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Minutes of the meeting of Newstead Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead

Present: Cllrs; Emma Astill, Kyle Futers, Ernest Hardy, Tim Moore, Melanie Sherlock, Glynis Williams, Callum Astill, Patricia Andrews and Bruce Andrews. Also present was Borough Councillor Martin Smith and Vikki Arkell (Clerk and RFO)

24.159 To receive and approve apologies for absence

**Apologies were received from Cllr Barnfather, Pickering and Bestwick.**

24.160 Declaration of members' interests for this meeting

**None received.**

24.161 Correspondence received

**None received.**

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

**No public chose to speak.**

24.163 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Smith reported on the amount of time the CCTV camera on "the green" has been used by the police. The policing team has said that although it isn't used a lot for crime, it is useful for anti-social behaviour. They had commented that the poor signal is having a detrimental effect on the usage. Cllr Smith also reported that the tree officer will be attending to assess the tree to be removed on the green. Cllr Astill previously asked Cllr Smith to investigate why trade waste wasn't sorted or recycled. Cllr Smith reported that no obligation for trade waste to be sorted or recycled however that is set to change.

24.164 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January as accurate

**The Council resolved to accept the minutes as accurate.**

24.165 Clerk to report on outstanding items not listed on the agenda

**None.**

#### **Finance**

24.166 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in January 2025

**There invoices paid were noted, there were no invoices to authorise for payment.**

24.167 To review the bank reconciliation, financial summary and the budget status

**Cllr E Astill reviewed the bank reconciliation and signed it as accurate. The Council noted the financial summary and the budget status.**

24.168 To appoint the internal auditor to complete the audit for the 24/25 AGAR

The Council resolved to appoint Ken Goddard as the internal auditor to complete the internal audit.

#### **General Matters Concerning the Parish**

24.169 To discuss outstanding jobs for the Lengthsman

The Council requested the Clerk chase up the outstanding tasks allocated.

24.170 To discuss quotes received for the tree safety works in the old cemetery

The Council reviewed the quote received for a tree survey and an estimated three year works plan. The Council resolved to accept the quote from Forest Farm Tree Services.

The Clerk had sought 4 quotes for the removal of the deceased trees along the road within the Old Cemetery. One company was unable to quote due to workload and one did not respond. Two full quotes had been received. These quotes were reviewed by the Council and the Council resolved to accept the quote from Forest Farm Tree Services.

24.171 To discuss the funding requirements for the playground renovation and the steps to meet the consultation criteria

The locum clerk had been in touch with Gedling regarding the requirements for Newstead to be eligible for a funding bid to fund the playground renovation. The Council discussed the list of recommended activities that the Parish Council should carry out to evidence that the playground renovation was required within the village. The Clerk to provide a timeline for the actions for the next meeting.

24.172 To discuss improper parking within the village which could restrict access for emergency service vehicles

Cllr Moore raised concerns that the parking at the bottom of terraces is causing obstructions, the Council resolved to post a message on Facebook to ask people to be more considerate when parking their vehicles.

24.173 To discuss arrangements and advertising for the next Newstead litter pick

Cllr Astill to contact Annesley Parish Council to set a date for a joint litter pick.

24.174 To discuss a resident's proposal to install community planters to encourage "growing together"

As the resident was present, Cllr E Astill invited the resident to explain their proposal. The Council discussed the resident's proposal to create large planters that will encourage communal growing. Cllr Williams offered to work with the resident to put a proposal forward to the Council at the next meeting.

24.175 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7:30pm

The Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting.