

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2ND September 2009 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

Present:- Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Barrett, Hunt, McKay, Light, Saint, & A. Haddon (clerk), PCSO Brown and 6 members of the public

09/09/078 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cty Cllr Yates

09/09/079 To receive Declarations of interest
No declarations were made.

With the permission of the meeting the public forum was brought forward on the agenda and the meeting was suspended for the duration of the item

09/09/080 Public Forum
A group of residents presented a petition to the Parish Council requesting support in action to combat anti social behaviour in Mattersey Thorpe. They particularly requested that a bench at the top of Wavell Crescent be removed as it was proving to be a meeting place for youths who were causing aggravation to local residents. They also felt that there was insufficient police presence and that the police were not supportive enough when incidents were reported. PCSO Brown explained that she was the only officer to cover 14 villages.
Whilst appreciating that the project to build a BMX track in the area would at least provide an activity for the youngsters, residents expressed concern over the safety aspects of an increase in cyclists using the local roads as there had already been a number of near misses when children came out of the junction onto Broomfield Road.
The Chairman explained to residents that the Parish Council was actively helping the Tenants & Residents Association to establish the BMX track, youth shelter and provision of allotments for the youngsters. It was hoped that the project could bring together all sectors of the community with older people helping the allotment project and young people taking a pride in the facility which they will help to build. The issue of anti-social behaviour had been discussed many times and all relevant agencies had been involved. It was suggested that the petition be sent to Inspector Hinchliffe, Dist Cllr Gray and County Cllr Yates. The matter would be put on the agenda for the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting which was open to all residents. The police react to statistics when deciding on the deployment of officers and it was essential that every incident be reported so that the area comes under closer scrutiny. If any resident is unhappy about reporting directly to the police they should contact crimestoppers which also means that the incidents are logged.

09/09/081 Police Report
PCSO Sharon Brown attended the meeting despite being off duty. She confirmed that there had been an increase in anti social behaviour in Mattersey Thorpe and that off road bikes had been a problem this summer. One bike owner had been stopped and reported for having no tax or insurance. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Inspector Hinchliffe regarding the lack of staff and support from other agencies involved with anti social behaviour. A1 Housing had not attended the SNG meeting for the third month running and Dist Cllr Gray offered to contact them. The next meeting was due to take place on 28th September at Sutton cum Lound. The Parish Council informed Sharon that she had their full support and were grateful for her efforts.

09/09/082 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2009
RESOLVED: Approved

09/09/083 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only
11/08/140 BMX project – An application had been made to the Playbuilder Fund.
The TRA reported that there was slow progress and no official confirmation had been received from Bassetlaw District Council that the site was approved. Dist Cllr Gray had been told that

the site had been approved. The problem appeared to be one of bringing all the appropriate agencies together and to obtain help in funding and general administration of the project. The Youth Services team at Retford had already obtained funding for graffiti boards for around the youth shelter.

Various organisations were suggested who might be able to offer support.

03/09/231A – Bollards off Wavell Crescent. John Foster from Bassetlaw District Council was in the process of re-assessing the situation and would contact the Dist Cllr Gray with further information.

09/09/084 To receive a report on the Parish Council Liaison meeting

It had been believed that Bassetlaw District Council had applied for participatory budgeting but actually this was still under consideration. Their current procedures had not been set up as the Rural Communities Department had stipulated.

Planning officers are organising a series of meetings to consult local residents on the Local Development Framework.

Hallcroft Recycling centre – there had been a 2% increase in waste reported but the figures were met with scepticism as some members had experienced 40 minutes delays. The item had been put on the next agenda for the NALC Northern Area committee meeting.

09/09/085 To receive an update on Participatory Budgets

See minute reference 09/09/084.

09/09/086 To discuss Notts County Council issues and receive a report on the recent meeting

The Chairman had an informative meeting and various issues were discussed:

- County Council parish charter – Tony Jacobs has agreed to the charter in principal and will contact NALC for further discussions.
- Bob Hart made it clear that budgets were under review for highways maintenance but recognised the problems regarding consultation.
- Speeding concerns were raised and the possibility of village gateways would be looked into.

The chairman will be updating Cty Cllr Sutton who is to attend the next NALC meeting.

Any flooding matters should be reported via the County Council website.

09/09/087 Grass cutting inspection and consider amendments to the grass verge cutting contract

A meeting of members was organised for Sunday 20th September at 10am on the corner of Job Lane and Retford Road.

09/09/088 To consider designs for traffic calming

This item was deferred to the next meeting but sites would be considered during the meeting mentioned at 09/09/087.

09/09/089 Christmas Lights

Quotations had been received for the various elements of the project. Mrs Barratt had offered to complete a risk assessment. It was hoped that the local children would be involved via the church and school and a provisional date of Friday 4th December was made for the switch-on.

Cllr Barratt was to sketch and design the tree holder for construction by Chris Campbell. Thanks were given to the committee for the work and the sponsors for their support.

RESOLVED: 1. To obtain a 12 foot tree, 2. To accept the quote from Electritest UK for the supply of electrical equipment using the option of putting the sockets within the garage. 3. To order 700 LED multi coloured lights.

09/09/090 To consider a donation of £100 to the Tenants & Residents Association

RESOLVED: Approved

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09/09/091 To determine the contents for the next edition of Idle Talk

- Crimestoppers & police reports
- Christmas tree project including expression of thanks to sponsors

- 09/09/092 Speedwatch**
There had been a number of sessions since the last meeting and one local resident had been timed at 50mph. Further dates were arranged.
- 09/09/093 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) Appeal to increase attendance at NALC & Parish Council Liaison meetings
 - b) Agenda for the NALC Northern Area Committee meeting on 7th Sept at Retford Town Hall
 - c) Consultation for Regional Plan Partial Review for East Midlands Regional Assembly
 - d) Appointment of new Headteacher at Mattersey Primary School – it was agreed a letter of welcome be sent
 - e) Letter of thanks from Victim Support
 - f) Invitation to the District Council Civic Service on 6th September at Carlton in Lindrick
 - g) Notification of review of Licensing Policy Statement
 - h) Notification of new GP Led Health Centre at Manton
 - i) Invitation to Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust's Annual Public Meeting on 30th Sept at Worksop Town Hall
 - j) Notification of NALC AGM on 18th November at Epperstone Village Hall – Cllr Brown offered to attend
 - k) NALC Training seminar regarding finance 15th October at Rolleston Village Hall – no offers to attend.
- 09/09/094 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
- a) Bassetlaw District Council's Local Development consultation events – it was suggested that a representative from the planning department be invited to attend the next meeting.
 - b) The clerk had received a communication from a resident complaining about the lack of progress on work on the recently fire damaged house in Mattersey Thorpe. She had contacted A1 Housing and requested the matter be dealt with as soon as possible.
 - c) Breck Lane – Bassetlaw District Council had requested update on the naming survey. Cllr Roberts reported that there had not been a unanimous vote and this information would be passed on to the District Council for them to make a final decision.
 - d) Mathew Brearley, the local area reporter, was leaving the Guardian and requested any future information be sent directly to the newspaper.
- 09/09/095 Finance**
- a) To authorise the following expenditure:
Admin & Salary: £202.04 Water rates for cemetery £44.14
Cemetery management course £109.25 Internal audit £81.00
Renewal of SLCC membership was deferred
 - b) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: Noted
- 09/09/096 Cemetery**
- a) To consider application for memorial stone – Cyril James Goodman, there was no objection in principal but it was agreed that it would be preferable to obtain confirmation that the applicant's sister had no objection to the application. If the marker is to be placed flat on the ground it should be inset to allow for the mower to go straight over it.
 - b) Maintenance – the contractor is not removing the waste flowers satisfactorily or notifying Cllr Hunt when the grass has been cut.
- 09/09/097 Planning Applications:**
- a) Single storey and two storey extension to Laurels Farm Cottage, Main St. Mattersey
- 09/09/098 Planning Decisions**
- a) Retain installation of galvanised metal gates to south porch at All Saints Church, Mattersey
Permission denied
 - b) Demolish three dutch barns at Mattersey Hill Farm, Mattersey – permission granted

- c) Replace stolen gates at Mattersey Hill Farm – permission granted
- d) Change of use from barn to dwelling at Stone House, Main St – permission granted
- e) Convert cottages at Mattersey Hill Farm – permission granted

The following item contained matters of a confidential nature which have been withheld from published minutes

09/09/099

To review the clerk’s conditions of employment and appraisal

RESOLVED: To increase the hours of work to 21 per month from 1st September 2009 and bring the hourly rate into line with the NALC guidelines.

09/09/100

Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

1. Cllr Hunt reported that the ivy on the wall of the bungalow ‘Samoa’ was overgrowing the pavement and could be causing a hazard to pedestrians. It was suggested that the matter be reported to the relevant authority.
2. Cllr Saint was concerned about the state of the weeds on pavements on Hall view and outside the church on Church Lane.
3. Cllr McKay suggested the notice board was looking a little tatty and needed refurbishment. It was also suggested that details of the parish council minutes and notices be made available in Mattersey Thorpe, perhaps on the notice board at Community House.

09/09/101

Next meeting

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 7th October 2009 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date
(Chairman)