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Minutes of the meeting of Newstead Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead

Present: Cllrs; Emma Astill, Kyle Futers, Ernest Hardy, and Melanie Sherlock and Borough Cllrs Stuart Bestwick and Sue Pickering. Also present was Jane Johnson (Locum Clerk).

24.90 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tim Moore and Glynis Williams. Also, County Cllr Chris Barnfather and Borough Cllr Martin Smith.

24.91 Declaration of members' interests for this meeting.

None

24.92 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Bestwick advised that in respect of the ongoing maintenance of the footway along Hucknall Road having discussed the matter with Cllr Barnfather, Cllr Barnfather has asked for an on-site meeting with VIA to include members of Newstead Parish Council, himself and also Cllr Bestwick. Once the arrangements have been made, Cllr Bestwick advised that either he or Cllr Barnfather will be in touch. Planning had now been granted by GBC in respect of the 'Top Wighay Farm' site for 763 homes, plus associated facilities, including a skate board park, football pitches, etc.

Cllr Pickering advised and she and Cllr Smith had inspected the play park in Newstead village during September along with Cllr Pearson, the portfolio holder, and were appalled by the state of this. An email had been sent to Jane Richardson drawing attention to the issues identified, which included a very slippery wooden ramp, wet pore that needs patching or replacing, a large hole in the grass and the hedging next to the path that needs cutting back, when it was also noted that repainting of play equipment had not materialised. Further information was also requested as to when GBC would be submitting a bid for refurbishment of the entire park. The Chairman advised the Council had previously said no to CAST undertaking the repainting of the play equipment as these were students with no prior knowledge of the extent of work likely to be required and it was not within their remit. She also advised few parents were now taking their children to the park due to its poor condition. Reference was also made to the Warm Spaces initiative which Gedling was keen to support.

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

No members of the public were present

24.94 Clerks report on outstanding matters

24.44 - War Memorial – Spring bulbs (over 200) have now been planted in the memorial and also some winter planting in the form of heathers and pansies, which was carried out on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September by Cllr Sherlock and Mrs Johnson. Apart from trimming back some of the existing shrubs, the planting out of the memorial is now complete, although some ongoing maintenance will be required. Cllr Sherlock reported that her husband had now cut back some of the original remaining shrubs.

24.37 – Gedling Borough Council confirmed that work on the trees behind Garden Chatsworth and Foundry Terrace has been contracted out to external contractors who began work on the trees on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Having spoken to the contractors today, the Chairman advised they had originally anticipated completing all the work within a week, although it would appear the work was more extensive than thought with a number of trees to be removed completely, or reduced to 5 metres in height. She was unsure whether

this meant the contractors would remain on site until all of the work completed or would need to return at a later date. As the situation was currently ongoing, it was agreed to simply monitor progress at this time.

24.48 – The Xmas lunch will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December for up to 80 persons. There will be additional costs over and above the grant received from Gedling BC of approx. £1 per person based on 80 meals being served, the raffle prize and crackers for the tables. Mrs Johnson suggested that the Council allocate some funds towards covering these additional costs, which she anticipated would be no more than £250. It was noted by Cllr Futers that a provision of up to £400 had been agreed by the Council when the precept was originally set. The additional funding of £250 was agreed.

24.62 – Plaque removed from bench by Cllr Sherlock which has now been united with the original family following comments on Newstead Born and Bred. It was agreed by Cllr Sherlock to keep the family apprised of any new bench once this has been installed by the Council as they may wish to reinstate the plaque. The Lengthsman had been instructed to remove the original bench and this has now gone. The Council agreed to monitor the situation in terms of demand for a new bench as it was not clear how much the original was used.

24.76 Winter Grit – The Council are now waiting delivery of grit to the Newstead Centre which was expected later this month.

24.83 - The Goal net on the MUGA has been removed by the Chairman who said she had struggled to remove the net where it had been wrapped around the goal post making it difficult to cut through. Mrs Johnson advised Play Inspections had been instructed to completed the annual safety survey but due to existing commitments, the inspection would not take place until December.

24.84 – Cllr Hardy confirmed a wreath had now been delivered to his home.

24.85 - The Xmas tree has been ordered and the Xmas star made for the tree had now been delivered to the Acting Clerk's home. Mrs Johnson advised this was more substantial than she originally envisaged as it also included a large metal post on which the star sits and would be used to secure the star to the tree. It was noted by Cllrs this would need to be tied to the tree prior to this being placed upright in the tree pit. She also wanted to discuss lighting of the star with Cllr Lewis of Linby Parish Council. The verge at the side of Hucknall Road has been cut by Via. The hedge running alongside the pavement has also been cut back hard by Marshall's Farm. It was noted this has resulted in further damage to the original post and rail fence denoting the field boundaries.

24.87 – Letter sent to Jigsaw but further information now requested on which streets were affected. The Chairman advised as the issues were not confined to just one street and the best way forward was that a representative from Jigsaw Homes walk the streets with members of the Council to see for themselves the issues raised. Cllr Bestwick also asked to be copied into any request sent to Jigsaw.

24.95 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 as accurate. The minutes were approved subject to the following amendments: - Delete Cllr Williams from those listed as present and under item 24.75 - to note the minutes approved were those relating to the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and not as shown.

24.96 Correspondence received

The following correspondence had been noted:

Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Local Nature Strategy – This referred to an impending consultation to be carried out by the Notts County Council in regards to the Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which the Notts CC are now obliged to prepare. Having followed a link to the existing map of biodiversity sites in Nottinghamshire, Mrs Johnson advised the Council that as far as she could ascertain all the sites in and around Newstead are highlighted including Annesley Woods, Newstead and Annesley Country Park and the council's area of land at Hopping Hill. The main consultation is intended to come out early 2025 and that details of the consultation has also been passed to 'The Friends of Newstead and Annesley Park'.

## Planning

To receive comments on the following application

2024/0580 – 44 Fraser Street, Newstead (Two storey side and single storey rear extension) – No objections received, although it was noted that the proposed extension was substantial.

## Finance

24.97 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in September 2024.

Payments and income received during September were noted and approved. The Council also approved the payment in respect of the wages and expenses for the Locum Clerk incurred during September and also costs incurred in respect of the War Memorial planting scheme.

24.98 To review the financial summary and the budget status up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

A revised budget summary was circulated to members, where some costs previously allocated to the planters were those actually incurred in respect of the war memorial. Cllr Sherlock welcomed the reduction in costs attributed to the planters, where she had tried very hard to keep the costs as low as possible. Further income was also expected in respect of cemetery fees.

## General Matters

24.99 Jobs for the Lengthsman

Mrs Johnson recommended that the flagpole required cleaning ahead of the Remembrance Sunday service on the 10<sup>th</sup> November and this was agreed.

24.100 MUGA

Repair of MUGA lights – Mrs Johnson advised that a quote for repair had now been received from Marlec, (original suppliers of the solar lights), at either £2.3k, if the turbine could be repaired, or £2,650, if a replacement was required. No further recommendations had been made by them in terms of ‘future proofing’ the equipment. A further quote had yet to be received from the contractor recommended by the Clerk, Vikki Arkell. Mrs Johnson confirmed she had also approached CAST to ask whether they were prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of the repair, but as yet no response had yet been received. The Chairman proposed any decision on this matter be deferred until the next meeting in order to allow time for CAST to respond and this was agreed by the Council.

24.101 Small Children’s Play Area

Following a discussion between Mrs Johnson and Jane Richardson, Parks Development Officer, Gedling Borough Council a report had been circulated to the Council on the current position regarding any bid to be submitted by Gedling BC in respect of the park. This included the need to establish a ‘Friends of’ group to demonstrate public support for the park. This report also included a brief summary of what the ‘Friends of’ group would do and more crucially what support would be given by Gedling Borough Council such as preparation of the bid, designing the park and undertaken the procurement process, plus liaising with the contractor during the build. Also, maintenance of the new park would remain with Gedling Borough Council. Mrs Johnson felt this was welcome news where this level of support had not been provided in the past regarding proposals for a new skate park facility. Any bid by Gedling BC was expected to be submitted around September 2025, although there may be an opportunity this could be brought forward. The Chairman advised that a Facebook page had previously been established by the Council and a petition raised, but in absence of any developments regarding the park, public support had since faded. Cllr Futers confirmed that he still had the original petition signed by over 200 residents and it was agreed this would be passed to Cllr Bestwick as part of the portfolio of evidence required to support any bid. The Xmas lunch event was also noted as an opportunity to harness support for the park.

24.102 To confirm arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and route for display of poppies.

The Chairman advised that she had been in touch with the Reverend Hazel Robinson, who would take care of the majority of the arrangements for the service. This would take place at 10 am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Discussions were held as to whether to close the road to through traffic which was not felt necessary, although it was agreed to post something on the Council’s Facebook page asking residents to be mindful of the service taking place and to avoid travelling on this section of Tilford Road between 9.50am to 10.30am. Mrs Johnson had been asked by the Reverend Robinson if the Council could secure a bugler for the service. It was confirmed by the Chairman that the RBL usually send a bugler without any prompting from the Council, though from which branch of the RBL was unknown. A route to post lamppost poppies was also agreed.

Route to be covered - Hucknall Road from the junction of Musters Road to the junction with Tilford Road.  
Tilford Road from the junction with Hucknall Road to the Robin Hood line, with any remaining poppies to be placed on Station Road around the vicinity of the train station.

24.103 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting:

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**