

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 held on Tuesday 17th July 2012

Present: Paul Bateman
Sharon Herriot
Lawrence Quirk
Alison Bennett
Phil Burnham
Janet Skuse
Margaret Skuse
Rosemary Phillips
Jenny Kirkwood
Patricia Andrews
Martin Curtis
Mick Leivers
Lesley Flanders

Apologies: Mark Waterhouse
Lynda Kinnard

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th May 2012

- a. Item 2b – to be amended to ‘CAST have painted the wall of the car park at the Community Centre’.
- b. Item 4c – ‘Sarah Cook, Gedling Borough Arts Officer, is on maternity leave. Therefore if FN were to request funding, they would have to find the appropriate individual to deal with the bid. Jenny Kirkwood will look into this.
- c. Item 6a – ‘Newstead Resident Association is sometimes not well attended therefore FN is a useful forum to discuss resident issues’.

2. Matters Arising

- a. External works programme: options are being investigated and will be presented to village residents in August or September. Gedling Borough Council will contact the Parish Council with a firm date when decided. Concerns were raised regarding the delay with the intended work to the terraces.
- b. Community Centre Car Park: Austin will be asked to clear the rubble left from the concrete wall panels.
- c. MUGA: The Parish Council had agreed that the MUGA should have heightened sides and the top would be netted.
- d. The ‘Welcome to Newstead’ signs: Nottingham County Council have been contacted to prompt the construction of the signs. The bid has not been submitted, the deadline is 30th September. Jenny Kirkwood has offered to help John Chisholm complete the application and will chase this up.
- e. Newstead and Annesley Country Park: Several individuals have come forward to join

the Management Committee from both Newstead and Annesley. It was noted that Mick Leivers is the representative for NACP on the Future Newstead Committee.

f. Station Road: Quotes for building pavements have been obtained. NCC and GBC are now working together on this programme. There is still debate regarding the ownership of the 'railway side' of Station Road. Network Rail claim that NCC have agreed to maintain it, though NCC have no knowledge of this agreement (!). Paul Bateman is chasing this up. Paul Bateman and Mick Leivers are looking into whether it is possible to plant vegetation though there is a question how to fund this.

g. Newstead Community Centre: The community centre are now charging FN for venue hire. The Parish Council have kindly agreed to cover all costs. Invoices should be sent to John Chisholm.

h. Friends of Vicarage Corner: It was suggested that Phil Burnham contact volunteer offers from NACP, though it was noted that Vicarage Corner is in fact GBC land and the council should be responsible for its maintenance. Alison Bennett will contact Dave Wakelin for clarification.

i. Newstead Abbey: The new manager has been in touch wishing to become involved in the village. Paul Bateman and Lesley Flanders will liaise. It was noted that Lesley is now a rich antiques mogul with a pending Antiques Roadshow TV appearance!

3. Action Plan Update

a. Map of the Village: this is ongoing.

b. Heritage: The Women's Institute are working on this aspect of the Action Plan.

c. Summer Youth Activities: GBC are running a programme of activities and a dedicated day in the last week of July. Martin Curtis will forward this programme. The Children's Centre have a variety of events throughout the summer and will be advertised on the noticeboards.

d. Newsletter: Paul Bateman edited the last newsletter and thanked all who contributed especially Pat Harvey who had written it previously. An article in the Newsletter requests IT help for its publishing and Laurence Quirk will advertise for IT assistance through CVS. It was agreed that the newsletter should operate on a fixed date basis. In the past GBC helped to fund the newsletter and Newstead Residents Association have agreed to take over costs for as long as they can, however, it may be necessary to financially support the newsletter with advertisements.

e. GBC: Donna Bradley had been formally thanked for her huge contribution to the Parish Plan. GBC are now focusing on two communities; Netherfield and Newstead. A dedicated locality co-ordinator will be appointed, in Newstead the work will be based on actioning Parish Plan. It is hoped that this permanent post will be filled before the September FN meeting.

f. Action Plan Update: A sub-group meeting had taken place to discuss particular issues.

Unmanaged land will be looked at further when the village map is completed.

The WI had been interviewing residents of the village to further work on Newstead's Heritage and had been looking at old census information. It was suggested that the village newsletter be a forum for residents to feed in stories and photos.

Laurence Quirk had been looking into opportunities for Newstead residents to become involved in patient groups which discuss good practice and addressing patient needs. FN will contact GP surgeries enquiring about patient groups. Patient group information will be on each surgery's website. Rosemary Phillips from the Children's Centre informed the meeting that a health visitor clinic is held once a month. GP surgeries are still refusing Newstead residents on the basis of catchment area, the policies seem very fragmented,

though are slowly being improved. GP surgeries are advertised in the newsletter. The provision of a satellite surgery in Newstead was discussed.

Rob Crowther (RCAN) was looking into solar panel provision to help the energy efficiency part of the Parish Plan. GBC are undertaking an incentive in the village; 'Warm Streets' offering free loft and wall insulation to all dwellings in Newstead.

The village handyman had been discussed at the Parish Council under the 'Lenghtsman' scheme, this 'odd job man', if appointed, will have a huge area to cover and it is likely that Newstead would have a few hours a month of their time. The Parish Council had agreed to be part of the pilot whilst the pilot is free of charge.

The use of the Community Centre would be monitored and it has been requested that FN write a report to the Parish Council detailing the work on the Parish Plan to date which will the Community Centre's lack of participation.

Issues around the opening of the Youth Club had been discussed and it is hoped that the club will open four evening a week. It is currently open Monday and Thursday evenings. FN would contact Ashfield Council to request that they promote leisure activities in the village. An event is planned at the Youth Club on Friday 10th August. Annesley Youth Club had recently had a very successful open day. Annesley Youth Club should be promoted in 'What's on in Newstead', the newsletter and on the village website.

Brook Farm deliveries will be advertised in the newsletter.

Residents should be consulted on the type of educational and training opportunities they would like provided. It was suggested that colleges should undertake this research. Adult Community Learning may welcome being involved.

4. Newstead and Annesley Country Park

a. The first AGM had been held, the main issue being vacant posts on the Management Team and there had been a number of enquiries from interested individuals. Either Mick Leivers or Lesley Flanders could represent FN and relinquish their CAST 'hat'. . The Heritage Lottery Grant is working with the WI and it is hoped, with assistance that this project will be completed by December.

b. The Eco Management Plan has gone to tender.

c. NCC is completing the drawings for the finished Eco Build. Funding is in place and will be shortly sent out to tender. It is anticipated that the Eco Build should be completed by November 2012.

d. The gate is currently locked to deter travellers.

e. Pocket Park will be mowed shortly.

5. Communications

a. Paul Bateman had met with GBC to discuss dog fouling in the village. There are currently 14 bins! It is proposed that training be organised with the school children and heavier worded signs regarding dog fouling fines be put up.

b. There is also concern regarding cigarette waste outside the School. Sharon Herriot will contact the School. It was noted that 'New Leaf' had visited the village.

6. Any other Business

a. Children's Centre: The Children's Centre is out for commissioning, there has been lots of interest and it will remain open. It was noted that the Children's Centre Newstead Fair would take place on Saturday 4th August. It was reported that there will be a focus on Nature in the August combined with healthy eating and Olympic sports.

- b. Gedling Borough Council Housing plan consultation will take place on 23rd July.