

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd March 2011 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

- Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Saint, Barrett, Kendall, A. Haddon (clerk), Dist, Cllr M.Gray, Cty Cllr E.Yates, 2 members of the public
- 03/11/227 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Light and Chambers.
- 03/11/228 To receive declarations of interest**
No declarations were made.
- 03/11/229 Police Report**
The Police did not attend the meeting or issue a report.
- 03/11/230 Public Forum**
A resident expressed concern over the lack of gritting and snow clearing in Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe and queried if the Parish Council had made any progress for future incidents. It was explained that the Parish Council were negotiating possible alterations with the County Council.
- 03/11/231 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2011**
RESOLVED: Approved
- 03/11/232 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**
No matters were raised.
- 03/11/233 To discuss possible installation of new gas supplies to the area**
The meeting was suspended to allow Mr Digby to report to the meeting.
Cllr Saint entered the meeting giving apologies for her delay which was due to business commitment.
Mr Digby had issued a survey with the Idle Talk newsletter to obtain the level of interest within the village to learning more about the installation of gas supply. He issued the results to the meeting. There had been more response from Mattersey than Mattersey Thorpe but this may be due to the higher percentage of rented accommodation in Thorpe. The nearest grid supply was in Ranskill. The National Grid had indicated that it might be possible to extend the pipeline but cost would be high. Other companies could also install new pipelines which might warrant further investigation. It was suggested that involving Everton in the scheme might be beneficial. Other alternative heat sources were suggested such as air source heat pumps or solar panels. It was thought that A1 Housing were considering alternative sources and Dist Cllr Gray agreed to discuss the issue with them since this could increase the buying power by extending the number of properties.
The meeting was resumed.
RESOLVED: To contact the Parish Council at Everton to discuss the issue.
- 03/11/234 Cemetery and village maintenance**
a) Cemetery Enquiries were continuing into the memorial masons who erected the memorial without consent.
- 03/11/235 To consider any further action regarding the re-positioning of the bus shelter on Main St.**
A copy of the amended plan for the development behind the bus shelter had been obtained and showed that access to the plot was directly onto the site from Main St and not around the back of the premises from the shared access to the other properties. Due to electric cables and water pipes the bus shelter could not be moved to the edge of the boundary.
RESOLVED: To write to the owner explaining that the Parish Council could see no other suitable site for the bus shelter and would suggest that he contacts the County Council.

Cty Cllr Yates entered the meeting.

- 03/11/236 To receive an update on footpath on Mattersey Old Road**
 A further report had been received from Notts County Council Footpaths officer clarifying certain issues.
 The Parish Council felt that the original error had been made by the County Council and there was little or no likelihood of the landowner receiving compensation if the Order was made.
 RESOLVED by a majority decision, that Everton Parish Council be contacted to encourage them to support a re-application on the basis of need and safety. If the re-application is unsuccessful then an appeal should be made to the Secretary of State.
- 03/11/237 To confirm a contribution to a youth service project**
 The youth service had offered to take some young people from the village to an event and requested a contribution of £35 from the Parish Council.
 RESOLVED: To donate £35 but to request the young people help in the forthcoming village clean up.
- 03/11/238 To consider participation in the trial of electronic circulation of planning applications**
 Bassetlaw District Council were considering amending the planning application procedures for consultees. This would initially be a pilot scheme and final details had not yet been received.
 RESOLVED: To agree to participating in principle once further information is known.
- 03/11/239 To consider possible speed control projects & arrange Speedwatch dates**
 The Chairman requested the support of Cty Cllr Yates regarding the installation of speed curbing measures. Evidence had been gathered over a long period showing that this was urgently needed. Rural areas were being discriminated against and, even if the Parish Council offer to fund their own initiative, the County Council would not sanction any signs or other measures. The Parish Council would also like to be able to use cameras to be able to request prosecution of offenders directly from a Speedwatch operation. There was to be a meeting of the road safety group during the coming week and Cllr Yates agreed to support the Parish Council.
 Speedwatch dates were arranged between volunteers.
- 03/11/240 To compile a response to the data transparency consultation**
 Most of the information detailed was already in the public domain so it was agreed to respond accordingly.
- 03/11/241 To receive a report on the recent SNG & NALC meetings**
 One of the major topics at the SNG meeting had been speeding and parking near schools. The issues are being taken up with the Chief Inspector.
- 03/11/242 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) Bowls development scheme
 - b) NCC Highways inspection – a request be made to accompany the inspection, a list of problems to be forwarded.
 - c) Travel & Transport briefing e-newsletter – suggested it be forwarded to Idle Talk. Cllr Yates informed the meeting that it was possible for the Parish Councils to undertake some of the local snow clearing with the possibility of a small grant contribution. Further details are being discussed and Cllr Yates will bring the matter up with Cllr Jackson, cabinet member for transport & highways.
 - d) Parish Council Liaison Group meeting on 30th March
 - e) Independent Custody Visitor recruitment drive – poster put on notice board
 - f) Street lighting energy saving proposals poster put on notice board, to raise the issue with Cty Cllr Jackson.
 - g) Planning Aid cut to funding.
- 03/11/243 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
- a) Dyslexia Group request for support
 - b) HMRC new directive that Parish Councils must register as an employer
 - c) Best Kept Village competition entry – resolved not to participate
 - d) Standards Board information – put into Members Bag

03/11/244

Finance

- a) To authorise the following expenditure:

Admin & Salary	£220.01	Donation to Mind	£50.00
NALC Subs	£1166.46		

 RESOLVED: Payments authorised
- b) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: Noted

03/11/245

Planning Applications:

- a) Application from Lafarge for the extension of time limit for the extraction of sand and gravel near Sturton le Steeple
RESOLVED: To respond that the section 106 agreement relating to hgv lorry route be extended to ensure that they cannot travel through small villages and be given a tighter prescribed route similar to that agreed with Tarmac.

03/11/246

Planning Determinations:

None were received

03/11/247

To determine the contents for the next edition of Idle Talk

- Travel & Transport briefing details
- Elections and work of Parish Council

03/11/248

Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

- The next North East Bassetlaw Forum meeting was on 22nd March
- One of the village name signs had slipped – it was suggested that Chris Campbell be asked to straighten it.
- There had been some more anti social behaviour problems in the area but the Police had been involved and it was hoped that this was now under control.
- Fields in Trust featured in the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine may be of interest to the Millennium Green Trust

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To confirm the next meeting

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 6th April 2011

Signed Date
(Chairman)