

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th April 2010 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

Present:- Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Barrett, Light, A. Haddon (clerk), PCSO Brown and 6 members of the public

04/10/230 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Saint and Cty Cllr Yates.

04/10/231 To receive Declarations of interest
No declarations were made.

With the consent of the meeting the following item was moved up the agenda

04/10/232 Public Forum
As a result of the Parish Council's request in Idle Talk for resident's views on the issue of removing the bus shelter in Mattersey Thorpe several residents attended the meeting. There were conflicting opinions on whether the shelter should be demolished. Some residents felt that the vandalism and anti social behaviour which occurred around the area had gone on for a considerable time and the demolition would remove the problem whilst others thought that residents should not be deprived of a shelter because of a minority. There was concern that if the shelter was removed some agencies may feel that the problem had been removed and no other solutions to the anti social behaviour would be pursued.
The Chairman explained that it was hoped that a youth shelter situated in another part of the village would help to divert attention away from the bus shelter. He emphasised the need to continue to report each incident to the Police, anonymously through Crimestoppers if they feared any reprisals and that the Parish Council would discuss the matter later in the meeting.

04/10/233 Police Report
PCSO Sharon Brown issued details of reported incidents to the meeting. PC Paul Pilsworth had put in his retirement request to the force and a new Beat Manager would be appointed in due course. The Safer Neighbourhood Group meetings were to continue in this area in the same format as before and these had been successful in bringing together a number of agencies to consider solutions to residents problems. Inspector Jenny Madin had been appointed as the new Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for East Bassetlaw and was keen to expand the work of the Anti Social Behaviour Team with experienced PCSO's and full time Police Officers. Some Anti Social Behaviour Contracts had expired recently and curfews were no longer in force. Some people had re-offended but some appeared to have learned their lesson. There had been a spate of thefts of garden ornaments and equipment and the Police requested residents be alert to suspicious vehicles in the area.

With the approval of the meeting the following item was moved up the agenda

04/10/234 To consider action regarding the bus shelter in Mattersey Thorpe
Following the representations from residents Members expressed sympathy for the plight of those living near to the bus shelter but noted the opinions of those who needed to use the shelter.
RESOLVED: To make further enquiries with Nottinghamshire County Council as to the possible alternatives and costs involved if the original shelter is removed.

04/10/235 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2010
RESOLVED: Approved

04/10/236 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only
Min Ref 03/10/212 Hedges – Whilst appreciating that the pavement on Job Lane did narrow at one end, the hedges could be cut back further to avoid problems for walkers. It was suggested that representatives from the Parish Council meet with the residents on site.
Min Ref 01/10/185 Gritting – no information had yet been received. The matter was to be pursued.

Min Ref 03/10/228 Highways repairs – Notts C.C. had confirmed that repairs would be carried out to the areas specified. A timetable of works for the forthcoming year had not yet been received.

04/10/237 Report on Cemetery and draft regulations, consider maintenance issues and memorial applications

A shortened version of the cemetery regulations were circulated prior to the meeting and discussed at length. The full version would still be available on request. Amendments were made to the draft and it was resolved that it be issued with the appropriate application forms. A summary of the net costs of running the cemetery over the past few years was issued to Members.

It was RESOLVED that dogs would be allowed in the cemetery grounds provided they were kept on a lead. Cemetery fees were to be increased by 10%.

- a) To consider applications for memorials: 1) Headstone for Terence Lockton – approved after settlement of ground 23rd June 2010..
- 2) Plaque in memory of Ivy Scott – approved, to be placed at the foot of the family's remembrance tree.

04/10/238 To consider the appointment of a handyman's services

RESOLVED: That there was no need for a handyman at the present time.

04/10/239 To receive an update on the Youth shelter and BMX project

An application was being made to Planning Aid for the services of an architect.

04/10/240 To confirm the decision regarding the offer of a notice board by Notts C.C

Nottinghamshire County Council had offered all Parish Councils a free bench or notice board. RESOLVED: To accept the offer of a new notice board which would be erected outside the Post Office to replace the current one. The Chairman offered to speak to the residents of the Post Office to notify them of plans.

04/10/241 To consider requesting a waste skip in the village from Bassetlaw Dist Council

District Councillor Gray had suggested that the Parish Council could request a waste skip be placed in the village.

RESOLVED: Not to request a skip.

04/10/242 To receive an update on traffic calming ideas

The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

04/10/243 To consider items for the agenda of the Parish Council Liaison meeting

Since no-one was available to attend the meeting no items were put forward for the agenda.

04/10/244 Correspondence received when agenda was printed.

- a) NALC conference 9th September 2010 at York
- b) Temporary road closure Eel Pool Rd 14th June to 6th September 2010
- c) Invitation to join the Best Kept Village competition
- d) Seminar on employment issues on 9th June 2010

04/10/245 Correspondence received after agenda was printed

No further correspondence was received.

04/10/246 To arrange Speedwatch dates

Dates were to be arranged.

04/10/247 Finance

- a) To authorise the following expenditure:
Admin & salary £239.57 Cemetery Rates £73.26
- b) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: Noted

04/10/248 Planning Applications:

a) App No 31/10/00005 Erect two storey extension & single storey conservatory and sun room at Plantation Drive Farm, Plantation Drive, Mattersey Thorpe

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised.

04/10/249 **Planning Determinations**
None were received

04/10/250 **To determine the contents for the next edition of Idle Talk**

- Bus shelter
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Garden thefts
- Closure of Eel Pool Road

04/10/251 **Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**

- A report on the North East Bassetlaw Forum meeting was to be circulated to Members after the meeting.

04/10/252 **To confirm the next meeting as the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**
RESOLVED: That the Annual Parish meeting be held on 5th May 2010 at 7.00pm. followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed Date
(Chairman)