

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd June 2010 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

- Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Barrett, Light, A. Haddon (clerk), PCSO Airey, Cty Cllr Yates, Dist Cllr Gray and 3 members of the public.
- 06/10/019 To receive the Chairman's declaration of office**
The Chairman signed the declaration of office.
- 06/10/020 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Saint.
- 06/10/021 Police Report**
Apologies were received from Sgt Chris Glover and PCSO Sharon Brown who were not on duty at the time of the meeting.
PCSO Airey reported on the number of incidents which had occurred in the area since the last meeting. These included 18 anti-social behaviour reports requiring Police attendance and 9 which did not require their presence. Most of the complaints had concerned one address. There had been a number of crimes involving the theft of metal and garden objects recently. The Police were issuing advice to residents to put their lights on timers if they were away, to remove expensive electrical equipment such as televisions from view and to ask neighbours to keep a watch on the property.
It would appear that there are currently two Neighbourhood Watch systems available, one which was Police based and is currently free and one with the Neighbourhood Watch Association which involves a cost to the organisations. It was suggested that this situation be discussed at the next SNG meeting.
- 06/10/022 Public Forum**
No items were raised by members of the public.
- 06/10/023 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2010**
RESOLVED: Approved
- 06/10/024 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**
Min Ref 02/10/189 Sign on Broomfield Lane - The County Council had been contacted regarding the sign but they had been unaware of its existence and it was thought that the original had not been an official sign. There were no plans to replace it.
Min Ref 05/10/012c – Letter from John Mann re planning. The policy referred to had been a proposal which had not been ratified by the previous government. It was not yet known if the new government would introduce similar legislation.
Min Ref 05/10/012 – Creation Order Old Mattersey Road – The Members again expressed disappointment at the decision, particularly since the Parish Councils, residents and officers of the County Council were in favour of making the Order. Cty Cllr Yates was requested to look into the possibility of an appeal. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Committee and its Members requesting their reasons for voting against the Officers recommendation. A major concern was what would happen if and when Mr Shuldham withdraws his consent for use of the path or sells the property.
- 06/10/025 Cemetery maintenance and update**
In view of exceptional circumstances a burial had been agreed for a Saturday. The undertakers, from Leeds, had supplied a copy of their insurance which was satisfactory. It was noted that someone had planted lavender shrubs in the cemetery without consent and it was agreed to remove them.
A memorial in the cremation garden was not to the same specification as had been approved and had been placed without prior notification. RESOLVED: That the stone be removed and replaced with one of the correct size and that it be buried deeper so that it was level with the ground.

- 06/10/026 To discuss the cutting of the hedges on Job Lane**
RESOLVED: To request a site meeting of residents, County Council representatives and Parish Council Members to discuss the matter further.
- 06/10/027 To consider the maintenance of play equipment on Millenium Green**
The Millennium Green Trust had been set up by residents and it had been agreed at that time that the Parish Council would not be responsible for funding. Whilst no formal request for funding had been received there were clearly going to be problems regarding finance if the grass cutting was to continue at the current level. There were other options regarding maintenance and inspection of the equipment. Since the matter had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting it was felt that options should be further investigated if the Millennium Green Trust so wished.
- 06/10/028 To receive an update on the BMX and youth shelter project**
Enquiries had been made regarding the youth shelter at North Wheatley, this was considerably larger than the one needed but was a suitable design and had cost £8,000. A grant had been applied for an architect. It would require the land to be transferred to the Parish Council and for a change of use application to be made before work could begin. District Cllr Gray offered to speak to the planning department to move progress.
- 0610/029 To consider possible action regarding the demolition of the bus shelter**
Members felt that by providing a youth shelter in the near future the anti social behaviour would subside around the bus shelter. A suggestion was made that planning permission to improve the changing rooms at the top of Mattersey Thorpe might also help to create a shelter. Consent was due to expire shortly and it was in need of renovation as it was in a very poor state of repair. It was suggested that the County Council be contacted to verify if there were any schemes in mind for the area.
- 06/10/030 To receive a report on the 'Back to Winter' conference**
Cllr Roberts reported on the conference – there had been several speakers from different departments of the County Council. There had been an admission that there was a shortage of salt, but this had also occurred in other areas of the country. There had also been a lack of communication between areas and that the salt boxes had not been filled. The monitoring centre at Newark had explained about the problems encountered with differing weather conditions and its effect on the road salt. They are currently experimenting with ratios of sand and salt. A suggestion had been made that more farmers be sub-contracted to keep the minor roads clear of snow and other ways of improving the service. Pavements will not be cleared unless the Parish Councils are prepared to take the work on and pay someone to do it. There is no liability on the householder if a pedestrian slips and falls on areas which they have tried to clear of snow or ice.
RESOLVED: That suggested comments on ways to improve the service be brought to the next meeting for a response to the County Council to be collated.
- 06/10/031 To receive a report on the War Memorial Clock**
The clock had been showing a different time on each face and striking at 20 minutes past the hour. It was thought that the malfunction had started at the same time as the lead was stolen from the church roof.
RESOLVED: To request English Clockmakers to attend and estimate the cost of repair.
- 06/10/032 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) Invitation to the Bassetlaw Children and Young People's forum on 30th June.
 - b) Invitation to the Nottinghamshire Partnership Annual Review on 25th June
 - c) Nottinghamshire Community Re-paint initiative had a depot in Worksop which made tins of paint available for local communities and charities
 - d) Library service contribution policy consultation was now taking place
- 06/10/033 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
- a) Notts County Council reminder that a licence is required for seasonal decorations (e.g. hanging baskets).
 - b) Bassetlaw District Council had issued a service and facility survey for completion
 - c) SLCC Regional Conference
 - d) The Parish Council Liaison Group meeting was being held on 14th July Cllr Brown - offered to attend

- e) The Local Development Framework Core Strategy consultation documents had been put in the Members Folder for comments.

06/10/034 To consider plans for curbing speeding traffic and arrange Speedwatch dates
 Due to a change in commitments Cllr Brown hope to be available on a more regular basis. Dates were to be arranged. Details of the statistics produced by the interactive speed camera would be requested from the County Council.

06/10/035 Finance

- a) To authorise the following expenditure:
 Admin & Salary £216.16 Hire of hall £98.00
- b) To approve the year end accounts for 2009-10, receive the internal audit report and complete the annual return
 There were no comments made by the auditor.
 RESOLVED: That the accounts be approved. The annual governance statement was completed section by section and agreed by Members.
- c) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
 RESOLVED: Noted

With the approval of the Members the items regarding planning were moved down the agenda

06/10/036 To determine the contents for next edition of Idle Talk

- Speedwatch
- Theft of lead and repair of church clock
- Year end accounts

06/10/037 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

- There had not been a report from the school for a while and concern was expressed over the drop in numbers who attended. Some local children went to the school in the next village rather than in Mattersey. Cllr Gray was requested to submit a report for the next meeting. Cty Cllr Yates was aware that some schools were collaborating for a period of three years. They would have one executive head over all the schools then a head teacher of each individual school. This may be one solution to avoid the closure of some small schools in rural areas.
- A resident had raised an issue regarding an article in Idle Talk regarding the cutting of hedges and shrubs at this time of year. It was agreed by all the Members that this matter was the concern of Idle Talk and not the Parish Council.
- There had been no further response from the County Council following the meeting in December which was called to encourage the County Council and Parish Councils to work together. It was suggested that a letter be sent reminding the County Council of the promises made at that meeting and request what progress had been made to the suggestions proposed.

06/10/038 Planning Applications:
Cllr Brown declared an interest in that the architect who had drawn up the plans on behalf of the applicant was a friend of the family.

- a) App No. 31/10/0006 Demolition of existing dwelling, & erect 3 linked properties, convert barn to dwelling with detached garage, create new access with associated landscaping and parking:

RESOLVED: To object to the development on the grounds of impact on neighbouring properties, buildings not in keeping, original house should be retained as a designated building of local interest, increase in vehicular access, amenity space insufficient, new planning policy 3 does not encourage development within the gardens of existing houses.

06/10/039 Next meeting
 RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 7th July 2010 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date
 (Chairman)