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Minutes of the meeting of Newstead Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th June 2026 at the Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead

Present: Cllrs; Emma Astill (Chairman), Ernest Hardy, Melanie Sherlock, Patricia Andrews, Bruce Andrews & Callum Astill. Also present: Jack Maloney Clerk & RFO.

- 26.44 To receive and approve apologies for absence
Cllrs Tim Moore, Glynis Williams, Sue Pickering, Martin Smith and Stuart Bestwick
- 26.45 Declaration of Members' interests for this meeting
None.
- 26.46 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors
None received
- 26.47 Public session: Members of the public can take this opportunity to discuss Parish matters with Councillors
No public were present.
- 26.48 Correspondence and ongoing matters:
- a. Benches on the recreation field
Cllr E.Astill informed the Council that one bench had been fixed by Gedling and that she had requested they look return to fix the other benches on the field.
 - b. Country Park
Cllr E.Astill explained that a community consultation had been requested involving all parties to discuss how to tackle the issue. The Parish Council and community would like to understand the terms of the lease that is in place. Cllr Bestwick had stated by email that he would try and find more information.
- 26.49 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 8th April as accurate
The Council resolved to accept the minutes as accurate.
- 26.50 To consider the application for Co-Option
**The Council reviewed the application received for co option from Mr Andy Case. Andy Case was proposed for co option by Cllr Hardy and seconded by Cllr Sherlock. The Council resolved to co opt Andy Case to fill the current vacancy on the Council.
Cllr E Astill welcomed Cllr Case to the Council and invited him to join the meeting.**

[Cllr Case joined the meeting a full voting member](#)

Finance

- 26.51 To note/approve the payment of invoices received in May 2026
The Council noted the payments made in May.
- 26.52 To review the bank reconciliation, financial summary and the budget status
The Council noted the bank reconciliation and financial summary.

26.53 To review and approve the Insurance renewal quote
The Council reviewed the previously circulated documents and resolved to renew the insurance under the same conditions. The Clerk to arrange payment of the invoice.

General Matters Concerning the Parish

26.54 To discuss jobs for the Lengthsman
The Clerk informed the Council the Lengthsman would be on annual leave for two weeks in June. Cllr Hardy highlighted that the weeds Tilford road opposite the park need removing.

26.55 To review the 'clean your streets' initiative
The Council noted another successful 'clean your streets' weekend at the end of May however there had been some requests for residents to keep the litter pickers to tackle rubbish throughout the month. The Council resolved to distribute litter pickers amongst the residents for them to keep and purchase more if necessary. The next date was suggested for the 25th & 26th July.

26.56 To consider Christmas events for the village
The Clerk informed the Council that the waffle van was available for the agreed date of 1st December 2026 and that he had requested a quote for hot chocolate as well as waffles. The Council resolved to donate £50 to Santa's nominated charity in return for him attending and switching the lights on. After issues with the lights last year, it was suggested to do a dry run and purchase a 'button' or 'plunger' for Santa to use. Cllr P.Andrews suggested it would be nice to have music around the tree, Cllr E.Astill said she will approach the vicar as they have a PA system they use for the Remembrance service. The Council resolved to purchase gifts for children that visit Santa in the Church, and it was suggested contact a local lady who runs Carte Blanche to provide sweetie bags.

26.57 To discuss options for replacing the missing Village Welcome Sign
After contacting Papplewick Parish Council, the Clerk explained their sign replacement was on a much smaller scale, which involved just replacing the 'Welcome to the Village' words rather than the whole sign with imagery. It was discussed another supplier would need to be sourced, Cllr Case offered to look at the remaining sign and draft a design which could be sent to a printing company. The Clerk was asked to approach the current printing companies used for other projects to see if this would be possible and get a quote.

26.58 To note the date and time of the next meeting; 8th July and to consider delegating authority to the Clerk to cancel and to call additional ordinary meetings where required.

The Council noted the date and time of the next meeting, scheduled for the 8th July. It was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to cancel a meeting where it was unlikely to be quorate due to the number of apologies received, and to convene additional ordinary meetings where necessary.