

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), B. Blood, P. Burnham, W. Evans, and T. Sabin.  
  
Borough Councillor P. Andrews, two members of the public and a member of the press were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), J. Booth and S. Gascoigne.
3. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest were made.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, the Annual General meeting and the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010.** The Minutes of the three meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
  - 5.1 Anthony Clarke would be asked to install the decorative panels for the end of Chapel Terrace and Stonehouse Terrace. If he is unable to do this work then quotes would be sought from elsewhere.
  - 5.2 A reply to the request for a safety surface to be laid on the footpath in the small play area next to the school has been received from Gedling BC. GBC does not lay safety surfaces on footpaths in play areas as they attract moss and become very slippery when wet.
  - 5.3 The broken fencing on Station Avenue has been removed but not yet replaced. Darren Gilder is pursuing this matter with Leisure Services at GBC.
  - 5.4 Notts. CC will allow Parish Councils to purchase extra grit bins and the County will replenish them.
  - 5.5 Ashfield DC has asked the Forestry Commission to cut back the vegetation on the bend at the skate park. The Clerk was asked to chase up this item.
  - 5.6 Trent Barton has made no contact with the Parish Council despite several communications. The Clerk would chase up this item.
  - 5.7 Concerns had been expressed over the lack of maintenance of the trees on the Abbey Drive. Jerry Warnes been asked for a report on any maintenance done in recent weeks. A reply is awaited.
  - 5.8 It was reported that the footpaths through the Abbey grounds were also in need of maintenance. Notts. County Council would be contacted. Replies are awaited.
  - 5.9 The problem of buzzing sounds at night persists. It was suggested that this could be coming from the building site at the former Annesley Colliery. Darren Gilder and Ashfield DC would be informed.
  - 5.10 Brambles encroaching on to Station Avenue have been cut back but no work to level the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces has been done.
  - 5.11 There is an accumulation of rubbish in gardens around the village including several large items. Darren Gilder and environmental health at GBC would be informed.
  - 5.12 There are drainage problems on Hucknall Road between the cemetery and the traffic lights. It was suggested that silted up drains may be the cause. Gedling BC has passed this item to County Highways.
  - 5.13 It was reported that there was an increase in speeding traffic within the 30mph limit on Hucknall Road and Tilford Road. It was also reported that there had been several instances of inconsiderate parking in the village. The Police and Notts. CC has been informed. A site meeting with Ian Parker would be arranged.
  - 5.14 The large pothole near to bus stop on the Kirkby side of Hucknall Road has not been repaired.
  - 5.15 The broken fencing on Hucknall Road has been removed.
  - 5.16 There is growth of Japanese knotweed at the cemetery car park and to the rear of Fraser Street. Gedling BC would be informed.

- 5.17 Street names and road traffic signs are in need of cleaning. Notts. CC Highways would be informed after the next meeting.
- 5.18 Quotations for new village signs would be sought.
- 5.19 The Chairman would contact Future Newstead for a list of groups in the village and contact details.

The Council agreed to adjourn the meeting so that parishioners could discuss parish matters with councillors.

No issues were raised at this time.

**6. Accounts for May 2010.**

**Receipts.**

Notts. County Council	500.00 Donation to MUGA
Gedling BC	<u>160.60</u> Capital Aid
	<u>660.60</u>

**Payments.**

000734 J.A. Chisholm	286.28 Clerk's salary (May)	
000735 HMRC	71.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (May)	
000736 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00 Chairman's expenses (May)	
000737 Newstead Centre	58.77 Room hire	
000738 Clarke's Cemetery Services	480.00 Maintenance contract	
000739 J.A. Chisholm	33.08 Clerk's expenses	
	Postage	6.30
	Telephone rental	5.50
	Telephone calls	9.26
	Mileage	<u>12.02</u>
		<u>33.08</u>
	<u>954.73</u>	

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

**7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**

- 7.1 It was reported that there were an increasing number of complaints from residents re. repairs to windows and roofs. The Clerk would contact Gedling Homes to ascertain the turnaround between the report of a fault and the completion of the repair.

**8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.**

- 8.1 It was reported that the Woodland Trust had served an injunction on a resident in the Priory Wood area giving him 28 days to remove rubbish from Woodland Trust land. If the rubbish was not moved in that time it would be returned to his garden.

**9. Correspondence.**

- 9.1 Most items of correspondence were dealt with at the relevant part of the agenda.
- 9.2 A report from Cllr. Burnham on Hopping Hill field had been received. It was agreed that the area would in future be called Newstead Meadow.

**10. Planning Applications.**

- 10.1 2010/0362 Newstead Abbey/Newstead Abbey Park/Station Avenue Newstead  
Access improvements.  
The Council raised no objections.

**11. Reports from External meetings.**

- 11.1 There were no reports given.

**12. Cemetery issues.**

- 12.1 The Clerk would produce an Action Plan for the cemetery extension. This is on-going.
- 12.2 Gedling BC had not emptied the brown lidded bin. It was pointed out that the bin was in fact the type used by Ashfield DC so it would not be emptied as no fee had been paid.
- 12.3 The issue over a recent funeral and the inaccuracy of the cemetery plan was discussed.

**13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.**

- 13.1 The Chairman reported drain smells when cold water was run from domestic taps at properties on Tilford Road, The Quadrangle, Byron Street and Chapel Terrace. It was agreed to ask residents for information through the next newsletter.
- 13.2 It was reported that the level crossing barriers and warning lights had not operated recently but still allowed a train to cross Tilford Road. Cllr. Burnham agreed to follow this up with Network Rail.
- 13.3 The Chairman said that improvements to the play equipment in the play area on Tilford Road were necessary. She told the Council that there was no play equipment designed for 2 to 4 year olds. Gedling BC would be contacted.
- 13.4 Following a day run by Future Newstead a new part of the website would be launched to encourage residents to volunteer. The Chairman informed the Council that a resident had expressed an interest in the mortuary chapel. One idea was to set up a mining museum after refurbishment of the building. The Clerk holds the key for the main chapel doors.

- 14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.