

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in the Sherwood Room of
Newstead Centre on Wednesday 1 November 2017

1. **Present:** Cllrs: Mrs P Young (Chairman), Mrs D Adams, Mr R Butler, and Ms J Smith. Also attending were Ward Cllr Mr B Andrews and County Cllr Mr C Barnfather.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies received from Cllrs Mr P Burnham, Mr E Hardy and Miss H Scott. Also from Ward Cllr Mr C Powell, who was attending another meeting.

The Chairman advised that written notice had been received from Cllr Mr C Bicknell that for personal reasons he was standing down as a member of the Council with immediate effect. She had acknowledged this request and asked whether it would be appropriate to take a break from the Council instead. As no further correspondence had been received from Cllr Bicknell, it was assumed he did not wish to remain on the Council. The Clerk then explained the procedure for the co-option of another member for the Newstead village ward of the parish council.

3. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**
Cllr Smith declared an interest in any matters relating to Newstead Enterprise. Cllr Butler declared an interest in matters relating to 'Land behind Fraser Street'.

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Subject to the following corrections: under 5.1 to note that it was Cllr Mr C Powell who had advised that comments from the Abbey had been received after the deadline for consultation, also that any reference to AVC in item 9 should be replaced with ACV - the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- 5.1 Gedling Homes - No response as yet.
- 5.2 Litter Bin on Foundry – The Clerk has spoken to Terry Ball and the meeting with Andy Thornley (Head of Collections) did not take place due to priorities elsewhere. The meeting has now been rescheduled to include the Clerk and will take place on the 8th November.
- 5.3 A Frame Gate - Work to this barrier has now been carried out by DJB Contracts Ltd and an invoice presented for payment. This had been inspected by the Clerk who felt the work had been completed to a high standard.
- 5.4 Request for yellow lines around green- The Chairman has put forward a suggestion that posts be installed around the perimeter of green to prevent parents parking on it. This idea had been supported by Cllrs. The Chairman advised that Mick Leivers had offered to carry out this work on behalf of the Council through CAST. The Clerk explained that approval/permission is required from Highways prior to any work being carried out. Also, the idea of planting spring bulbs in the green was discussed and approved by the Council. Cllr Barnfather suggested the Council might wish to look at knee high railings to mark out the perimeter of the green such as those surrounding the junction of Hall Lane with Blidworth Waye, Papplewick. The Chairman explained she did not feel this was appropriate as many pensioners and young mums crossed the green to the bus stop and any railings may impede access.
- 5.5 Station Ave- The lengthman has been instructed to strim under the gorse.
- 5.6 Youth Building – This should be open from next week onwards. Notts County Council have agreed to pay for the cost of repairs and servicing of the alarms and also a professional clean. The Clerk understands that the cost is around £2.5k. Cllrs felt this was excellent news.
- 5.7 Station Hotel - The Clerk has spoken to Mick Leivers who has said he will tidy and strim back all the brambles on the verge along Station Road and should start this within the next 2 weeks. Cllr Smith confirmed that the Probation Trust had already begun work to one section of the verge, and will also be carrying some work on Pocket Park. The Chairman drew attention to a possible tripping hazard on the right of the entrance of Pocket Park. The Clerk advised she had made contact with Persimmon Homes, who have expressed a tentative interest in

the land behind the Station Hotel as a possible housing site and now wants the Council to write to them formally with contact details for the Brewery. This was welcomed by the Council.

5.8 Mosaic on Chapel Street - Anthony Clarke has cut back the bushes surrounding the mosaic and tidied up the same.

5.9 Lights on Tilford/Garden Terrace – These have been reported to Highways.

5.10 Fibre Broadband – Enquiries have revealed there are no plans to install BT fibre broadband in the village, as Virgin already provide a service. Cllr Hardy has now supplied details to the Clerk of an alternative supplier, which is as follows:

WarwickNet Residential Broadband 30 Mbit(s) down, 1 Mbit/s up, unlimited data allowance with an acceptable use policy, cost £35 per month plus an installation fee of £100.

It was agreed details of this alternative service would be publicised.

5.11 Grit Bin on Vicarage Street - Highways are to provide an additional grit bin at Vicarage Corner as well as a further grit bin to be sited outside No 25 Livingston Street.

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

A discussion was held with regard to the resignation received from Chris Bicknell. It was noted that Chris had also resigned as treasurer of the Youth Club Committee and it was considered likely that he would also resign as a Trustee of the Newstead Centre. The importance of finding other Trustees for the Newstead Centre was noted and unless new trustees could be found this charity would cease to exist. Cllr Andrews also advised that the Youth Club were also struggling to find a replacement treasurer. The need to find volunteers to fill a number of vacancies was discussed including those on the Parish Council. It was agreed that a poster would be drawn up to be displayed at 'The Pit' micropub asking for volunteers to fill the various positions outlined above.

Cllr Barnfather felt it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to write to Notts County Council, specifically Mr Pom Bhogal of Notts Youth Service, to thank him for the contribution made by Youth Services towards the work required on the fire alarms and also towards the deep clean of the youth building and this was agreed.

Meeting re-opened

6. Accounts

6.1 Cheques for Approval

Receipts

None

Cheques for Approval

100478	Newstead PCC	£100.00	Donation towards Christmas Fayre
100479	Mrs P Young	£46.75	Pansies/bulbs for planting
100480	Mr J A Rhodes	£780.00	Hay cut and chain harrowing of Newstead Meadow
100481	DJB Contracts Ltd	£90.00	Install post and notice to Newstead Car Park
100482	DJB Contracts Ltd	£774.00	Furbish wooden barrier and install new post
100483	Newstead Centre	£45.00	Room hire costs for October meeting.
100484	Clarke's Cemetery Services	£630.00	Charges under grounds maintenance contract inc. charge for grass around MUGA and verge on Station Road.
100485	Mrs P Young	£15.00	Chairman's allowance (Oct)
100486	Mrs J Johnson	£361.07	Clerk's wages for October, less continuation towards pension deficit.
100487	Notts County Council	£124.37	Pension Contributions for Clerk inc. Deficit payment
100489	Mrs J Johnson	£30.80	Clerk's expenses (Oct)
			Postage/Other £13.80
			Tel/Broadband £8.00
			Mobile Calls Nil
			Mileage <u>£9.00</u>

TOTAL £30.80

The payments were approved as stated

6.2 **Report on Half Year Accounts**

A report from the Clerk had been circulated with the agenda for the first seven months of this year, attached as an appendix to these minutes. She assumed that Cllrs had read the attached report and welcomed any questions on the same. The Chairman advised that in respect of Vicarage Corner, this had been discussed at a meeting held with Mick Leivers earlier in the day, who would shortly be putting together a programme of works for this area. This would include strimming back the vegetation around the wooden railings which front onto Station Ave.

Cllr Smith also noted the number of beech saplings amongst the grassed area in the former coal stocking yards, where it was confirmed that removal of the same was included in the improvement works originally planned for this site as part of a grant application to WREN. However this did not proceed due to changes in the funding conditions.

The report on the accounts and revised forecast for the year was approved by the Council.

6.3 **To Consider Applications for Grants**

None received

6.4 **Any Other Matters Relating to Finance**

Following the resignation of Cllr Bicknell, who was also a cheque signatory on the Council's accounts, it was agreed to add Cllr Richard Butler as an additional signatory on the accounts and remove Cllr Bicknell.

7. **The Lengthsman's Scheme**

Cllr Barnfather advised that the hourly rate paid to the lengthsman has increased by 50p an hour making an hourly rate of £11. The result of this is that slightly less of the lengthsman's time will be allocated for Newstead parish in future.

8. **Matters concerning Newstead Village**

8.1 Land behind Fraser Street – It was noted that one of the homes on Fraser Street was for sale but did not include any additional land to the rear of the property.

8.2 Notice in Bus Stop – Cllr Smith had been asked to enquire by Lorraine Horrocks about the possibility of a public notice board being placed inside the bus shelter on Hucknall Road opposite Musters Road. As this required permission from the owners of the shelter, it was suggested that she apply direct to Trent Barton for the same.

8.3 Children's Play Area - The Clerk advised of a meeting held between herself and a representative of Sovereign Playgrounds with a view to discussing possible improvements to the children's play park and also to the skate board park. In term of the small children's park, his recommendation was that most of the equipment was essentially sound and to rip up the existing equipment and start again would cost in the region of £130,000 to £140,000k. In short he recommended the Council look to remove the existing springers and to replace these with some equipment that spins i.e. a roundabout of some description since none of the present equipment fulfils this function. Also, this company did not assist with sourcing funding for new equipment, and the number of bodies providing funding for this type of improvement was now very limited. In terms of the skate board park, it was accepted there was scope to do much more on this site and it was agreed to hold further discussions with Jane Richardson, Parks Officer at Gedling Borough Council and also Debbie Widdowson for ideas on development of this site and to bring this back to the Council. In terms of the small children's play area, it was agreed by Council that the idea of replacing the springers as suggested seemed sensible with this option to be pursued.

8.4 Speed Limit between Newstead and Annesley Villages – Correspondence had been circulated from the daughter in law of an existing resident, where it was felt there was inadequate signage to denote the speed limit which applied between the two villages (i.e 30mph). Included within this correspondence was a response from Carl Whitley, Senior Highway Liaison Officer at Via, who advised that Highways would shortly be carrying out a speed survey of the road in question and if it was found that sufficient motorists exceeded the limit, they may be prepared to install a

permanent interactive speed warning sign on this section of Hucknall/Newstead Road . The person making the request asked whether the Council would also be prepared to lobby for better speed awareness on this road. The Chairman noted that recently an interactive speed sign at the Derby Road end of Annesley Cutting had been removed. In discussing this request, Cllrs felt as the road had always been 30mph, there was no need for any further action, however, it was agreed to contact Highways to find out the results of the survey, as this would indicate any potential problems in terms of speed awareness.

- 8.5 Christmas Event - The Clerk advised that a Christmas party was due to be held at the Newstead Centre on the 16th December, which seemed too late for any lighting ceremony to take place. The school would be holding an event on the 7th December and further enquiries would be made with the school for a joint event.

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

None

10. **Correspondence**

No further items discussed except as mentioned elsewhere

11. **Planning Applications**

The following planning application had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

2017/1130TP – Knights Cross Cottage, Newstead Abbey Park (Proposal to fell tree due to stem failure and infection)

No objections received after it was proven that the tree to be felled had been diseased.

12. **Reports from External Meetings**

None

13. **Matters concerning the Cemetery**

None

14. **Any Other Business that the Chairman Considers Urgent**

- 14.1 Remembrance Day Services – It was noted that Cllr Hardy would be laying a wreath at the cenotaph where the start time for the service was 9.45am. The Chairman would also attend the evening service at St Mary's Church where also she would lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

- 14.2 Christmas Fuddle – It was agreed that Cllrs would each bring an item of food to the next Council meeting as part of the usual Christmas fuddle

15. **Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 6th December

For the next item, the Council resolved to exclude the public and press for discussion of these matters, 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 affairs of a business.

16. **Newstead and Annesley Country Park**

Details of a meeting which had taken place between the new Chief Executive of RCAN and the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council had been circulated to members. Both the District Cllr and County Cllr were invited to remain for the duration of this item. As a result of the discussions, it was agreed to give serious consideration to the suggestion of nominating the Country Park as an Asset of Community Value. It was agreed the Clerk would undertake due diligence enquiries with Gedling Borough Council before any application was made by the Council to nominate the Country Park as an Asset of Community Value.