

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 7th December 2016

1. **Present:** Cllrs: Mrs P Young (Chairman), Mrs D Adams, Mr C Bicknell, Mr R Butler, Miss H Scott and Ms J Smith, plus County Cllr Mr C Barnfather, Ward Cllr B Andrews and Mrs P Andrews.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Mr P Burnham and Cllr Mr C Powell.
3. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**
Cllrs Bicknell and Scott declared an interest in any matters relating to the Newstead Centre as potential Trustees of the Centre.
4. **Approval of the Minutes 9 November 2016**
It was proposed and seconded the minutes be approved as a true record and this was agreed.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 Skate Park - Work painting the rails has now been completed.
 - 5.2 CCTV - This is operational but there has been some interference from one of the trees on the green directly adjacent to the camera. Gedling will arrange to remove the top most branches of the tree concerned.
 - 5.3 Parking outside the Cemetery Gates – Car park notice installed and now facing in right direction (i.e. facing onto road). The fly tipped vending machines have been removed.
 - 5.4 Topple Testing – The worst graves have been taped off and warning signs placed. The Chairman explained a risk assessment now has to be carried out on the affected graves with a meeting of the cemetery committee deferred until the New Year.
 - 5.5 Newstead Meadow – The bales have not yet been moved. The contractor will be reminded these still need to be moved to the rear of the field.
 - 5.6 Junction of Fraser Street/Tilford Road – Reminder sent to highways that the white lining on Markham Street and junction of Fraser Street has not yet been carried out. The Clerk has also chased up the salt bins promised earlier in the year. Cllr Barnfather was surprised these had not yet been installed and asked to be copied into emails previously sent to Highways on this matter.
 - 5.7 Station Ave - The brambles have now been given their final trim.
 - 5.8 Matters relating to the Newstead Centre – There has been no response from the Trustees to our queries.
 - 5.9 Public Telephone Box – BT has carried out some improvements to the telephone box including new perspex to the exterior and further cleaning of the interior.
 - 5.10 Planning/Annual Community Fund – Meeting with RCAN arranged for 10am on 8th December. The Council have yet to hear from Annesley & Felley Parish Council as to whether they will be attending.
 - 5.11 Annual Mining Service – This was held last Saturday. Cllr Scott gave a welcome speech on behalf of the Council with Cllr Burnham also laying a wreath.
 - 5.12 Old Coal Stocking Yard/Freckland Wood – Nic Crouch has been advised that Newstead Parish Council has approved the revised scheme. They will now progress matters.
 - 5.13 Christmas Tree – The Chairman thanked everyone who helped to install the tree. Cllr Smith noted that there had been some fantastic feedback from the village on Facebook. It was explained that the existing barriers around the tree were the best that could be secured at short notice. An estimate has been provided by Cllr Butler for purpose built barriers which will be discussed at January's Council meeting.
 - 5.14 Skate Board Park – The drainage work on the skate park has been carried out.
 - 5.15 20 mph speed sign – The Clerk confirmed this had been reported yet again. Cllr Bicknell to check whether this had yet been repaired
 - 5.16 MUGA Repair – Not yet carried out but Clerk to chase.
 - 5.17 Vacancy for the Abbey Ward – The Clerk advised there has been no requirement for a poll. Notices have

been put on the parish notice boards advertising the current vacancy on the Council with anyone interested to apply by 31st December.

- 5.18 Strimming of the Old Cemetery – This is underway. The hedge has been ordered and will be planted by the Community Payback Scheme as part of the work undertaken at the cemetery.

6. Planning

The following planning items were then brought forward for discussion: -

- 6.1 2016/1088 - West Lodge, Newstead Abbey Park (Erection of Gazebo and Bridge) – A standalone application had been received in respect of the gazebo and bridge which had been circulated to members of the Council which had previously been the subject of enforcement action by Gedling Borough Council. It was agreed that the Council would continue to object to this application with the response to be drafted by the Chairman and Clerk.

2016/1107 – Newstead Village Sports Pavilion (Change of use from D2 (Assembly and Leisure) to D2/A4 (Assembly and Leisure and drinking establishment) i.e. a micropub)

Details of this application had been circulated to Cllrs between meetings. The Chairman advised that whilst she approved of the idea of a micropub, she had some concerns re the proposed venue which was used by children taking part in sporting activities and had concerns re young people and alcohol. Cllr Scott said whilst she felt these concerns had some weight, nevertheless, she felt the benefits of the proposal outweighed the risks. It was noted by the Council that an online petition had been signed by over 2,000 persons in support of the proposal.

Cllr Butler advised that having had some experience in the licensing trade, he had some concerns about the ability of the applicant to control persons who drank excessively. This concern was dismissed by other Cllrs who were aware that the applicant also had experience in the trade and knew how to handle people. Discussion then followed on whether access to the bar would be through the changing rooms or whether there was direct access from outside (NB as was the case). Both Cllrs Bicknell and Smith were in support of the application as concerns about ‘what might or could happen’ would prelude anything new ever happening in the village and they were both in support of the application. As the majority of Cllrs welcomed this additional facility for the village, it was agreed to support this application.

The meeting was then closed to allow the public to participate.

No matters were raised during the public session.

Meeting reopened

7. Accounts

7.1 Receipts and Payments for December 2016

Receipts

None

Cheques for Approval

100372	Newstead PCC	£100.00	Donation towards Christmas Fayre
100373	Hedges Direct Ltd	£600.00	Hedge whips for the Old Cemetery
100374	Newstead Centre	£45.00	Room hire costs for November Council meeting
100375	Jonathon Rhodes	£80.00	Strim brambles on Station Ave
100376	Mrs P Young	£15.00	Chairman's allowance (November)
100377	Mrs J Johnson	£349.50	Clerks wages for November
100378	Notts County Council	£97.33	Pension Contributions for Clerk (November) plus deficit payment.

100379	Mrs J Johnson	£31.20	Clerk's expenses	
			Postage/Other	£2.50
			Tel/Broadband	£8.00
			Mobile Calls	Nil
			Mileage	<u>£20.70</u>
			TOTAL	<u>£31.20</u>

These accounts were approved as stated.

6.2 To Consider a Grant Application from the Newstead Centre towards a Christmas party for Residents.

A grant application had been received in respect of a donation towards gifts from Santa for children attending a Christmas party to be held at the Newstead Centre on the 17th December. A similar request was received last year. Cllrs felt the event held last year had not been well publicised as few persons in the village were aware of this event. Whilst it was acknowledged that the event would be advertised on the Newstead Centre facebook page and on notice boards, it was suggested the school is also notified in order that they can leaflet all pupils regarding this event. Following discussion of the application, the sum of £100 was proposed and seconded and subsequently agreed.

7. The Lengthsmans Scheme

Details had been circulated regarding the number of hours the lengthsman had worked in the parish. The total number of hours allocated for the year was 77 hours with 52 already worked and 24 hours remaining until 1st May. Cllrs were advised although there was a backlog of work yet to be carried out (i.e. painting of the cemetery gates), They should forward details onto the Clerk of any other jobs. The Chairman advised that the repair of the fence at Vicarage Corner was still outstanding.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Village

8.1 CCTV on Station Road – Cllr Adams noted this had still not been repaired and it was agreed to write to again to East Midlands Trains.

8.2 Vandal Damage – Cllr Bicknell advised that over the past three months there had been a spate of vandal damage to resident's cars i.e wing mirrors broken etc. It was noted that more recently the amount of damage had been much less and it was rumoured certain individuals had been spoken to by the Police. It was not thought the offenders were local to the village.

8.3 Vicarage Corner – Cllr Scott advised that whilst recent flytipping on Vicarage Corner had been removed, some debris and litter had been left in situ. Clerk to pursue Gedling Borough Council to clean the area concerned.

9 Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park

None

10. Correspondence.

10.1 VIA East Midlands – Proposed Speed Limit on Hucknall Road – A letter had been received which explained that as a result of objections made by the Police to the proposed 40 mph speed limit on Hucknall Road on the grounds that this would be difficult to enforce, VIA were now proposing to increase the limit to apply on this section of Hucknall Road to 50mph. Cllrs felt that if the speed limit were raised to the higher level this would in turn would encourage motorists to travel faster than the limit applied which given the bends in the road would be too high. They also felt the argument from the Police made little sense given that lower speed limits applied in built up areas. Cllrs were of the firm opinion that the original proposal of 40mph for this section of Hucknall Road was correct and agreed that a representation would be made to VIA asking for the original speed limit proposed to be reinstated.

10.2 Newstead Locality Group – Details of correspondence from Debbie Widdowson had been circulated to Cllrs. The Chairman advised she was unable to attend Friday morning meetings due to existing personal commitments. Cllr Scott advised that she was allocated a space on this committee in her professional capacity, but was unable to attend these due to priorities elsewhere. Cllr Bicknell confirmed he would attend the inaugural meeting of this group due to be held on the 20th January. The importance of attending these meetings was stressed.

11. Reports from External Meetings

None

12. Cemetery Issues

None

13. Items that the Chairman Considers Urgent

13.1 Newstead Youth Club

The Chairman advised that as a result of a mice infestation at the Youth Centre it was understood the Youth Club had currently moved from the Youth Centre and were presently operating from the Sport Pavilion, pending a move to the church premises in the New Year. The Chairman of the Youth Club advised that as a result of problems not being tackled by the Newstead Centre, the ceiling had now been partially eaten by mice as the Newstead Centre were not prepared to sign disclaimers required by Gedling Borough Council in order to treat the mice problem. Past issues yet to be resolved included problems with the electrics and a leaking roof. Effectively, there had been a number of ongoing issues at the centre over the years, with the mice problem being the final straw and a decision had been taken to leave the premises. The Chairman felt that whilst she understood the problems with the centre, nevertheless she expressed her opinion that the Youth Centre remained a better venue for the Youth Club than the church.

13.2 Newstead Centre – Cllr Barnfather confirmed that a meeting between CISWO and the exiting trustees of the Newstead Centre had been held the previous Friday, but as yet no feedback from that meeting had been received.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

This will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Cllr Barnfather requested details of future meeting dates of the council.