

NEWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sherwood Room of Newstead Centre on Wednesday 4th January 2012.

1. **Present:** Cllrs: P.A. Wise (Chairman), D. Adams (Vice-Chairman), B. Blood, J. Booth, P. Burnham, and P. Young.

County Cllr C. Barnfather, Borough Cllr P. Andrews, Cllr. Jim Creamer (Portfolio Holder for Community and Personnel at GBC), Neil Bettison (Community Development worker at Notts County Council) and three members of the public were also in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. W. Evans and S. Gascoigne,
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2011** The Minutes of the meeting were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
 - 5.1 The painting of the replacement decorative panel on Chapel Terrace will be undertaken by GBC. This is on-going.
 - 5.2 GBC (John Evens – Technical Services) is investigating the possibility of using Public Realm funding to repair the block paving close to the Post Office. This is on-going.
 - 5.3 A quote for the removal of Japanese knotweed at the old cemetery had been received from GBC. **The Clerk would contact GBC again re.the time scale necessary to eradicate JK.**
 - 5.4 A quote for the cleaning and painting of the Mining Memorial Wheel had been received from GBC. **The Clerk would again raise the question of ownership with GBC.**
 - 5.5 Cllr Burnham had met with Cllr Barnfather and the Highways manager Ian Parker re. flashing speed signs and drainage problems on Hucknall Road. The criteria needed for interactive speed signs had not been met so the County would not erect the signs but the Parish Council could pay for the signs at £5000 per sign. It was agreed to discuss this more fully at the April meeting.
Cllr Creamer offered the use of a speed gun from Gedling BC. The most likely speeders would be local residents from Newstead and Annesley and education was a necessity.
Ian Parker would instruct the flooding engineers to look at the two worst areas preferably during heavy rain. It was suggested that the flooding on the wooded side could be alleviated by cutting channels to allow the water to flow into the wood as the ground there is lower than the road.
Ian Parker would sort out the demolished bus stop near to Hayes Farm and also the damaged footpath.
 - 5.6 Cllr Mrs Young reported on her contacts with Rachel Dewsbury re. access cards to Newstead Abbey. Little progress had been made. Councillors agreed to attend the Abbey individually to obtain an access card. The cost would be £5 each.
 - 5.7 The flooding problem at Post Office corner at Annesley has been partially rectified and more permanent works are still to be carried out. Highways management will pass from ADC to Notts. CC in April 2012.
 - 5.8 There had been no reply from Royal Mail re. replacement post box for Abbey Road. **Cllr Mrs Young would speak to the MP on Monday 16th January.**
 - 5.9 It was agreed to arrange the meeting with Messrs Spray re. the new cemetery plan and the website changes for the New Year. **The Clerk would arrange dates with Messrs Spray.**
 - 5.10 The benches have been installed outside the Newstead Centre and on the triangle at Tilford Road.
 - 5.11 The Chairman has contacted the Probation service re work in the old cemetery. This is on-going
 - 5.12 The fence at Hopping Hill needs repairing and the grass needs cutting. **Councillor Burnham would organise with Paul Bini for later in the year.**
 - 5.13 The chevrons and signs in the Abbey Park remain in the same state. **The Clerk would contact the Abbey administration re. a date when this work would be done.**

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

Cllr Creamer and Mr Neil Bettison explained the Frontrunner Scheme as part of the Localism Act. Councillors found the scheme vague and requested further information before it was discussed further. More information would be sent from Gedling BC and Notts. CC.

6. Accounts for December 2011.

Receipts.

Ernest Smith Stonemasons	20.00	New inscription on memorial stone
Annesley & District Funeral Service	225.00	Interment of ashes and new deed of right of burial
HMRC	123.75	VAT repayment
Graham Ward Funeral Service	<u>250.00</u>	Interment of ashes
	<u>618.75</u>	

Payments.

000913 J.A. Chisholm	286.48	Clerk's salary (December)	
000914 HMRC	71.40	Tax on salary (December)	
000915 Mrs P.A. Wise	25.00	Chairman's expenses (December)	
000916 GB Office	17.28	Diaries	
000917 JA Chisholm	42.37	Printer inks	
000918 Elveden Farms Ltd	376.20	Christmas tree	
000919 Clarke's Cemetery Services	100.00	Interment of ashes x 2	
000920 J.A. Chisholm	61.75	Clerk's expenses	
		Postage	18.96
		Tele.rental	7.50
		Tele calls	11.25
		Mileage	<u>24.04</u>
			<u>61.75</u>
	<u>980.48</u>		

6.1 The accounts were approved and passed for payment.

6.2 The Clerk presented documents re. setting the budget and precept for 2012/13. It was agreed to meet on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.00pm.

7. Matters concerning Newstead Village.

7.1 It was agreed that the Newstead Residents Association could remove the old mining tub from the cemetery and re-site it outside the new cemetery. Mrs Harvey, representing the NRA said that the NRA would be responsible for all costs and any future maintenance.

7.2 It was reported that fly tipping had occurred on the footpath between Chapel Terrace and Hazelford Way.
The Clerk would inform Ashfield DC.

8. Matters concerning Newstead Abbey Park.

8.1 No matters were raised.

9. Correspondence.

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

10. Planning Applications.

10.1 There were no planning applications.

11. Reports from External meetings.

11.1 There were no reports from external meetings.

12. Cemetery issues.

- 12.1 It was agreed to seek quotes for a wooden bench to replace the Turton bench which had to be removed. **Clerk to action.**
- 12.2 It was agreed to defer the proliferation of solar lights, toys etc to a later meeting, but an inspection of the cemetery would take place before the April meeting. Councillors agreed that all glass vessels would be removed under health and safety rules.
- 12.3 It was agreed to seek clarification from Severn Trent Water re. connection charges. **Clerk to action.**
- 12.4 Anthony Clarke would be asked to clarify the reasons for the rise in his burial charges. **Clerk to action.**

13. Items that the Chairman considered urgent.

- 14.1 Acorn Tree Services would be asked to remove the Christmas tree. **Clerk to action.**

- 14. Closure and date of next meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.33pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st February 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.