

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 7 January 2015

1. **Present:** Cllrs: Mrs. D Adams (Acting Chair), Mr P Burnham, Mrs B Blood, Mrs J Booth, Miss A Halliwell, Mr S Gascoigne, Mrs P Young and also Mr Bruce Andrews.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs P Wise and Ms H Crouch. Also Ward Cllr Mrs P Andrews and County Cllr Mr C Barnfather.

3. **Declarations of Personal & Prejudicial Interest:**
No interests were declared

4. **Approval of the Minutes - 3 December 2014**
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 **Highways** - The Clerk advised that she would attend the meeting to be arranged with Highways (see below) when outstanding highway issues would be raised

5.2 **Flooding Issues** - Further meeting yet to be arranged

5.3 **Station Hotel** - As no action had been taken on this matter by the owners, a further letter had been dispatched by the Clerk to the brewery reminding them that the building remains a health and safety hazard.

5.4 **Abbey Street/Byron Street Sign** - No dates for a meeting had yet been agreed. **Clerk to chase**

5.5 **Land adjacent 38 Fraser Street** - Not yet actioned

5.6 **Cemetery Issues** - Cllr Halliwell advised she did not feel it was appropriate to continue to charge for

inscriptions on memorials. The Chairman advised that this would be discussed at the precept meeting when cemetery charges were reviewed.

5.7 **Cemetery Car Park** - The Clerk advised site meetings had been arranged with contractors on Friday 9th and Monday 12th January. She also understood the main resurfacing of the car park had been undertaken by a company called Abbey Gates and would also try to get a quote from them.

5.8 **The Local Government Boundary Commission** - This had been brought back to the meeting as previously agreed. Further information had been obtained from the Boundary Commission which had confirmed that it would not be possible for the Parish Council to suggest altering the boundaries to align with towns or villages in the Ashfield. However as the purpose of the review was to ensure electoral equality in terms of the number of voters represented by each County Cllr, it was noted that following the adoption of the Aligned Core Strategy, the ward was likely to experience significant growth in terms of the population with a number of major housing developments planned in Bestwood Village and Linby Parish. It was agreed this information would be made known to the Commission.

5.9 **Christmas Tree** - Cllr Halliwell noted that the lights on the Christmas Tree were entirely white and not those purchased previously by the Parish Council, which included a number of multi-coloured strings of bulbs. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact GBC to point this out.

- 5.10 Grit Bins - Cllr Blood pointed out that the grit bins on High Leys Road were now empty following recent snow.
- 5.11 Precept Meeting - In order to allow time for the Clerk to respond on the planning application in respect of the turbine. It was agreed to defer the precept meeting by a period of one week so that the date of this meeting would be held on Wednesday 28 January and not the 21 January as originally agreed.

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

Mr Bruce Andrews pointed out that between mid January and end of February 2015, Gedling Borough Council offering to collect up to three items of bulky waste from Gedling residents free of charge. Details of items that could be collected were shown on the Gedling Web site. It was agreed this information should be flagged up local residents on the village website and that the Locality Co-ordinator be informed so this could be on the Newstead Facebook page.

Meeting re-opened

6. Finance

6.1 Receipts and Payments for January 2015

Receipts.

£305.00	New interment of ashes in burial section
£1625.00	Biffa - 50% of grant secured towards Newstead Meadow
£1.84	Interest on deposit acct - Sept
£1.91	Interest on deposit account - Oct
£1.84	Interest on deposit account - Nov

Cheques for approval at this meeting

100148	Mrs P Wise	£19.96	Refreshments for buffet
100149	Newstead Centre	£45.00	Room hire for public meeting held on 25 Nov 2014
100150	Newstead Centre	£135.00	Cost of buffet and room hire on 3 Dec 2014
100151	Mrs P Wise	£15.00	Chairman's allowance (Dec)
100152	Mrs J Johnson	£304.43	Clerks Wages (Dec)
100153	Notts County Council	£65.55	Pension Contributions for Clerk (Dec)
100154	Clarke's Cemetery Services	£60.00	Charges for new interment of ashes
100155	Mrs J Johnson	£12.42	Clerk's expenses (Dec)
			Postage/Other 3.72
			Tel/Broadband 6.00
			Mobile Calls Nil
			Mileage <u>2.70</u>
			Total <u>12.42</u>

plus any other payments agreed at the meeting

The accounts were agreed as stated

- 6.2 There were no other matters relating to finance

7. Grounds Maintenance Contract

Recommendations had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting based on grounds maintenance specification agreed in 2011. Recommendations made by Clerk were agreed as shown in red were agreed. Regarding the mosaic area Cllr Burnham asked that the contractor also be asked to remove tree saplings. Also in terms of the Old Cemetery, the paths are to be cut during April to Oct (one mower width only) and that reference to the cutting of the grass twice a year be removed completely. Under Cemetery Car Park - to add that the area under the rear hedge be kept clear of weeds and debris. In respect of other possible additions to the contract, it was agreed that in respect of the New Cemetery that bushes in the area known as the shrubbery are to be trimmed back at least once a year. It was also noted that levelling of the grave spaces was already included within the contract, as was removal of growth around trees. The Council also agreed that that the maintenance of planters on Station Road plus cutting of this verge is also added to the specification but that a separate cost is obtained for this aspect of the contract. It was agreed that a letter would also be sent to the railway regarding cutting of the verge on Station Road.

8. The Lengthsman's Scheme

Cllr Halliwell confirmed that work to cut down bushes on Webb Street had been completed by the Lengthsman. She enquired who was responsible for an area of 'no man's land' between the backs of the houses on Webb Street and the Bowling Green. It was felt this land was probably owned by the Newstead Centre and clarification would be sought as to the land owner. No further suggestions for work were put forward.

9 Matters concerning Newstead Village

9.1 Flytipping - Cllr Halliwell reported a sofa left on the village green. Cllr Booth also reported that a fridge had been left to the rear of Chatsworth Terrace **Clerk to report**

9.2 Antisocial Behaviour - Cllr Halliwell reported that there has been an increase in antisocial behaviour over the past few weeks including kids climbing on top of the M.U.G.A, and use of foul language. She had reported a number of incidents to the Police and was highly satisfied with the response received from them. The PCSO she spoke to had also advised it was important for residents to report such incidents or no one would be aware there were still problems. The poor behaviour witnessed involved the same 5 young children between the ages of 8 and 10.

Cllrs felt the response by Police was very positive.

9.3 Off road Biking - Problems were again reported involving the unauthorised use of scrambling bikes within the Country Park and Linby Trail, Cllr Gascoigne confirmed he was aware that 3 young motorcyclists are being dropped off from a van in Pocket Park, to ride. None of the bikes concerned were fitted with licence plates. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to R.C.A.N and the Forestry Commission regarding the problems of off road scrambling bikes.

9.4 Pothole - Cllr Burnham drew attention to a pothole situated in the right hand turning section on the A611, at the junction with Hucknall Road at the point when motorists pull up at the traffic lights. **Clerk to report**

9.5 Street Lighting - A number of light columns were reported not working, including lights on Station Ave, Abbey Road, Bryon Road. Details were given to the Clerk. Cllr Halliwell also noted that a number of lights were out in the vicinity surrounding the rail stop. **Clerk to report**

10 Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

Pot Holes on Station Ave - Cllr Young reported that the state of Abbey Drive was continuing to get worse especially on the stretch between the end of Simon's drive and up towards Poets Corner, where the

sides of the road are continuing to crumble. When this occurred on the bend up to the waterfall road plantings had been dropped at the side of the road to shore up the road. Cllr Young wondered when this section of Abbey Drive would be scheduled for repair and agreed to speak to Rachael Dewsbury regarding this.

Vicarage Corner to Station Ave - Cllr Gascoigne reported a number of bushes were now encroaching onto the highway making it difficult for cars to pass. This was on the section just before Vicarage Corner, and extending under railway bridge and onwards towards the barrier guarding the entrance to the Abbey grounds. It was agreed the Clerk would ask the lengthsman to trim back the vegetation on the highway.
West Lodge - Cllr Young continued to express concern at the size of the out building at West Lodge. She was sorry to hear that Planning Officer Bev Pearson had now left Gedling Borough Council.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Newstead Footpath 1 - Correspondence had been circulated from Papplewick Parish Council concerning a rights of way issue where a Papplewick parishioner had claimed further metal gates had now been installed on this right of way diverting walkers away from the route of the original path. The Clerk to Papplewick Council had now written to Newstead Parish Council seeking help from the Council in ensuring the right of way was maintained. The Clerk tried to explain the history relating to this path. The Chairman advised it was not easy to establish what the problem was in this instance and suggested that a visit to the site should be undertaken.

11.2 Gedling Borough Council - Invite to attend workshops in connection with the next stages of the Gedling Local Plan - As all of these workshops took place during the day, a number of Cllrs were unable to attend due to existing work commitments.

12. Planning Applications

12.1 The following application had been brought to the meeting for Cllrs to view.

2014/1168 - Newstead and Annesley Country Park (Wind Turbine with maximum tip height of 100m, associated infrastructure to include control building with crane hardstanding)

The Clerk was pleased to report that an extension on the time the Council could comment on this application had been agreed by the Planning Authority, which has been extended until the end of January. In view of the complexity involved with this application, Cllrs agreed it was best to discuss this matter at a separate meeting with this being the only item on the agenda. The date of this meeting was proposed for Wednesday 14 January 2015. **The Clerk is to circulate the date to other Cllrs**

12.2 The following planning decisions have been granted conditional planning permission. Specific conditions relating to the application are shown: -

2014/113 - Gardeners Cottage, Newstead Abbey Park (Proposed change of use from residential to holiday let)

Specific Condition

The development hereby permitted shall be used for holiday accommodation only and not used as any person's sole or main residence.

12.3 The following information has been sent by Gedling for information purposes only.

2014/1115 - The Gatehouse Lodge, Newstead Abbey Park, Nottingham Road, Ravenshead (Proposed change of use from residential and office purposes in connection with the adjoining Abbey to general residential purposes)

Specific Condition

No works permitted under Class A,B,C,D or E of Part 1 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) shall be undertaken without the prior written permission of the Borough Council as local planning authority.

12.4 Notice of TPO Consent

2014/1135 TPO - R Islip, The Ranch House, Newstead Abbey Park - (Fell 1 no Oak and 1 No Horse Chestnut (dead) and reduce 1 no Beech Tree away from LV power line)

2014/1127TPO - Mrs S Peacock, Pendlewood, Newstead Abbey Park (Remove Sliver Birch, crown lift Beech Tree approx 5 metres and remove any dead wood crossing limbs to Beech Tree)

13. Reports From External Meetings

None

14. Cemetery issues

None reported

15. Items the Chairman considers urgent

Cllr Burnham raised the matter on behalf of the Chairman Cllr Wise to sound out the idea that a planning subcommittee should again be established. Planning applications would be sent to the committee who would then decide whether they needed to be discussed by full council at a full planning meeting. As it was unclear how this would work in practise and due to the time constraints in which the Council had to respond, it was agreed by Cllrs present there seemed little point in establishing a committee on this basis.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be Wednesday 12 January 2015 to discuss the wind turbine, followed by the precept meeting on the 28 January and the next meeting on 4 February.

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