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Minutes of the meeting of Newstead Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at the Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead

Present: Cllrs; Emma Astill, Ernest Hardy, Tim Moore, Melanie Sherlock and Glynis Williams. Also present was Borough Cllrs Martin Smith, Stuart Bestwick, and Vikki Arkell (Clerk and RFO)

24.125 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllrs; Barnfather, Pickering and Futers sent their apologies.

24.126 Declaration of Members' interests for this meeting

None.

24.127 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Bestwick relayed a report from Cllr Barnfather who stated that the siding up had been completed as requested. Cllr Moore said that it had not been completed to a good enough standard and the path was still very narrow, only just allowing for an individual person to walk safely and was not safe for a mobility scooter or pushchair. Cllr Bestwick said he would follow this up.

24.128 Correspondence received

Correspondence had been received regarding the filling of blue grit bins. The Clerk explained that the delivery had still not shown up even though it was ordered weeks ago by the temporary Clerk and was concerned on its whereabouts. The Clerk to continue to chase and keep the residents informed.

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

None.

24.130 Clerks report on outstanding matters

All items are listed as agenda items.

24.131 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th November as accurate

The Council resolved to approve the minutes as accurate.

Finance

24.132 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in November 2024

The Council resolved to approve the payment of invoices previously circulated.

24.133 To review the financial summary and the budget status to 30th November 2024

The Council reviewed the financial summary and discussed the increased income for the year. The Clerk to produce an expected expenditure for the final quarter and look at the option of moving funds to reserves to be used for events over the next 12 months. This is to be presented and reviewed at the January meeting.

24.134 To review/approve the new version of the NALC model Financial Regulations

The Council reviewed the document and resolved to accept it as presented. Clerk to format the document and add to website.

24.135 To consider the final draft of the 25/26 budget and the predicted precept increase

The Clerk explained that the budget as drafted would have a predicted increase of between 5-6%. The Council discussed that they would have liked to be able to hold a second event in the summer. The Council said they would investigate using some reserves or applying for some funding rather than raising the precept further.

General Matters Concerning the Parish

24.136 To discuss jobs for the Lengthsman

The Council requested that the Lengthsman complete the list that he has so far and to report back when that was completed. The Clerk to email for an update on items outstanding.

24.137 MUGA: Repair of Muga Lights

The quote that was previously accepted has fallen through. CAST are looking into other contractors and receiving new quotes.

24.138 Request to remove tree from village green for reasons of security

The Council discussed removing the tree to aid the signal of the CCTV camera however felt they hadn't been fully informed about alternative options to improve the signal. Cllr Smith offered to speak to Kevin Nealon at Gedling to find out more data regarding its usage and a cost benefit analysis of signal improvement options.

24.139 To discuss arrangements for:

- a. Christmas lunch event - 13th December 2024

The Clerk reported that all items have been purchased and the Newstead Centre have been informed of final numbers including the NPC volunteers for the day.

Cllr Astill and the Clerk informed the Council that there had been requests for tickets from people who didn't live in Newstead. The Clerk said that both her and Cllr Astill had explained that the event was for those who live in the Parish of Newstead or had close affiliation such as volunteering, or working within the village, unfortunately this has been met with quite a bit of criticism.

- b. Children's meet Santa event – 14th December 2024

The Clerk reported that there were still a few tickets left. Cllr Astill had put a post on Facebook earlier in the day to let people know.

24.140 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting: 8th January 2025

The 8th January was confirmed as the next meeting.