

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd March 2010 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

- Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Barrett, Light, A. Haddon (clerk) PCSO Brown and 5 members of the public
- 03/10/209 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Saint.
- 03/10/210 Declarations of interest**
No declarations were made.
- 03/10/211 Police Report**
PCSO Sharon Brown issued details of reported incidents during the past month.
- 03/10/212 Public Forum**
A number of residents had recently received a letter from the Parish Council requesting that they trim the hedges at the front of their properties to avoid causing problems for pedestrians using the pavement. The residents who attended the meeting felt that the situation was caused by the pavement narrowing rather than the hedges protruding. They felt it was not possible to cut the hedges any further back without damaging their growth.
- 03/10/213 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2010**
RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.
- 03/10/214 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**
01/10/185 Gritting – No reply had been received from the Highways department regarding the gritting routes. It was suggested that Cty Cllr Yates be contacted to try to ascertain the information.
02/10/198 Bus shelter – The clerk apologised for this item being omitted from Idle Talk and the matter was to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 03/10/215 Cemetery Maintenance and update**
There had been 2 burials during the past month. The grave diggers were still not disposing of surplus soil in the right place and this was to be followed up. There had been a complaint regarding the bins not being emptied which was to be reported to the maintenance contractor. As a result of her attendance on a cemetery management course the clerk suggested that there were certain procedures which needed adjusting, particularly relating to the purchase of the grave and issuing of deeds. It was hoped that Draft regulations and procedures would be available for the next meeting.
Cllr Roberts requested details of the number of funerals and an analysis of costs be made available to Members at the next meeting.
- 03/10/216 To consider the appointment of a handyman's services**
A resident who did similar work for a neighbouring council had expressed an interest in the work and he had agreed to submit further details before the next meeting. Members discussed the need for a handyman and it was resolved to re-agenda the item for the next meeting.
- 03/10/217 To consider whether to proceed regarding a Village Design Statement**
Members discussed whether the amount of work involved was commensurate with the effectiveness particularly in view of the small amount of prospective building land. The village already had a wide diversity of designs so a VDS would not maintain or protect the character of the village as one doesn't really exist. Concern was also expressed that a change in government may result in a complete change in planning policy which could negate any work already done.
RESOLVED: Not to proceed with a Village Design Statement at this time, but to return to the matter in the future should the need arise.

- 03/10/218 To receive an update on the BMX and Youth Shelter project**
 There had been a visit to Warsop BMX and skate park during the previous week which had been very informative. Their BMX track comprised of tarmac and limestone which was not felt would be practical on the Mattersey site. The skate park had proved more popular than the track and was more flexible in its use for skate boards, bikes and scooters. It was also thought that the largest ramp might be able to incorporate a youth shelter. Details of an Association which included insurance cover in its membership fee had been obtained. The original site at the top of Wavell Crescent had now been finalised as the site to be developed. There was to be a further meeting of the young people, constructors and interested parties on 16th March. An architect had been approached through the Business in the Community and Planning Aid organisations.
 The Parish Grant of £550, which had been earmarked as a contribution to the project, had been received from Bassetlaw District Council.
- 03/10/219 Parish Council Elections**
 Bassetlaw District Council had issued a memo confirming that elections would be held on 6th May.
- 03/10/220 To decide whether to renew membership of Rural Community Action**
 RESOLVED: To renew subscription to Rural Voice only..
- 03/10/221 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) An emergency planning seminar by Nottinghamshire County Council is to be held on 13th & 20th March 2010.
 - b) Nottinghamshire County Council may be able to provide a grant towards any events coinciding with a Robin Hood movie due to be released later this year
- 03/10/222 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
- a) Invitation to an Open evening at Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre
 - b) Invitation to take part in Bassetlaw Spring Clean event – Members declined to be involved
 - c) Details of changes to the concessionary travel arrangements
 - d) Invitation to take part in the Harry Johnson Award for renovation of buildings.
- 03/10/223 To arrange Speedwatch dates**
 Equipment should be shared with Hayton and North Wheatley and arrangements will be made in due course. Future Speedwatch dates were to be arranged.
- 03/10/224 Finance**
- a) To authorise the following expenditure:
 Admin & Salary: £216.16 NALC renewal subs £117.84
 RESOLVED: Approved
 - b) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
 RESOLVED: Noted
- 03/10/225 Planning Applications:**
- a) Conversion of outbuildings to form ancillary accommodation at Mattersey Hill Farm
 RESOLVED: That no objections be made.
- 0310/226 Planning Determinations**
 App No 31/10/00001/L Replace existing windows to the rear pantries with new doors at The Cottages, Mattersey Hill Farm, Ranskill Road. – Application granted
- 03/10/227 To determine the contents of the next edition of Idle Talk**
- Bus shelter
 - Vacancies for Parish Councillors
 - Dog fouling
- 03/10/228 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**
- Potholes at the junction of Job Lane and Retford Rd, Ranskill Rd, Breck Lane & Thorpe Rd., pavement collapsing near the allotments. Items to be reported to Highways
 - Tree preservation orders – it was requested that details of those with preservation orders be kept on file and the contact details for the tree warden.

- The hedge had been removed alongside Eel Pool Road, but no further details regarding progress had been received. It was suggested that further information be requested from Highways
- Cllr Mckay had confirmed her resignation from the Council. A vote of thanks was recorded for her excellent contribution to the Parish Council
- The pavement near the river bridge on the allotment side was subsiding and in a dangerous state.

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Next meeting

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 6th April 2010 at 7.30pm

Signed Date
(Chairman)