

## NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), J. Booth, P. Burnham, and W. Evans. Borough Councillor P. Andrews, County Councillor C. Barnfather and ten members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs B. Blood, S Gascoigne, and T. Sabin.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011.** An amendment to Minute 5.9 which should read "...on the Hucknall side of Hucknall Road...." was made. The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.  
**Minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 re. computerising cemetery information** were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
  - 5.1 A quote for the painting of the decorative panels in the village is awaited from Terry Sills of Annesley. Darren Gilder could supply paint.
  - 5.2 Darren Gilder would be asked for a progress report re the creation of a chicane at the children's play area.
  - 5.3 Darren Gilder would be asked to chase John Evens re. the broken fencing on Station Avenue.
  - 5.4 Two grit bins purchased by the Parish Council have been installed. Salt/grit has been delivered to Newstead Centre. Highways will be contacted re. the 2 missing bins.
  - 5.5 GBC would be pressed over the work to level the joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces on Station Avenue.
  - 5.6 Highways would be contacted re. the drainage problems on Hucknall Road.
  - 5.7 Cllr Barnfather would meet with Ian Parker re. flashing speed signs for Hucknall Road.
  - 5.8 Ashfield DC would be contacted re. the pothole near to bus stop on the Hucknall side of Hucknall Road. The drain cover is now higher than the hole.
  - 5.9 Councillor Burnham will continue to represent the Council's views with Network Rail if and when necessary.
  - 5.10 The Parish Council would wait three months before highlighting again its concerns over the amount of empty properties in the Abbey and the dilapidated state of some of them. There has been no reply to previous communications to date. The Clerk would send copies of correspondence to the Chief Executive.
  - 5.11 Acorn Trees have almost completed the tree work in the cemetery.

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

Cllr Mrs Andrews and Mrs P. Harvey reported on a meeting with representatives of the PCT re. the future of Kirkby Walk-in Centre. The consultation period ends on 12<sup>th</sup> March. If residents have objections to possible closure they are urged to make their opinions known to the PCT, their GP and their MP.

It was reported that Newstead Meadow is being used for unorganised dog training.

Logs resulting from the tree work in the cemetery had been removed by persons unknown.

Off road motor bikes are being used in the Forestry Commission woodland.

A comment was made about the apparent success of mole bulbs.

Various local associations had contacted the City Council regarding the closing of Newstead Abbey.

6. **Accounts for January 2011.**  
**Receipts.**

Allianz Insurance	1230.00	Reimbursement of legal fees
Allianz Insurance	1240.00	Reimbursement of legal fees.
Bank interest Bonus saver a/c	4.43	
Quarterly Bonus	88.70	
WREN	6200.00	Final payment for MUGA
Mr M.J. Green	<u>220.12</u>	
	<u>8983.75</u>	

### **Payments.**

000797 Newstead Residents Association	468.07	Donation to flying skip	
000798 J.A. Chisholm	286.28	Clerk's salary (January)	
000799 HMRC	71.60	Tax on Clerk's salary (January)	
000800 Mrs P.A. Wise	32.43	Chairman's expenses (January)	
000801 Viking Direct	17.96	Stationery	
000802 Newstead Centre	66.00	Room hire	
000803 Nelsons Solicitors	1825.95	Legal fees	
000804 Nelsons Solicitors	432.00	Legal fees	
000805 J.A. Chisholm	70.34	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	11.75
		Telephone rental	5.50
		Telephone calls	13.53
		Mileage	36.06
		Printing	<u>3.50</u>
			<u>70.34</u>
	<u>3270.63</u>		

- 6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.
- 6.2 After discussion it was agreed to accept the budget and to set the precept for 2011/2012 at £12670, an increase of 3.43%. The revenue grant from Gedling BC would be £7030.

### **7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.**

- 7.1 It was reported that fly tipping had occurred in the Mosaic area and along the pathway between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way. The Clerk would inform GBC.
- 7.2 Darren Gilder would be informed re. accumulations of rubbish in the yards behind Tilford Road.
- 7.3 Notts. CC would be informed that there is an accumulation of litter etc in the car park on Tilford Road.
- 7.4 Cllr Burnham asked Cllr. Barnfather how cuts to the Police and Fire Service budgets would affect the Parish.

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

- 8.1 The City Council has expressed the opinion that money spent should be for city residents only, so justifying the closure and lack of maintenance of Newstead Abbey.
- 8.2 It was suggested that the County Council should take over the up-keep of Newstead Abbey and Park. It was thought that a petition to the County Council could be the way forward.

### **9. Correspondence.**

- 9.1 Most correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 9.2 Email from Zurich Insurance re. an invitation to quote for the Council's insurance business. It was agreed to keep this email on file.
- 9.3 Donation received from Mr Michael Green re. grave maintenance in the old cemetery under the Harry German Trust.
- 9.4 Notification of the closure of B6011 Forest Lane Papplewick.
- 9.5 Copy email from Newstead Abbey and Village CC informing GBC of the amount of dog fouling on the recreation ground.

**10. Planning Applications.**

10.1 2010/0971 Newstead Colliery Lagoons, Tilford Road.

Change of use of the site to form country park along with the construction of a 240 metre eco-build visitors centre and car park.

Members raised no objections.

**11. Reports from External meetings.**

11.1 There were no reports from external meetings.

**12. Cemetery issues.**

12.1 The Clerk would produce an Action Plan for the cemetery extension. This is on-going.

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

13.1 The Chairman would send a bouquet of flowers to Mrs V. Leivers-Millership.

13.2 The Chairman reported that from 1<sup>st</sup> April the Youth Club would be open on 4 nights per week.

13.3 The Chairman sadly reported the death of Mrs Joan Willars, a former Clerk to the Council. Flowers would be organised by Cllr Evans

At this point of the meeting a resolution was passed unanimously to exclude the public and press as it was deemed that the items to follow were confidential

**14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.