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Minutes of the meeting of Newstead Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at the Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead

Present: Cllrs; Tim Moore (Vice Chairman), Kyle Futers, Ernest Hardy, Glynis Williams & Melanie Sherlock. Also present: Borough Councillor Martin Smith and Jack Maloney Clerk & RFO.

25.142 To receive and approve apologies for absence
Cllrs; Stuart Bestwick, Sue Pickering, Emma Astill, Callum Astill, Patricia Andrews and Bruce Andrews

25.143 Declaration of members' interests for this meeting
None

25.144 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors
Cllr Smith highlighted the new beat Police Constable for the Parish and provided details for the Clerk to contact them with list of dates for the Council meetings. The Lengthsman has requested a point of contact in the village, Cllr Smith said he would provide Cllrs E Astill details.
Cllr Bestwick sent a report in his absence. Cllr Bestwick said that the Lengthsman Scheme would continue in 2026/27, but with no indication of a funding uplift, and parishes should plan for slightly fewer hours than in 2025/26. He also reported that he had been chasing the playpark lease which was now with the relevant NCC Cabinet Member, and was expected to be signed by 26th January, subject to confirmation from GBC.

a. To receive an update on the removal of litter, fly tipping and general maintenance of the banking between the Old Village and Hazelford Way Industrial Estate
Gedling Borough Council reported the works as complete, Councillor Bestwick provided the details for the officer at Gedling for the Clerk to follow up with any further works and Councillor comments

25.145 Public session: Members of the public can take this opportunity to discuss Parish matters with Councillors
No public were present

25.146 Correspondence received
None

25.147 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 3rd December as accurate
The Council resolved to accept the minutes as accurate

Finance

25.148 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in December 2025
The Council noted the invoices paid in December and approved payment of the invoice for the inspection of the MUGA for £192

25.149 To review the bank reconciliation, financial summary and the budget status
Cllr T Moore reviewed the bank reconciliation and signed it as accurate. The Clerk gave an update on the balance of the general fund and informed the Council a VAT refund request had been submitted

25.150 To set the budget and precept for 26/27
The Council resolved to accept the final budget and request a precept of £23,039 which is an increase of 0.73%

25.151 To discuss the grant applications received and review the grant policy
The Council reviewed the policy and confirmed that only one grant application can be submitted per organisation in each *financial* year. The Clerk to rephrase the policy to make this clear and republish the policy. The request by the Newstead Artists would not be granted at this time but they are welcome to apply again in the next financial year

25.152 To appoint an Auditor to undertake the internal audit for 25/26
The Council resolved to appoint Ken Goddard to conduct the annual internal audit

General Matters Concerning the Parish

25.153 To note the annual inspection of the MUGA
The Clerk outlined that the inspection found the MUGA to be very low risk with no immediate action required however highlighted that there are multiple minor issues that may want to be addressed in the future

25.154 To discuss jobs for the Lengthsman and to note hours remaining
The Clerk highlighted the only outstanding job currently on the Lengthsman's list was to check and fill the grit bins in the village and paint the fencing around the war memorial, the remaining hours were noted at 36. It was noted a capping stone was missing from the cemetery car park wall, and to add this to the Lengthsman's jobs if appropriate

25.155 To discuss the funding bid submission for the playground renovation project
The Clerk informed the Council that Gedling had confirmed the funding application would be started shortly, but that additional evidence is required to improve the chances of a successful bid. The Clerk reported that they had been gathering this evidence, including a resident's questionnaire and further letters from stakeholders. Gedling advised they are still working towards the 11th of February deadline however the lease being agreed is crucial. The lease renewal, which is a mandatory requirement, is ongoing and being actively pursued, with officers aware of the deadline. If the February deadline is missed due to the lease, the next submission date will be May 2026. The Clerk also shared concerns with Gedling that some of the consultation data may then be out of date but was reassured that it would still be acceptable to submit.

25.156 To approve the letter to residents addressing parking on the Village green
The Council resolved to accept the drafted letter to the residents addressing parking on the Village green. It was decided that it would be delivered by Cllr Williams to addresses from 32 to 47 Tilford Road

25.157 To note the date and time of the next meeting: 11th February at 7:30pm
The Council noted the date and time of the next meeting