

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:- Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Barrett, Light, Saint, Dist Cllr Gray, A. Haddon (clerk) PCSO Brown Ms. J. Davies and 3 members of the public

02/10/187 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies were received prior to the meeting.

With the permission of the meeting the order of the agenda was amended to allow invited speakers to give their reports.

02/10/188 Police Report

PCSO Sharon Brown issued details of reported incidents during the past month. Local farmers were experiencing problems with poachers and intruders and the Police requested the vigilance of local residents to report any suspicious circumstances. By the end of March a further 80 police officers would be deployed to A & B Divisions thus strengthening the force in this area. The crime reduction manager had given recommendations regarding the bus shelter to the recent meeting of the Tenants and Residents Association. It had been suggested that it be demolished but this had not met with approval from local residents. The final decision did not lay with the Police but with the County Council in conjunction with the community.

Sharon's mobile phone number had been changed to 07525226846.

There had been a spate of thefts of older vehicles in the East Bassetlaw area, these were then being set on fire. Residents were warned to be vigilant and to try to fit extra security locks where possible.

P.C. Pilsworth was due to retire later this year but it had been confirmed by Inspector Hamilton that his post would be replaced.

The future of the format of the Safer Neighbourhoods initiative was still under debate with various options being suggested.

02/10/189 Public Forum

Ms Jo Davies, a representative from Bassetlaw District Council's planning department, attended the meeting to give an overview of the Village Design Statement. Guidance notes and updates were circulated in the Members bag for further reference. The VDS for a particular area could be mentioned in the final core strategy so that future planning applications would be referred to and their significance noted. Some areas would have more of a need for a VDS than others, in particular those where land for future housing developments have been identified. Future amendments to a VDS would require further consultation meetings and therefore it might be advantageous to have the original statement split into separate areas which could then be reviewed independently.

The meeting thanked Jo for attending and giving an informative briefing.

A member of the public reported that the sign on Broomfield Lane regarding horses and pedestrians was missing – it was suggested that the matter be reported to the County Council's footpaths officer.

The pavement between Mattersey and Everton had been cleaned and protruding grass sods had been removed but, in some places had merely been thrown to the side of the path and were unsightly and should have been disposed of in a proper manner. The Chairman offered to investigate and report back to the meeting.

The grass verges on Ranskill Road had only been cut twice during the previous year. A request was made for a schedule of cuts to be obtained from the County Council.

District Councillor Gray informed the meeting that there was a small amount of money remaining from the District Councillors grant fund and it was not possible to carry this forward to the next year. He would like to hear from any organisations who could benefit from the money. He was reminded that the TRA were looking for funds for the BMX track.

02/10/190 Declarations of interest

No declarations were made.

- 02/10/191 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2010**
RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.
- 02/10/192 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**
Overgrown Hedges – The letters to residents had been deferred due to the very bad weather as the clerk felt it would be impossible to cut them during the snowy conditions.
01/10/185 Gritting – Complaints had been made regarding the delay in gritting during the period before the heavy snowfall. It was suggested that further information be requested as to the order in which the roads were gritted when they were called out, how many hours before Ranskill Road was reached. The nearest salt depot was at Markham Moor.
- 02/10/193 Cemetery Maintenance and update**
The maintenance contract had been signed and returned.
The earth from the latest grave to be dug had been put at the side of the hedge instead of in the field. RESOLVED: To request the gravedigger to remove it to the appropriate site.
- 02/10/194 To consider the appointment of a handyman's services**
Research had shown that the rate of pay to handymen in other Parishes varied considerably. The need for a handyman was discussed and the type of work involved. It was agreed that whoever undertook any work would have to be aware of their responsibility for insurance and risk assessment.
RESOLVED: To advertise in Idle Talk requesting interested parties to contact the clerk.
- 02/10/195 To consider the report from Notts C.C. on the Parish Council event held in December**
The minutes of the meeting were circulated. Doubt was raised as to the accuracy of some of the issues reported. The meeting noted that suggestions were welcomed, yet those which were raised had been rejected. Members expressed disappointment that discussions were no further forward.
- 02/10/196 To confirm the draft budget for 2010-2011**
RESOLVED: Approved.
- 02/10/197 BMX and Youth Shelter**
Further meetings had taken place but the exact site was yet to be confirmed. It was imperative that this be finalised at the earliest opportunity so that plans could be completed and funding applications made.
- 02/10/198 To consider possible action regarding the demolition of the bus shelter**
RESOLVED: To defer to the next meeting.
- 02/10/199 To confirm update of the Parish Plan**
A request had been made by the Rural Officer at RCAN for an update of the Parish Plan. Details were confirmed.
- 02/10/200 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) New fire & rescue control centre will open in 2011, further details placed in the Members bag
 - b) Letter from John Mann MP enquiring about progress of removal of bench from Wavell Cres
 - c) Letter from RCAN regarding Community benefit
 - d) Details received regarding free information from the Asset Transfer Unit
- 02/10/201 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
Note of appreciation from David Yates regarding attendance of the training session regarding the Code of Conduct..
- 02/10/202 To consider plans for curbing speeding traffic & arrange Speedwatch dates**
A survey had taken place recently which revealed that the village was unable to have mobile speed signs installed because the lamp posts were on the wrong side of the road at both ends of the village.
Speedwatch dates were to be arranged.

- 02/10/203 Finance**
a) To authorise the following expenditure:
Admin & Salary: £216.11 Cemetery water rates £37.34
b) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: Noted
- 02/10/204 Planning Applications:**
a) Replace existing windows to the rear pantries with new doors at The Cottage, Mattersey Hill Farm
RESOLVED: That no objections be made.
- 02/10/205 Planning Determinations**
None were received.
- 02/10/206 To determine the contents of the next edition of Idle Talk**
- Precept
 - Handyman
 - Police report
- 02/10/207 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**
- North East Bassetlaw Forum – The cancellation of the six-weekly bulk rubbish collection was still under consultation and no decision had yet been made.
 - Discussions regarding the Safer Neighbourhoods meetings were ongoing.
 - Robin Hood airport had applied for night flights
 - The road sign for Breck Lane was still missing.
 - The pavement near the river bridge on the allotment side was subsiding and in a dangerous state.
- 02/10/208 Next meeting**
RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 3rd March 2010 at 7.30pm

Signed Date
(Chairman)