

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th April 2011 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

Present:- Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Saint, Chambers, Kendall, A. Haddon (clerk),
10 members of the public, PCSO Catherine Phillips, PC Chris Glover

04/11/250 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Light and Barrett.

04/11/251 To receive declarations of interest
No declarations were made.

With the permission of the meeting the Police Report was taken after the Public Forum due to the late arrival of the officers.

04/11/252 Public Forum
A resident expressed disappointment that the Police had not attended their new monthly surgery.
There had been more anti social behaviour around the brick bus shelter in Mattersey Thorpe and little seemed to have happened since the issue was raised at the Parish Council meeting twelve months ago. There was an increasing problem with bikers who congregated outside the shelter. The concrete seat had been broken. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had investigated alternatives. It was felt that it was important for residents that a shelter of some description was needed but the polycarbonate substitute would not have been vandal proof. A suggestion had been made that the corners of the existing shelter could be blocked up so that anyone using it could be seen and a new seat put in. The Chairman suggested that concerned residents attended the next Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting and discuss the issue with the Police and other agencies.
Residents complained about an infestation of flies in the villages. Despite complaints to the Environmental Health Department there appeared to have been little action. It was suggested that the Parish Council would write to the District Council and pursue the matter. Contact should also be made with District Councillor Gray.
A resident enquired if the Parish Council would be interested in promoting a waste oil skip in or near the village. There was a claim that a lot of waste oil was finding its way into the drains. The Chairman explained that a previous site had been sought for disposal of plastic bottles but one could not be found. Any incident of oil being put in drains should be reported to the Environmental Health Department at Bassetlaw District Council.

04/11/253 Police Report
The Police issued statistics of the reported incidents during the past few weeks. They planned to carry out a full days speeding operation shortly.
At the North East Bassetlaw Forum it had been reported that Police would only attend Parish Council meetings every three months, although the officers present were not aware of this new information. The Members expressed disappointment at this change in policy. It was felt that this would cause a lack of liaison and a loss of community cohesion.
The Chairman requested that Inspector Madin be invited to the next meeting.

04/11/254 To receive information regarding Mattersey Primary School
Mrs Sharon Patton, Head Teacher at Mattersey Primary School explained that the school numbers had fallen. There were currently 32 students in 3 classes and this was soon to be reduced to 2 classes. There was a risk that the school may not survive and support would be appreciated. Only 20 of the pupils live in the catchment area. There is a breakfast club and an after school club which also operates out of school term time. More publicity is needed to increase numbers. Each loss of pupil results in a drop in revenue of £2,500. Extra literacy tuition and swimming lessons were in need of extra funding.
Some schools had become part of a federation but Mattersey had not formed such a coalition.
RESOLVED: To discuss the issue at the next meeting when further detailed figures had been supplied to the Parish Council.

- 04/11/255 To receive an update on possible installation of new gas supplies to the area**
The meeting was suspended to receive a report from Mr Digby.
 Through the newsletter there had been 35 residents who had expressed an interest in receiving more information regarding gas installation. More numbers would be needed to make any further investigation worthwhile. A1 Housing had previously considered alternatives to oil heating and had other well formed ideas but, in view of the spending cuts, further progress was on hold. Everton Parish Council were also looking into their own project.
The meeting resumed.
 RESOLVED: To continue to obtain information on alternative heat sources.
- 04/11/256 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2011**
 RESOLVED: Approved
- 04/11/257 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**
2/11/218H Spring Clean – A litter pick would take place on 15th May meeting at 10am at the Post Office in Mattersey and Gilberts Corner in Mattersey Thorpe. The school had agreed to take part in a related project.
03/11/235 Bus shelter, Main St – measurements had been taken and it seemed that it could be moved 3 metres so that it didn't interfere with the driveway. The final decision would be with Nottinghamshire County Council.
- 04/11/258 Cemetery and village maintenance**
 a) **Memorial application** - an application for a memorial had been received but the application form belonged to another authority. The application was agreed in principal and the clerk was delegated authority to give permission once the correct form was returned.
 b) **Cemetery maintenance** – concern was expressed that the contractor was not clearing the bins or notifying Cllr Hunt when the grass had been cut. This was not the first time the matter had been raised. RESOLVED: To send a letter to the contractor warning him of his future performance.
- 04/11/259 To receive an update on footpath on Mattersey Old Road**
 Everton Parish Council had submitted another application for a creation order.
- 04/11/260 Bassetlaw District Council Core Strategy examination**
 Details of the examination had been issued to Members prior to the meeting. The Chairman had agreed to attend to emphasise the points raised in writing prior to submission.
- 04/11/261 To consider possible speed control projects including bin stickers & arrange Speedwatch dates**
 The County Council had installed a traffic flow monitor the results of which would be released to the Parish Council.
 Some Councils were using warning stickers on wheelie bins in an effort to deter speeding traffic. Resolved: To ask residents if they would be prepared to use the stickers if they were provided.
- 04/11/262 To receive update on HGV activity through the village**
 There had been a spate of HGV lorries driving through the village in recent weeks. Some were from Tarmac and their registration numbers had been reported. Others appeared to be coming from Daneshill Recycling. Following a report to their office the incidents had stopped. Thanks were expressed to the officers concerned.
- 04/11/263 To discuss application to erect a fence around the football pitch at Mattersey Thorpe**
 An application had been made to BATRA for funding which was the first that Mattersey TRA had known about the proposition. There had been occasional bikes driving on the pitch and also some dog fouling. Residents had expressed views against the plans. Consent would be needed from the District Council since the land was leased from them. RESOLVED: To request the District Council keep the Parish Council up to date with any developments.
- 04/11/264 Employees taxation and assessment of office equipment**
 The clerk reported that HMRC had revised their instructions to Parish Councils regarding the application of PAYE. The Parish Council had been registered for some time but there was an agreement in place with the current clerk to assess her income on the annual self assessment form. It looks likely that a new system will be in place for the coming tax year,

It has been suggested that the Parish Council purchases a laptop computer which could be transferred from clerk to clerk so ensuring that all information and software is available.
RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Vice Chairman investigate the costs and options available.

04/11/265 To receive a report on the NEBF meeting

The following items were discussed:

- Trent Vale partnership grants were no longer available
- Inspector Madin had not attended the meeting
- All schools are being supplied with super fast broadband, if any villages would like to receive it they are to contact RCAN. RESOLVED: To make application
- Community websites
- Litter in rural areas
- The next meeting is to be June 21st

04/11/266 To receive a report on the NALC meeting

The Chairman attended the National NALC meeting and relevant details had been sent to Members.

04/11/267 To consider an application for donation to the youth group

An outing to the Magna Centre had been arranged and funding was requested towards the cost of transport. The group would be joining the litter picking session in return.
RESOLVED: To approve a donation of £50.

04/11/268 Correspondence received when agenda was printed

- a) Invitation to Notts CC Civic Service on 26th June.

04/11/269 Correspondence received after agenda was printed

- b) Bassetlaw District Council are encouraging recycling and twin bin scheme at local events and summer fetes
c) The Parish Council Liaison Group due to take place on 30th March had been cancelled.
d) The mobile library service had changed their hours and issued dates when they were in the area
e) Bassetlaw District Council allow events in the area to be advertised on their website
f) The County Council brought the neighbourhood alert scheme to the attention of local parish councils
g) The District Council have some Christmas lights available to be given away

04/11/270 Finance

- a) To authorise the following expenditure:
Admin & Salary £220.57 Grit salt £55.00
RESOLVED: Payments authorised
- b) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: Noted

04/11/271 Planning Applications:

- a) 31/11/00002 Replace window with aluminium louvre at telephone exchange, Blacksmith Mews, Mattersey
RESOLVED: That no objections be raised
- b) 31/11/00005 Convert redundant barn to dwelling & erect garage block at Beverley House, Main St, Mattersey.
RESOLVED: To question the voracity of the application with regard to the new PPS3 which states that this type of development should not be encouraged. There also appears to be a problem with lack of amenity space in view of the size of the property.

04/11/272 Planning Determinations:

None were received

04/11/273 To determine the contents for the next edition of Idle Talk

- Litter pick event
- Library timetable
- Annual Parish Meeting

- Wheelie bin stickers

04/11/274

Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

- Lorries were churning up the verges on Thorpe Road near to the village sign
- There appeared to be a mobile home on the grounds of the Animal Hotel, it was suggested that the District Council be notified in order to check for planning consents
- The Millennium Green Trust intended to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year
- The TRA had raised the issue of debris left behind after hedges had been cut on Broomfield Lane
- NALC will be organising training sessions for new councillors in the summer. The Chairman suggested that all Councillors should try to attend one session
- In view of the complaints about dog fouling on the football pitch it was suggested that the dog warden be asked to erect some more signs and discuss the possibility of new dog bins.
- The new litter bin on Thorpe Road had been put in the wrong place and should be between the footpath and the hedge where there is a small gap in the hedge
- A marble War Memorial had been found in a garage and it was suggested that it be placed in the cemetery. This would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

04/11/275

To confirm the next meeting

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 4th May 2011

Signed Date
(Chairman)