Newstead Centre	£36.00	Rent hire for February Council meeting
100055	Clarke's Cemetery Services	£60.00	Cremations costs
100056	Notts ALC	£182.89	Annual Subscription for NALC
100057	Mrs P A Wise	£10.00	Chairman's Allowance (Feb)
100058	Mrs J Johnson	£289.70	Clerks Wages (February)
100059	Notts County Council	£74.88	Pension Contributions - (February)

100060	Mrs J Johnson	Clerk's expenses (February)
		Postage/Other 24.44
		Tel/Broadband 6.00
		Mobile Calls Nil
		Mileage <u>2.70</u>
		Total 33.14
100061	Gedling Borough Council	£815.00 To supply, decorate and dispose of tree lights and new lights

Christmas

The accounts were approved as stated

7.2 To Consider Grants to Other Bodies

- a) Newstead Community Volunteers - A grant application had been received from this newly established group who hoped to carry out a series of events for the community at the Newstead Centre for local residents to enjoy. The amount requested of £100 would be put towards food for a gig held at the Newstead Centre on the 28th February. Any surplus made from that concert would then be ploughed into the next event and so on. Cllr Adams felt the evening had been a great success. Proposed by Cllr Burnham and seconded by Cllr Adams that donation of £100 be paid and this was agreed.
- b) Newstead PCC - A request for a grant of £250 towards the Easter Fayre had been received from Newstead PCC. As this was a substantial percentage of the amount held in this budget and to allow for it to be shared equally between all groups/requests, it was proposed by Cllr Burnham and seconded by Cllr Young that a contribution of £100 was made. This was agreed.
- c) Newstead Youth Centre - A request had been received from Cllr P Andrews on behalf of the Youth Centre for a £100 contribution towards the £650 cost of redecorating the centre. The work would be carried out by one of the youth club members and part of the cost covered the labour involved. It was proposed by Cllr Wise and seconded by Cllr Burnham that a grant of £100 be offered and this was agreed.
- d) Nomads Cricket Club - The Clerk advised she had been approached by this cricket club to ask if the Council would be prepared in principle to contribute towards the cost of replacing damaged cricket nets. It was agreed that an application form should be sent to the club and they be asked what provision would be in place to ensure any replacement nets were not damaged and also how many local children the team were hoping to involve.

7.3 Pension Provision for the Clerk

The Clerk advised that Notts. County Council had carried out the tri-annual valuation of the Local Government Pension Fund. As a result from April 2014 and for next 3 years the contribution rates paid by Newstead Parish Council as an employer would fall from the present level of 18.2% of the Clerk's salary to 14.7%, which would save the council approximately £11 each month. **Cllrs to note information**

8. Matters Concerning Newstead Village

8.1 Pre school Learning Alliance/Surestart - Cllr Couch explained that closure of the childcare centre would badly affect single mums in the village as this was the only place in the village that offered this service which was both local and considerably cheaper than alternative child care facilities elsewhere.. The Chairman advised that negotiations had been underway between Surestart and the Newstead Centre and these were at an early stage.

This would not be a nursery however. It was noted that the childcare centre was not financially viable and an attempt to save costs by reducing the hours of opening had resulted in less use of the

centre. Cllr Barnfather had held a meeting with the County Manager at the Pre School Alliance. Although an action group had been set up it was not clear what support could be offered by the Council.

8.2 Hucknall Road - Cllr Burnham felt a number of trees on Woodside were leaning over into the highway and he was concerned these may cause a hazard. Cllr Barnfather suggested the Council write to the landowner and ask if their tree surgeon could inspect these trees and certify them as safe. **Clerk to action**

8.3 Lamp Post - The lamp post outside the former chip shop was reported as faulty. **Clerk to report**

8.4 Former Chip Shop - Cllr Andrews advised that the large amount of rubbish that had accumulated in the rear yard of the chip shop had now been removed and the dilapidated wall taken down. She explained that the Chief Executive and Deputy were in the village on another matter when she asked them to view the problem. They both agreed the situation was not acceptable and the cleaning up operation took place almost immediately. As a result she had written to the Chief Executive/Deputy thanking them for their actions. It was agreed that an excellent job had been carried out

9. Matters Concerning Newstead Abbey Park

9.1 Station Ave

It was agreed that ahead of the meeting arranged for the 13th March the Clerk would send a letter outlining the Council's main concern and lack of progress on repairing pot holes on Station Ave. Cllr P Young agreed to forward information to the Clerk in advance of the meeting, which she had previously drawn up and which would be passed to Nottingham City Council.

10. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were specifically discussed

10.1 CPRE - Details of the Best Kept Village had been circulated to Cllrs.

10.2 Marie Curie Cancer Care - Free Will Writing service advertised for the over 55's - This scheme was noted with details to be included on notice boards in parish

11 Planning Applications

11.1 Proposed Wind turbine on Newstead and Annesley Park - Newstead residents had received a mail shot referring

to an application on Newstead and Annesley Country Park in respect of a wind turbine with a tip height of 126 m that was capable of supplying electricity to the equivalent of 700 homes. Further information had been requested and an environmental statement had been received. It was agreed that a separate meeting would be required and

as the application was tied in very closely with progress at the visitor centre, a visit to the centre and country park should be arranged to enable the Council to assess the merits of the proposal and to raise concerns with the applicant. Due to a number of Cllrs who worked during the week, the Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting for a Saturday morning. **Clerk to contact Chief Executive at RCAN to arrange site visit.**

11.2 The following application was also discussed with no objections

2014/0065 - 24 Abbey Road, Newstead (Porch Extension)

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 2nd April. Apologies for this meeting were given in advance by Cllr C Barnfather.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.35pm.