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Minutes of the meeting of Newstead Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th April 2025 at the
Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead

Present: Cllrs; Emma Astill, Ernest Hardy, Tim Moore, Melanie Sherlock, Glynis Williams, Patricia Andrews and Bruce Andrews. Also present: Borough Councillors; Martin Smith and Sue Pickering, County Councillor Chris Barnfather and Vikki Arkell, Clerk and RFO.

25.1 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Futers, C Astill and Bestwick.

25.2 Declaration of members' interests for this meeting

None.

25.3 Correspondence received

None.

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

None.

25.5 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Barnfather reported that he had been in discussion with the legal team regarding the playground lease and was informed that it was in the process of being completed. He suggested that the Clerk chase in a few weeks to ensure its progress doesn't delay the planning refurbishments.

Cllr Astill took the opportunity to thank Cllr Barnfather for his continued support and for all the invaluable help he had given the Council. She continued to say, it had been a pleasure to work with him and thanked him for his commitment to the residents of Newstead.

25.6 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 12th March as accurate

The Council resolved to accept the minutes as accurate.

Finance

25.7 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in March 2025

The Council noted the payment made and authorised the payment of the Cemetery tree work once the invoice was received.

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

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

25.9 To receive and accept the end of year accounts to be audited

The Council accepted the end of year accounts and noted the date of the audit.

25.10 To approve the list of regular payments scheduled for 25-26
The Council approved the list of payments as presented.

Cemetery

25.11 To consider annual maintenance of the path

The Council reviewed the two quotes received for power washing the path. The Council resolved to accept the quote for £600 and also continue with annual chemical moss treatment to help keep the moss at bay.

General Matters Concerning the Parish

25.12 To discuss jobs for the Lengthsman

The Council requested for the Lengthsman to clear the edges of the paths near the green and the jitty onto Webb Street.

25.13 To confirm the planter arrangement for 25/26

The Council resolved for Cllr Sherlock to purchase plants as required up to the budget of £200, to be claimed back through expenses. Cllr Astill suggested that the hanging baskets on the Newstead tour of Britain sign be added to the planting scheme, the Council agreed.

25.14 To discuss the next step in the consultation plan for the playground refurbishment funding

The Council reviewed the results from the initial consultation. The Council to consider a date for the next consultation and the Clerk to finalise the initial reporting.

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

The Council had received interest from a person wanting to start a crafting group on a Saturday morning. The cost of running the sessions for 4 weeks was £62 for materials and £180 for room rental. The Council agreed to support the group and resolved to allocate £250 to initiate the sessions.

25.16 To discuss arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Council resolved to arrange the APM for 7pm on Wednesday the 14th of May. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow afterwards at 7:30pm.

25.17 To note the date and time of the next meeting: 14th May 2025 at 7:30pm

The Council noted the next meeting date.