

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 6 January 2016

1. **Present:** Cllrs: Mrs P Young (Chairman), Mr C Bicknell, Mrs B Blood, Mr P Burnham and Miss H Scott. Also present was Mick Leivers from R.C.A.N, Ward Cllr Mr C Powell and County Cllr Mr C Barnfather.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D Adams, Mr S Gascoigne and Ms J Smith. Also Ward Cllr Mr B Andrews.
3. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**  
Helen Scott declared an interest in agenda item 16 as a Director of Newstead Enterprise.
4. **Approval of the Minutes**  
It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record and this was agreed.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - 5.1 **Abbey Street Sign** – A revised street sign has now been installed with the correct spelling of ‘Abbey’ . Also new nameplates for Livingstone Street have been installed at the Webb Street end of Livingstone Street as previously requested.
  - 5.2 **Christmas Tree**- Concern was expressed on the standard of redecoration of the Christmas tree where it was noted that a) Lights installed on the tree were not those originally purchased by the Council and b) that the strings of lights had been wrapped too tightly around the Christmas tree itself causing distortion of the branches. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Gedling to remind them of the number of strings of light previously purchased by the Council and also the colours purchased. A request from a local resident to re-site the Christmas tree to the green area at the junction of Tilford Road with Hucknall Road was also discussed. It was agreed to leave the tree in the existing place where at the proposed location there was no means of lighting the tree. It was also agreed that the Council would consider arranging an official lighting ceremony for next year and this would be an agenda item later in the year.
  - 5.3 **Gritting Scheme** – The new grit bin for Station Ave has now been delivered to Clerk’s home. This had not yet been installed on Station Ave where the Clerk explained the bin was fairly lightweight and could easily be ‘removed’ if not filled with grit. It was agreed the Clerk could purchase grit to fill the bin. A bid to Gedling BC for 2 additional grit bins had not been successful. Cllr Barnfather advised that through the allowance allocated to him as the County Councillor for Newstead Ward, he would fund the grit bins instead. Clerk to provide details of the exact location where these would be sited, which he explained would need to be approved by highways. The Parish Council would also have to accept responsibility for maintenance and restocking of the bins. The proposed locations were at Vicarage Corner and Chapel Terrace.
  - 5.4 **Skate Park** - No update had been received from Toz on the position relating to the skate park. Cllr Burnham advised he had recently visited the park and confirmed that the position had moved on since the previous visit by himself, Clerk and Chair.
  - 5.5 **Old Cemetery** - A date of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 1pm was agreed for carrying out work to move the arisings. Clerk asked to send out reminder to Cllrs nearer the time.

5.6 Community Speedwatch – This issue was discussed with Cllr Powell. He confirmed that Cllr Burnham had been

liaising with the lead contact for Community Speedwatch in Ravenshead and he did not believe he was in a position to change her mind. He was also aware that no other speed watch team operated in a different parish from their own. Data from the traffic survey carried out on Hucknall Road was also discussed, whereby it was noted that the incidents of motorists travelling in excess of 60pm was generally confined to very late evenings. It was agreed to contact Traffic Police to ask if they would carry out speed checks in the village and along Hucknall Road.

5.7 Pothole on Musters – Cllr Bicknell confirmed this had now been filled but not well and he doubted this would

last through winter. He has agreed to monitor the situation.

5.8 Grant Request from Newstead Centre - A number of Councillors had not received notification of this event.

Cllr Burnham confirmed he had been notified. It was agreed to ask the Co-ordinator of Newstead Centre for some feedback information on this event.

5.9 War Memorial - The Chairman explained that during a meeting held at the war memorial, it was agreed to submit a grant claim based on highlighting the names of soldiers killed during WW1 in gold gilt and a clean up of the stone work generally. The Parish Council is currently waiting to hear from Mansfield Memorials for an estimate for carrying out this work. Cllr Burnham advised that he had tried to establish if any other residents of the parish had died in active service since WW2 so that their names could be

added to the memorial. It was noted this would not form part of the grant claim which would need to be submitted within the next two weeks.

5.10 Passing Place sign on Station Ave – The Clerk confirmed that this request had been discussed with John Evens at Gedling Borough Council. They are not prepared to install such a sign where they do not believe this is a passing place. They have agreed to monitor the situation and if they believe that parked cars are causing an issue would look to install ‘no parking’ signs. The new sign in respect of ‘No Vehicle Access to Newstead Abbey’ has been installed on the junction of this road with Tilford Road.

#### Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

5.11 Gate Passes - The Parish Council is waiting to hear from Nottingham City Council that the new passes are

ready for collection. It was emphasised by the Chairman that any passes now issued by the Abbey must be handed in once the recipient is no longer a parish councillor.

5.12 Beekeeping - Zurich Insurance has confirmed no objections to this in principle but the Council must ask for

and retain a copy of the professional beekeepers Public Liability Insurance.

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

Mr Mick Leivers of C.A.S.T took the opportunity to inform members of recent work undertaken by C.A.S.T. In the Country Park a disabled access platform had been installed at one of the fishing lakes with the help of the Probation

Trust. In conjunction with the Woodland Trust some 300 trees had been planted in the park and sleepers had been

obtained from Network Rail to complete the car parking area. In terms of the Abbey, strimming had been

undertaken in an area known as 'Two Wives Plantation' where a dog tooth fence was also installed as more areas of the Abbey are opened up for walks. Further work has been undertaken on the trees in Station Avenue and this time the brash has been removed. Tony Cundy will in future mow the verge now created. Bird boxes have also been installed.

On a different note Mr Leivers advised that Mansfield Probation Trust were currently seeking work projects for their clients to undertake and it was agreed to pass on the contact details of this team. Further discussion also took place on best time for strimming Newstead Meadow in term of the haylage produced.

*Meeting reopened*

## 6. Accounts

### 6.1 Receipts and Payments for December 2015

#### Receipts

- £25.00 – Fee for strewing of ashes
- £225.00 – New interment on 12<sup>th</sup> January (Reopening of existing grave)
- £1.84 - Interest on deposit acct to 5<sup>th</sup> October
- £1.91 - Interest on deposit acct to 5<sup>th</sup> November
- £1.84 – Interest on deposit acct to 5<sup>th</sup> December

#### Cheques to Approve

100270	The Newstead Centre	£251.40	Room hire charges from July to end of December.
100271	Glasdon UK	£177.83	Cost of new salt bin for Station Ave
100272	Mrs P Young	£15.00	Chairman's allowance (Dec)
100273	Mrs J Johnson	£335.98	Clerks wages for (December)
N/A	HMRC	£24.00	Tax and NI due on Clerk's wages for last quarter*
100274	Notts County Council	£91.03	Pension Contributions for Clerk (Dec) and deficit pension payment due this month of £17.50.
100275	Mrs J Johnson	£16.95	Clerk's expenses
			Postage/Other £5.10
			Tel/Broadband £6.00
			Mobile Calls Nil
			Mileage <u>£5.85</u>
			TOTAL <u>£16.95</u>

\* Notification has been received from HMRC that as at 4 October 2015, there is a credit of £26.60 owed to the Parish Council. No cheques will be sent for monies owed to HMRC until such time credit returned to zero.

The payments were approved as stated.

## 7. Village Walkabouts

The Chairman explained it would be good idea to plan a walk through the village to highlight any issues. It was suggested any walkabout should be of the whole of the parish, where it was noted that because of the

distances involved this might be part walk/part drive. A date for the walkabout would be agreed at the next meeting once the weather had improved.

## **8 Matters concerning Newstead Village**

- 8.1 Seat and Notice Board – A public seat had been partially removed from concrete bedding and perspex had been smashed in one of the parish notice boards opposite the shop/Post Office. An estimate for the sum of £180 plus VAT had been received from Malcolm Lane for the cost of repairs. It was agreed the repairs could proceed.
- 8.2 Off Roaders – Cllrs discussed the news that thousands of pounds worth of damage had been caused at Hollinwell Golf Club last Sunday afternoon by off roaders carving up the greens. Cllr Burnham confirmed he had heard the bikes and assumed they had probably come via the Linby Trail. Bikers had also been spotted in the Abbey, although it was felt they may have had permission to ride on the land in question.
- 8.3. Chapel Terrace – A complaint had been made to Gedling Homes regarding rubbish being dumped in the yard. An update on the progress made on 23 Tilford Road would also be sought.
- 8.4 Mayor's Invite - As a reward for making the successful dragon, an invite had been extended to members of the Youth Club to have tea with the Mayor of Gedling. This would be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

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

- 9.1 Newsletter – The Chairman confirmed a newsletter had been written specifically for all the residents in the Abbey Ward with copies being passed to other Clls. It was intended to provide a further update every 6 months. Mick Leivers asked whether it was possible if work undertaken by CAST could also be included in the newsletter
- 9.2 High Leys Road – Parking on the pavement adjacent to the public footpath on High Leys Road continues to cause an obstruction. The problem is worse at weekends and not thought to be connected to the Nordic walkers. Cllr Barnfather suggested alerting the local beat officer, for him to speak to the offending motorists. As a rule of thumb he understood there should be sufficient width left on the pavement to allow passage for a double buggy.
- 9.3 Entrance to Newstead Abbey from A60 - The Chairman drew attention to the lack of visible road markings in the layby serving the main entrance to Newstead Abbey and difficulty caused in turning right onto the A60. It was agreed that the Chairman would draw up a plan of what she felt was needed which would then be emailed by the Clerk to Cllr Barnfather who would take up the matter with Highways.
- 9.4 Station Ave - Cllr Burnham asked whether there was any timetable for when resurfacing of the road under the former railway bridge would take place as this surface continues to deteriorate. The Chairman confirmed that resurfacing of all of Station Ave would take place where this is included in plans drawn up by the Abbey, but the work would not be carried out in the current financial year, where the total cost of resurfacing the all the roads through the Abbey is spread over a number of years.

## **10. Correspondence.**

The following item was specifically discussed:

- 10.1 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement – A letter had been received from NALC requesting examples of Council Tax Support where the Government wishes to reduce this over the next few years. Cllrs approved the response by the Clerk and also agreed that representations should be made to the local MP, to ensure that sufficient funding is provided to local authorities to enable this support to be retained.

**11. Planning Applications.**

The following applications were discussed having previously been circulated to members of the Council

2015/1278 – Land off Fraser Street, Newstead Village (9 Four Bed Dwelling) – Comments received back from Cllrs indicated that overall the proposal was viewed favourable , although concern had been expressed about the height of the dwellings for which details were still awaited from the agents. Cllr Scott had also expressed her view that velux windows were best fitted to the front of the homes with the proposed dormers to the rear of the property, as this would be more in keeping with the existing street scene and afford a better view over the back garden. It was agreed that the Council would support the proposal subject to the plans being tweaked as suggested.

2015/1436 –Unit 24, Hazleford Way, Newstead (Warehouse/Storage Unit) – There were no objections to the principle of this development but concern was expressed regarding the overall height of the building and whether this could be lowered. Also further screening of the building requested i.e. such as tree planting to preserve the view of adjacent residents, particularly those living on Foundry Terrace.

**12. Reports from External Meetings**

None

**13. Cemetery Issues**

None other than mentioned earlier

**14. Any Other items the Chairman considers urgent**

14.1 Jessie Spencer Trust - An opportunity may exist for the Parish Council to put in an application for funding towards the MUGA lights to this Trust, which provides funds specifically towards projects aimed at Children and Young People. The Clerk is to investigate whether this is the case.

14.2 Armchair – Cllr Bicknell confirmed he had a leather wing back arm chair to give away to anyone who could use this. This chair would be particularly suited to older people,

**15. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January which will be the precept meeting followed by the usual council meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

*For the next item, the Council resolves to exclude the public and press for discussion of this matter, which involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972, schedule 12a, Part one, para. 3, where this item relates to financial and business affairs of persons/organisations*

**16. Newstead Enterprise**

Information given in confidence was discussed at the meeting. It was proposed the Clerk would attend the next meeting of RCAN/Newstead Enterprise. No further action required on the part of the Council.

