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

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

24.176 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllrs; Kyle Futers, Patricia Andrews, Bruce Andrews, Sue Pickering and Chris Barnfather

24.177 Declaration of members' interests for this meeting

Cllr E Astill and Cllr C Astill declared an interest in 24.192 as owner and employee at The Pit Pub

24.178 Correspondence received

None

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

No public were present

24.180 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Bestwick stated that he had reported a lot of fly tipping in the area. Cllr Bestwick also reported that he  
had requested that the land behind Garden, Foundry and Chatsworth Terraces is cleared, or at least the space  
opened so it could be cleared by volunteers. Cllr Martin Smith explained to the Council that the tree officer  
hadn't informed the Gedling Councillors that the tree on the green was to be removed the Monday previous  
and there had been a breakdown of communication due to the work being completed by external contractors

24.181 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> February as accurate

The Council resolved to accept the minutes as accurate

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

None, all items on the agenda

#### Finance

24.183 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in February 2025

The Council noted the paid items and approved the payment of one invoice for £250

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

The Council noted the financial documents, there were no actions required

24.185 To note the updated asset register

The Council noted the asset register and confirmed it as accurate

#### Cemetery

24.186 To note the topple test report and any actions required

The Council reviewed the topple test report. The Clerk explained that letters had been sent to several owners however over half had no contacts other than the deceased. No items are urgent or dangerous, so the Council requested the Cemetery Groundsman keep an eye on the effected graves for deterioration.

24.187 To consider annual maintenance of the path

The Clerk had sought quotes for power washing the path to enable an annual treatment to be applied however due to their not being a water supply the costs were extensive. Cllr Smith recommended a contractor who may be able to help, the Clerk to follow up.

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

24.188 To discuss outstanding jobs for the Lengthsman

The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman had now completed all jobs and could take on new jobs if required.

24.189 To discuss the consultation plan for the playground refurbishment funding

The Council reviewed the consultation plan and assigned tasks. Cllr Astill offered to organise the first consultation alongside the toddler group to obtain feedback from parents with children under 5.

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

Cllr E Astill to contact Annesley Parish Council to organise a date.

24.191 To discuss the proposal to install community planters to encourage “growing together”

The Council noted the proposal and suggested that empty planters could be utilised to gauge interest in the project. The Council would consider funding seeds for a community group when one has been established.

#### **A member of the public arrived**

24.192 To discuss feedback from the Council initiative to encourage the running of adult social groups by providing funding

The Council had received two requests for funding to establish adult social groups. The Council resolved to fund the room hire for 12 monthly sessions at the Pit Pub for the women’s choir and £50 credit for printing song sheets. In addition, the Council resolved to fund the rental charge for two, two-hour sessions at the Newstead Centre for group hypnotherapy classes.

24.193 To note the date and time of the next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7:30pm

The Council noted the date of the next meeting.