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**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th April 2023
at the Newstead Centre, Tilford Road**

Present: Cllrs. Paul Bruch (Chairman), Ernest Hardy, Kyle Futers, Emma Astill, Glynis Williams and Melanie Sherlock

Also present: Vikki Arkell (Clerk & RFO) and Cllr Martin Smith (Borough Councillor)

23.1 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Patricia Andrews and Cllr Chris Barnfather. The Council resolved to accept the apologies.

23.2 Declaration of Members' interests for this meeting

There were no declarations made

23.3 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Smith had no report to share with the Parish Council.

23.4 Public session: Members of the public can take this opportunity to discuss parish matters with Councillors

Members of the public were given time to discuss parish matters with the Council. Mick Leivers from CAST spoke to the Council to and offered a donation towards the repair of the MUGA netting of £425, he also said that CAST are happy to help maintain the MUGA and to remove items that are thrown onto the netting. The Clerk to arrange for the cable ties to be given to CAST and Cllr Astill will communicate with CAST if any maintenance is needed.

23.5 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 8th March as accurate

The Council resolved to accept the minutes as accurate.

23.6 The Clerks Report

The Clerk informed the Council of the correspondence received regarding the felling of trees in Annesley Wood. The Council are unable to intervene as it is not within the remit of the Parish Council however, the Council will reach out to the forestry commission to discuss community outreach and education as well as publication of reports carried out prior to felling.

Finance and Risk

23.7 To note the payment of invoices received in March 2023

The Council noted the invoices received in March.

23.8 To confirm the asset register as up to date and accurate

The Council reviewed the asset register and resolved that it is accurate and up to date.

23.9 To review and accept the 22/23 accounts to be audited

The Council reviewed the accounts and resolved to accept the accounts as accurate.

23.10 To note the internal audit arrangements

The Clerk explained that the audit wouldn't be able to take place in Newstead due to not having an affordable place to hold it. The Clerk has made arrangements for the audit to take place at Farnsfield Village Centre on Tuesday 9th May and the auditor is happy with the alternative location. The Council were happy with the audit arrangements.

Planning

23.11 2023/0244 | Remove 3m rear extension - build new rear extension 4m out, 30, Byron Street Newstead Nottinghamshire NG15 0BG

The Council reviewed the planning application and resolved to make no comment.

General Matters Concerning the Parish

23.12 The quote received for phase two of the Cemetery tree works

The Council reviewed the quote received. The Council resolved to accept the quote as provided. The Council requested that the Clerk reiterate that the work should commence around the nesting birds and other wildlife.

23.13 To discuss the progress of the playground renovation project

The Council shared their disappointment that Newstead Playpark is not considered one of Gedling Borough Council's priority for refurbishment and, that it has required the Parish Council to step in for improvements to be initiated. Although the Council appreciated that small improvements are being made, the general feeling was that the touch ups are not going to solve the issue and create a valuable play space for the village.

The Council requested for the Clerk to ask to follow up questions to Gedling to ascertain which playgrounds are current priorities, why they have qualified for funding and how Newstead Playpark can be added to the list to be refurbished.

23.14 Update reports on the following:

a. Bonfire Event

Cllr Astill, Cllr Williams and the Clerk have been working with Newstead Events to look to apply for funding so the 2023 Bonfire event can go ahead. Another meeting is scheduled for the 19th April.

b. Summer Family Fun Day

The Council were happy that the Summer Family Fun Day was going ahead in summer 2023. The Council to reach out to the organisers to ask if any support is required.

c. The event to mark the Coronation of King Charles III

The Council wants to continue with the plan to create growing beds in the community garden and encourage members of the village to plant vegetables and herbs.

d. Garden Competition

Cllr Williams informed the Council that the organisation of the garden competition is going well. The competition has been reduced to 5 categories and the event will be held on Saturday 15th July with prize giving on 29th July.

e. Bus stop accessibility/dropped kerb

The Council has assessed the accessibility and as there is no dropped kerb on the opposite side of the road therefore requesting a dropped kerb wouldn't be helpful. The Clerk to contact Nottingham County Council regarding the bin not yet being reinstalled.

23.15 Items for the future agenda and to confirm the date and time of the next meeting
The date of the next meeting will be 17th May due to the elections.