

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th October 2009 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

- Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Saint, & A. Haddon (clerk), PCSO Brown, Sgt Croft and 4 members of the public
- 10/09/102 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Light, McKay, Barratt, Dist Cllr Gray, & Cty Cllr Yates
- 10/09/103 To receive Declarations of interest**
No declarations were made.
- 10/09/104 Police Report**
Sgt Tony Crofts introduced himself to the meeting. He had recently moved to the area having previously been based in Nottingham city. Sgt Crofts reported on a revised method of assessing information which has resulted in recurrent reports of offenders being picked up more easily. There have recently been 4 Anti Social Behaviour Contracts issued with 8pm curfews and, according to residents, this has definitely made a difference to the behaviour in Mattersey Thorpe.
The Police were in the process of changing the process of consultation with residents which affects the current SNG meetings. New forms have been issued asking for resident's views on issues which they feel are most important. The Members expressed concern that this had been done without prior consultation and that the existing SNG meetings were extremely useful as they also brought together other agencies as well as community representatives. Sgt Croft explained that the new system was a government led initiative and it was not possible to reverse the decision at this time.
Members raised the question of lack of action from Police and other agencies following the years of data collected through the Speedwatch scheme.
- 10/09/105 Public Forum**
Residents wished to congratulate the work done by the grass cutting contractor on Bader Rise as the area looked very neat.
There was a report that some residents were tipping grass cuttings under a hedge but that it was spilling onto the pavement and making the area look untidy.
Representatives from Bassetlaw District Council attended the meeting to give an overview on the consultation document for the Local Development Framework – core strategy issues and options. A number of topics were discussed and explanations given. Due to the importance of the document and the extent of the information needed to be considered it was agreed that the deadline for comments would be extended until after the next Parish Council meeting when any suggestions would be formulated.
- 10/09/106 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2009**
RESOLVED: Approved
- 10/09/107 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**
03/09/231A Bollards off Wavel Cres – John Foster, Head of Parks & Open Spaces at Bassetlaw District Council, had responded to the request for bollards and appeared reluctant to take action. However he had advised that the cost to install metal posts would be £6,848. The meeting indicated that their original decision to pursue the installation should be upheld and a request made through Dist Cllr Gray to inform the District Council.
09/09/080 Removal of seat on Wavell Crescent – residents had requested the seat be removed as it had become a meeting place for youths who were causing aggravation to local residents. Members felt that the seat had been replaced a few years ago at the residents request and, since the anti social behaviour problems had abated over the last few weeks, it should remain. The situation should be reviewed after a few months.

- 10/09/108 To consider amendments to the grass verge cutting contract**
The item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 10/09/109 To consider designs for traffic calming**
The item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 10/09/110 Christmas lights project**
Instructions had been issued for the installation of the electrics. The lights had been costed and the sub committee would make a final decision during the forthcoming week. The health and safety inspection had yet to be carried out.
- 10/09/111 To receive a report on the cemetery management course**
The clerk had attended a course in Hull but it had to be abandoned due to the ill health of the lecturer. A further date was being arranged.
- 10/09/112 To receive a report on the NALC meeting**
The main issue had concerned the charter between Parish, District and County Councils. It was hoped that all Parish Councils would want to become involved. Everton had obtained five affordable houses recently. The way in which the highways department consulted Everton parish council was to be used for all other parish councils in the future. Cty Cllr Yates had been consulted regarding the problems of access to the household waste site at Hallcroft and had agreed to make further investigations.
- Cllr Saint left the meeting.*
- 10/09/113 To consider future involvement in the SNG Group and receive a report on the meeting**
Details had been discussed in the Police report, min ref 10/09/104. The chairman offered to continue to attend the meetings until further notice.
- 10/09/114 To update on progress of the BMX and youth shelter**
Progress was slow on the project and disappointment was expressed that no-one had offered assistance in the administrative work.
- 10/09/115 To determine the contents for the next edition of Idle Talk**
- Local Development Framework
 - Safer Neighbourhoods Group
 - BMX and youth shelter project
- 10/09/116 Speedwatch**
Further dates were arranged
- 10/09/117 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) Update for Parish Councils from Bassetlaw District Council
 - b) Minutes of the Parish Council Liaison Group
 - c) Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability assessment
 - d) IT Training
- 10/09/118 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
- a) Bassetlaw District Council requested assistance in the inspection of street signs
It was felt that this had already recently taken place and was not necessary at this time..
 - b) Invitation to an event at Hill House School.
- 10/09/119 Finance**
- a) To authorise the following expenditure:

Admin & Salary: £217.84	Cottage Gardens verge cutting £480.00
Cottage Gardens grass cuts & bin collections in cemetery	£332.00
Campbell Design £580.75	SLCC membership £72.00
Audit fee £138.00	

- b) To receive external audit report
An unqualified audit had been returned. There had been a request made by the auditor for information regarding the asset register and closure of audit notice for 2008 which was brought to the attention of the meeting at their request.
RESOLVED : Noted
- c) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: Noted

10/09/120 Cemetery

- a) To consider application for memorials – Cyril James Goodman – Approved.
Edna May Redford – Approved for erection but not until November.2009.
A verbal request had been made for the planting of another tree but this was rejected. The family had asked if a second plaque could be put at the side of an existing tree and were advised to put the request in writing for consideration.
- b) Maintenance – the quotes for hedge cutting were considered and it was resolved that North Notts Landscapes be awarded the work.

10/09/121 Planning Applications:

- a) App. No 31/09/00015 Single storey extension with habitable roof space at The Bungalow, Thorpe Road, Mattersey
RESOLVED: That no objections be raised
- b) App. No. 31/09/00016 Erect a two storey extension at 25 Hall View, Mattersey
RESOLVED: That no objections be raised
- c) App No. 31/09/00017 & 18 External alterations to listed building Barley Mow
RESOLVED: To raise objection to the height of the external wall adjoining Main Street. Although evidence had been sent showing that a wall of this apparent size had been in place in the 1920s the area had altered considerably and it would not be in keeping with the existing buildings.

10/09/122 Planning Decisions

- a) App. No 31/09/00014 Single & two storey extension at Laurels Farm Cottage, Main St Mattersey – granted.

10/09/123 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

No matters were raised.

10/09/124 Next meeting

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 4th November 2009 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date
(Chairman)