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Minutes of the meeting of Newstead Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at the Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead

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

24.141 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Pickering and Bestwick

24.142 Declaration of members' interests for this meeting

Cllr Astill declared an interest in item 24.158 due to one of the applicants being a relative.

24.143 Correspondence received

None

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

A member of the public introduced herself and explained she was new to the village and was attending as she had some good ideas to share. Cllr Astill welcomed her.

24.145 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Smith had been requested to find out more information regarding the removal of the tree on The Green to improve the CCTV signal – notes added to the agenda under 24.155

Cllr Barnfather gave the Council an overview of the devolution process and how it may affect the Parish and the Parish Council.

24.146 Clerks report on outstanding matters

All items are on the agenda as individual items

24.147 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 11th December as accurate

The Council resolved to accept the minutes as accurate

The Chairman requested that item 24.158 be moved to this section of the agenda to allow the successful candidates to take part in the meeting. The Council resolved to change the order of business.

24.158 Councillor Co-option – to consider any applications received

3 applications for co-option had been received. The Council resolved that Callum Astill, Bruce Andrews and Patricia Andrews be Co-opted onto the Council. Callum Astill was present at the meeting and was invited to sign the declaration of acceptance. The Clerk was requested to inform the other successful candidates in writing.

NB Cllr E Astill did not vote on the appointment of Callum Astill due to a declared interest

Callum Astill joined the table for the rest of the meeting as a voting member.

Finance

24.148 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in December 2024

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

24.149 To review the financial summary, the end of year projection and the budget status

The Council reviewed the financial summary and discussed the year to date. The end of year projection showed that there was likely to be a small amount left over and the Council resolved that this should be added to the young people facilities reserves.

24.150 To set the budget and precept for 25/26

The Council resolved to accept the final budget as drafted and request a precept of £22449 which would be a 0.03% increase on the previous year.

24.151 To approve the 2025 Cemetery fees

The Council reviewed the proposed Cemetery fees and discussed only increasing the costs where the cost to the Council had increased due to increase in staffing costs. The Council resolved to accept the fees as drafted.

24.152 To review the Financial Management Risk Assessment

The Council noted the updated FRA and resolved to accept it as drafted.

General Matters Concerning the Parish

24.153 To note the annual inspection of the MUGA

The Council reviewed the inspection, no further action was required.

24.154 To discuss jobs for the Lengthsman and to note hours remaining

The Clerk informed the Council that the only job outstanding is to trim back overgrowth spilling over the wall and trim or mow embankment if possible. The Lengthsman had said that he will do his best with the embankment, but there is quite a lot of items discarded within the brambles, and he is unsure he will be able to complete the job fully. Newstead Parish Council have a further 12 hours to use by the 31st of March.

24.155 To receive further information regarding the request to remove tree from village green

The Council had requested for Cllr Smith to enquire into alternative options for improving the signal and how the data had been used.

Cllr Smith explained that he hadn't received a reply from the police about the request for data that shows how many times the footage received from the CCTV camera had been used. Cllr Smith had been informed by colleagues at Gedling Borough Council that the main option would be to change the way the data is transferred. This would require the installation of fibre optic cabling at cost of approximately £10,000 to install and £3000 -£5000 per annum for the line rental. He continued to explain that Gedling Borough Council had said this was not a cost-effective option and the most cost-effective solution would be to remove the tree on the green. Cllr Smith said that Gedling Borough Council feel there is no option but to remove the tree to maintain the operation of the CCTV which they believe is an important and well used resource.

The Parish Council shared the feelings of the village which was that removing the tree would not be the preferred option and that more options should be explored.

24.156 To note the location of the Parish Council owned blue grit bins and a refilling schedule

Parish Council owned grit bins are located on the junctions of Musters & Hucknall Road, Musters Road & Markham Street and Webb Street & Abbey Road. There is also one on Livingstone Street before it changes into Station Road and one on High Lyes Drive. One grit bin is currently missing and reported to be in the

hedgerow on the embankment. The Council requested the Clerk ask the Lengthsman if this can be retrieved during the cut back. Cllrs E and C Astill reported that all bins have been checked, refilled and that 2 bins require further grit to be sufficiently filled up. The Council resolved for the Clerk to order 15 further bags of grit.

24.157 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting: 12th February 2025

This date was confirmed by the Council.

24.158 Councillor Co-option – to consider any applications received

This item was moved to earlier in the agenda, see above.