

Future Newstead



The Management Group taking forward the Newstead Parish Plan
Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead Village, Nottingham,
NG15 0BS

**Minutes of the meeting of the Newstead Parish Plan Management Committee held on
Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 7pm in The Community Centre, Newstead Village**

Present: Paul Bateman (Chair)

Mick Leivers
Alison Bennett
Donna Bradley
Patricia Andrews
Pat Harvey
Rosemary Phillipson
Sharon Herriot
Joey Greenwood
Jenny Kirkwood
Laurence Quirk
Lesley Flanders

Apologies: Phil Burnham
Tara Ashman
Mark Waterhouse

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th November 2011

- a. 2.c was altered to reflect that the aim increase villagers' pride in ` Newstead Abbey Village is going to be taken on by the NRA. The old cemetery will be the responsibility of the Parish Council. The suggestion to take the cart from the old cemetery was welcomed to be located elsewhere.

2. Matters arising

- a. The village map is being worked on and progress will be reported at the next meeting.
- b. The Parish Council have installed the benches.

- c. The 'Front Runner' grant scheme was introduced to the committee at the last meeting. There was a GBC meeting in December. There will be a press launch in January and a vision Event in February. On January 18th (tomorrow) a meeting will be held with the Department of Local Government and GBC which will deal with the timetabling of this initiative. It is important that the village is involved with the Front Runner scheme, the minutes (or feedback) of tomorrow's meeting will be circulated to the Future Newstead committee. FN may need to meet in February to discuss the Front Runner, we will have to ensure that a member of the Parish Council attends as the Parish Council are leading the consultation (though may wish to involve Future Newstead). The funding will be used to employ an external body to help deliver the Newstead Action Plan, though further details of how the money can be spent will be clarified. Colleen from GBC's planning department will attend the March meeting.
- d. Work is taking place on identifying groups involved in implementing the Action Plan, who are falling behind on their commitments. Before the next meeting these organisations will be contacted Plan and requesting information on progress and timescale. It is suggested that any actions that have been neglected be reallocated to a different group.

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3. Annual General Meeting & FN Committee Membership

- a. The last AGM had taken place over a year ago. It was decided that the next AGM would be held at the March meeting – March 20th 2012.
- b. Mick Leivers resigned as Chair, to concentrate on other community projects. Mick will attend FN meetings as a representative for Newstead Enterprise and the Country Park. Thanks were extended to Mick for all his hard work for FN over the years. Paul Bateman as Vice-Chair will step up to be Chair. Mick Leivers had met the acting manager of Newstead Abbey who is very keen to develop a positive relationship with the village. It was decided to invite her to a FN meeting.

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4. Action Plan Update

- a. The Action Plan has been updated to appear on the Newstead Village website.
- b. 'Public Realms Works' (PRW) fund could be used to support Newstead's participation in 'Village in Bloom'. It was felt that a good way forward would be to assign village groups (church, school, etc) planters and projects in order to share the responsibility. The PRW fund has to be spent on anything owned by Gedling Homes or Gedling Borough Council.

The Committee discussed improvements to pavements, the 'miners head', Station Road and other areas. A signpost had recently been put up on Station Road raising questions over the ownership of the Road (Network Rail and ?). Evidently ownership (Gedling / Ashfield) would have to be clarified which will be facilitated by the Newstead map. It was felt that the Welfare façade and car park urgently needed improvement, these are owned by the Trustees of the Community Centre – Jenny Kirkwood has been looking into funding to re-vamp the Welfare and its car park. It was suggested that the School conduct a 'walk about' to get ideas of what they would like improved in the village. Sharon Herriot will contact the School.

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It was noted that the police had approved lighting for the MUGA, and that the MUGA could do with higher netting to prevent the balls from escaping.

The 'Welcome to Newstead' sign from the Annesley direction has vanished. The School have designed signs, however, the Committee were uncertain as to whether this is being dealt with by the Parish Council. Paul Bateman will contact to John Chisholm for an update and clarification.

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Village groups will be contacted to canvas their ideas for improvements under the PRW scheme.

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5. Newstead and Annesley Country Park

- a. Paul Bini and Mark Waterhouse are the Country Park's representatives for Future Newstead. It was proposed that a representative from Annesley Parish Council join Newstead Enterprise, and this is going ahead. There is a vacancy on the Newstead Enterprise Committee and Sharon Herriot welcomed FN members to step up into this (active) role with around one day per week commitment.
- b. Work has been on hold with the Build and the Lake until the New Year. Some funding has been acquired for the Build. Releveling and remodelling of the lake is currently taking place and a waste water filter system will be the next project. The park is also placing sculptured seating near the festival area. The lakes will hopefully be populated with fish this spring.
- c. Discussions regarding Headstock Festival are currently taking place. Problems with funding may prevent the festival taking place in 2012.
- d. The NE steering group have been advised by a business consultant.
- e. It was noted that GBC owned the 'Vicarage Corner' plot of land which is currently choked with Japanese knot weed. John Chisholm wrote to GBC to enquire about spraying the weed, however, the issue seems to have dropped off the agenda. Patricia Andrews will speak to John Chisholm.

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6. Communications

- a. Paul Bateman will email all on the distribution list for updates, both additions and removals. This will form an item on the AGM agenda in the future.
- b. The Committee discussed access to the Community Centre for FN meetings, as currently the Centre is having to pay the caretaker overtime and are therefore making a loss on FN meetings. Options are to look for a source of money to pay for room hire or to move FN to a day when the Centre is already being used. Paul Bateman will also contact the Centre to see whether a FN member could become a key holder.
- c. Paul Bateman suggested that Heather Barnett write up the minutes in a timely fashion. Heather Barnett concurs!

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7. Any other Business

- a. Jodie Cook had left Sure Start, Paul Bateman will write to thank Jodie for her contribution to FN and the Parish Plan. Her post is subject to a three month delay in advertising the vacancy, though Rosemary Phillipson is lobbying for the post to be advertised sooner. Rosemary is also pushing for the creation of a Community Engagement post for Sure Start.
- b. The veg van is still visiting the village though is under used as people aren't aware of its existence. A banner is being made to advertise the van. Rosemary Phillipson will ask Andy White to send details of the veg to Pat Harvey to publish in the Newsletter.

Dates of future meetings:

Dates for Future Newstead Meetings - 2012

All are on Tuesday at 7pm in the Community Centre

20th March 2012 (AGM)

15th May 2012

17th July 2012

18th September 2012

20th November 2012