

## MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st July 2009 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

**Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Barrett, McKay, Hunt, Light & A. Haddon (clerk), and 2 members of the public

**07/09/054 To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Saint and Dist. Cllr Gray

**07/09/055 To receive Declarations of interest**  
No declarations were made.

*With the permission of the meeting the formal meeting was suspended at this time*  
The Chairman welcomed Mr Bullivant to the meeting and, on behalf of Mattersey Parish Council and the residents, expressed appreciation for the work which he had carried out for the area during his 20 years as County Councillor. A gift was presented to Mr Bullivant to celebrate his retirement as a County Councillor. Mrs Yates had now been elected to the position and was welcomed to her first Parish Council meeting by the Chairman.  
*The meeting resumed*

**07/09/056 Police Report**  
PCSO Sharon Brown gave the Police report and informed the Parish Council that 14 children had been banned from the land surrounding the Bible College, following reported incidents. Some had been issued with orders and their future behaviour was being monitored. The Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting had highlighted speeding and anti social behaviour as the areas which residents would like to see targeted. There had been an increased number of incidents involving off road bikes and vehicles in the local quarry area and patrols were being stepped up. P.C. Pilsworth had been doing more work with Speedwatch groups recently but was likely to be off work for approximately five weeks. PCSOs now have access to a speed camera although they are not allowed to issue penalties, but they can work with speedwatch groups. Inspector Hinchliffe had compiled a rota so that more officers took part in traffic speeding operations. The Parish Council congratulated PC Pilsworth on his recent award.

**07/09/057 Public Forum**  
*The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.*  
Mr. Price, Chairman of TRA reported that the youth club was running well although more help would always be appreciated. The BMX project was progressing very slowly and help was needed to complete the forms for funding applications. It was suggested that he contact BCVS and Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw.  
There had been complaints that the grass surrounding the football field was not being cut. Notts County Council had stated that the responsibility lay with the Parish Council, but it was felt that this was not the case as the contractor was only authorised to cut the edge near the pavement to one width. It was suggested that further enquiries be made and the subject put on the next agenda.

**07/09/058 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009**  
RESOLVED: Approved.

**07/09/059 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**  
**03/09/231A** – Bollards off Wavell Crescent. Dist Cllr Gray had agreed to pursue the matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

**07/09/060 To discuss Participatory Budgets and consider an application for a Parish Grant**  
The matter has been put on the agenda for the next Parish Council Liaison meeting as it was felt that the District Council were not implementing the Scheme in the way in which the guidelines intended. District Councillors had been given a budget which they could spend on their choice of projects and a parish grant had been introduced but most members felt that this was not the idea of the Scheme.  
RESOLVED: To apply for the £550 to go towards the BMX project.

- 07/09/061 To receive a report from the meeting with Notts C.C. regarding Highways and rural issues**  
The meeting had been postponed until the 31<sup>st</sup> July. The agenda included: rural issues on Highways Policy, Performance of the Highways Department, Lack of community involvement. Members requested that Cty Cllr Yates keeps the dialogue open as it was feared that, with the change of administration after the recent election, issues may become 'lost'. Everton Parish Council have established a protocol with Highways and it was RESOLVED: that the County Council be contacted to ensure a similar system be used for Mattersey.
- 07/09/062 To confirm the clerk's attendance on a cemetery management course**  
RESOLVED: Confirmed
- 07/09/063 To consider further details on a creation order to create a public footpath on Old Mattersey Road**  
A letter had been received from Notts County Council requesting the Parish Council's views on whether an order should be requested to create a public footpath. Members felt that a footpath already exists and that it was only through an error on the part of the County Council that an order was not made some time ago.  
RESOLVED: To request the County Council to apply for an order.
- 07/09/064 To confirm a donation to Victim Support**  
RESOLVED: To confirm a donation of £50.00
- 07/09/065 To consider an application to the Children's Play Builder Scheme**  
RESOLVED: To make an application on behalf of the BMX project
- 07/09/066 Christmas Lights**  
RESOLVED: To put on the agenda for September
- 07/09/067 To determine the contents of the next report for Idle Talk**
- Support of BMX project and application for funding
  - Speedwatch (report by the Chairman)
  - Request for feedback on the grass cutting
  - Police website availability for details of crime incident figures
  - Encourage attendance at Parish Council meetings, viewing agendas, planning application comments etc
- 07/09/068 Speedwatch**  
Three speedwatch operations had been carried out in the last month. Further dates were arranged at various hours and locations.
- 07/09/069 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) Parish Council Liaison Group meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at Worksop Town Hall
  - b) Invitation to Regional Plan Partial Review launch.
- 07/09/070 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
- a) Consultation document launched by Bassetlaw District Council regarding Statement of Community Involvement
- 07/09/071 Finance**
- a) To authorise the following expenditure:  
Admin & Salary: £201.04 Cottage Gardens grass verge cutting £310  
Cottage Gardens grass cutting & bin collections in cemetery £522  
Hire of hall £84.00 Paving slabs £98.04 Presentation gift £17.79  
RESOLVED: Approved
  - b) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts  
RESOLVED: Noted

- 07/09/072 Cemetery**  
a) To make a final decision on refurbishment of the gates  
RESOLVED: To approve (with one abstention) the quote from Chris Campbell Designs with stone pillars  
b) To consider regulations regarding memorial stones:  
A query was raised as to whether there were certain compulsory items which should be on a memorial stone, e.g. DOB/DOD/Full name/nickname and if there was a time scale between the burial and the erection of a memorial stone. The clerk agreed to make enquiries at the cemetery course which she would be attending in September.
- 07/09/073 Planning Applications:**  
a) Convert existing cottages into single dwelling, carry out general renovation and erect sun room at Mattersey Hill Farm Cottages.  
RESOLVED: That no objections be raised  
b) Change of use of existing barn to dwelling at Stone House, Main Street, Mattersey  
RESOLVED: To express concern regarding access and sufficient parking and turning facilities. To request a limitation on the working hours on site due reduce the impact on surrounding properties – Monday to Friday 8.30-5.30 and Saturday morning.
- 07/09/074 Planning Determinations**  
a) Change of use from public house to one dwelling – Barley Mow – permission granted.
- The following item is of a confidential nature and press and public were excluded*
- 07/09/075 To review the clerk's conditions of employment and appraisal**  
RESOLVED: To defer the matter to the next meeting
- 07/09/076 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**  
1. Cllr Hunt had received complaints about the grass verge not being cut adjacent to the Bible College, it had previously been cut by residents. The verges outside the village boundary had still not had their first cut by Notts County Council. It was agreed that Jeanne Wallace be contacted regarding the NCC grass cuts and to ask residents for their views and to review the scope of the grass cutting contract in October.  
2. Cllr Roberts requested traffic calming measures be placed on the next agenda and members consider a suitable scheme to submit to Notts County Council  
3. The Chairman and Members congratulated Cllr McKay on gaining her degree and welcomed her back from her sabbatical from Council duties.
- 07/09/077 Next meeting**  
RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 at 7.30pm. unless there was any pressing matters requiring action.

Signed ..... Date .....(  
(Chairman)