

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 2nd March 2011.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, W. Evans and S Gascoigne.
Eight members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr T. Sabin and Borough Councillor P. Andrews.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2011.** The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 GBC has agreed to paint the decorative panels in the village free of charge when drier weather arrives.
 - 5.2 It is not possible to create a chicane at the children's play area and a handrail is inadequate. GBC would be asked to provide a safety surface on the existing path.
 - 5.3 The broken fencing on Station Avenue will be replaced by the time of the next Parish Council meeting.
 - 5.4 All of the grit bins have been installed and filled.
 - 5.5 The joint between the concrete and tarmac surfaces on Station Avenue has been levelled but it has been left in a shoddy state. GBC would visit.
 - 5.6 Cllr Barnfather had met with Ian Parker re. flashing speed signs and drainage problems on Hucknall Road. Insufficient notice was given of the meeting so it will have to be rearranged. Cllrs Burnham and Gascoigne are willing to attend.
 - 5.7 Ashfield DC has filled in the pothole near to bus stop on the Hucknall side of Hucknall Road. There is still a hollow in the road.
 - 5.8 Councillor Burnham has received information from Network Rail.
 - 5.9 The Parish Council has received replies to letters sent to the City Council re. Newstead Abbey.
 - 5.10 Acorn Trees have completed the tree work in the cemetery.
 - 5.11 The fly tipped material in the Mosaic area and along the pathway between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way has not been removed. The Clerk would inform GBC.
 - 5.12 There is a lot of glass in the car park at the bottom of Tilford Road. NCC would be informed.

The Council agreed to adjourn the meeting so that parishioners could discuss parish matters with councillors. A resident informed the Council where to locate the German Trust graves in the old cemetery. The Council was informed that arrangements were being made to increase the number roads on which the shop link bus could run.

Dog fouling in the village is increasing hot spots being near to the school and on Station Road. The dog warden would be made aware of the problem.

The Council had received various letters regarding the closure of Newstead Abbey.

It was reported by a member of the public that there had been an increase in quad bikes using the Forestry Commission land near to the cemetery. These machines have been seen using the public highway.

6. Accounts for February 2011.

Receipts.

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| S.M. Johnson Funeral Directors | 575.00 Funeral |
| Bilsthorpe Parish Council | 9.98 Stationery |
| HMRC | <u>635.32</u> Repayment of VAT |
| | <u>1220.30</u> |

Payments.

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| 000806 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 90.00 Car park hedge cutting |
| 000807 Mrs W. Evans | 20.00 Purchase of flowers for funeral |
| 000808 GB Office Group Ltd | 23.14 Stationery |
| 000809 NALC | 176.24 Annual subscription |
| 000810 J.A. Chisholm | 286.28 Clerk's salary (February) |
| 000811 HMRC | 71.60 Tax on Clerk's salary (February) |
| 000812 Mrs P.A. Wise | 25.00 Chairman's expenses (February) |
| 000813 Newstead Centre | 67.02 Room hire and photocopying |
| 000814 Newstead Centre | 122.14 Repair of Christmas tree lights |
| 000815 Domain Renewal Group | 75.00 Five year renewal of newsteadvillage.org |
| 000816 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 500.00 Removal of soil bank as per quote |
| 000817 Clarke's Cemetery Services | 170.00 Funeral single grave |
| 000818 Viking Direct | 36.86 Stationery |
| 000819 Acorn Tree Services | 1780.00 Tree work in cemetery |
| 000820 J.A. Chisholm | 63.80 Clerk's expenses |
| | Postage 6.00 |
| | Telephone rental 5.50 |
| | Telephone calls 16.24 |
| | Mileage <u>36.06</u> |
| | <u>63.80</u> |

3507.08

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 It was reported that damage had been caused to the wall on the Hucknall side of the old cemetery. An estimate for repair would be sought.

7.2 The Council was informed that deliveries of various forms of information were not reaching Foundry Terrace.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 No items were drawn to the attention of the Council.

9. Correspondence.

9.1 Most correspondence had been dealt with at the appropriate part of the agenda.

9.2 Various letters relating to Newstead Abbey closure and deteriorating infrastructure.

9.3 Letter from Royal Mail re. non-delivery of items of mail.

9.4 Draft leaflet for Newstead Newsletter. Councillors would send in any amendments/additions to the Clerk.

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 No planning applications had been received.

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.

12.2 The revised cemetery charges were agreed. These would be sent out to funeral directors.

12.3 Permission was granted to Mildenhall Memorials to erect a gravestone in the new cemetery.

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

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

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.

The Grounds Maintenance Contract from 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2013 was awarded to Clarke's Cemetery Services.

The following quotations were accepted by the Council:-

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| Clarke's Cemetery Services- | to lay turf alongside the cemetery drive | £180.00 |
| | to repair fencing at the cemetery | £195.00 |

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| Acorn Tree Services- | to crown reduce and tidy large laurel and yew trees in old cemetery | £280.00 |
| | to trim back and reduce Rhodedendrons and Azaleas in the new cemetery | £180.00 |

14. Closure and date of next meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th April 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.