

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th October 2011 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

Present:- Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Barrett, Chambers, Kendall, Saint, Cty Cllr E. Yates, A.Haddon (clerk), PCSO David Airey, PC Chris Glover, 4 members of the public

10/11/103 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Dist Cllr Gray.

10/11/104 Police Report
A written report was received prior to the meeting giving details of recent incidents. They can also be viewed on the Nottinghamshire Police website. There have been incidents of nuisance with noisy motorbikes. The Police requested residents ring the incident room to report when the motorcyclists were active so that they could respond. There had been a lot of scrap thieves touring the area and advised residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious circumstances. Thieves had been taking up manhole covers and cutting copper wires. There is to be a Patch Walk on 12th October and future Walks would be advertised on the Police website. These are opportunities for residents to talk to their local officers. The next Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting was due to be held on 18th October at Ranskill. The next Speedwatch operation was going to be attended by Chris Charnley from Notts C.C.. Neighbourhood Alert is going live soon. Members felt that there should be more co-ordination between this and Neighbourhood Watch and there was some confusion between the two Schemes. It was suggested that it could be discussed at the SNG meeting.

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to raise items with the Parish Council

10/11/105 Public Forum
The following issues were raised:

- Street lighting – Cty Cllr Yates explained that the lights were switched off at 1am and on at 6.30am. When the clocks change they will go off at 12 and on at 5.30am. A resident expressed surprise that stickers had been put on the lamp post indicating which ones were being switched off as he felt this was a security risk. It was explained that this had been done to identify those which were supposed to be off and those which needed repair. This was a trial and crime figures would be assessed on completion but comments were welcome.
- The Chairman thanked Cllr Yates for attending the meeting regarding the Old Road footpath.
- A Memorial had been erected in the cemetery prior to consent being granted and discussion took place with the company concerned
- Bev Fulwood explained about Blue Skies Community Initiative which was involved in a project in Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe regarding an Archaeological Project. They were trying to involve as many community groups as possible of all ages to bring people together. There would be activities for everyone and it was hoped that at the end it may be possible to display any 'finds'. Another new project called Sphere was trying to work with young people in the region to give them new sustainable activities. The Chairman offered the Parish Council's support and asked to be updated with progress.

The meeting was resumed

10/11/106 To receive declarations of interest
The Chairman declared a personal interest in the planning application regarding Priory Lodge as a close neighbour.

10/11/107 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2011
RESOLVED: Approved following minor amendments to the draft.

10/11/108 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only
04/11/274 – litter bin, this had been replaced but in the wrong position again.

09/11/100 – Best Kept Village – there had been one response indicating that it should be considered in the future when more progress had been made on keeping the villages tidy.

09/11/101 – Church Lane had been cleared of weeds.

Garages – only one was currently rented. BDC had no plans to demolish them. It was suggested that they should be encouraged to make this decision and to cut the hedges and tidy the area.

10/11/109 Cemetery and village maintenance

a) Applications had been made for Memorials – Resolved: that **Rudder** was approved, **Biggs** would need amending to comply with current regulations, **Wickens** was agreed in principle but required application to be completed by the family and not the funeral director.

b) Resolved: that the unsafe headstones list be reviewed.

10/11/110 To receive an update on speed control

Chris Charnley from Notts C.C. had agreed to an on-site meeting and to participate in a Speedwatch operation.

10/11/111 To receive an update on the bus shelters at Mattersey Thorpe & Main St Mattersey

Mattersey Thorpe – There would be no financial incentive if the Parish Council adopted the bus shelter. Craig Garrard was to confirm whether the Parish Council was on the approved contractor list. Resolved: that once confirmation was received the clerk would authorise the work to be carried out in accordance with the previous estimate but using anti-vandal paint.

Main St Mattersey – Notts C.C. had sought confirmation from the Parish Council that, should the housing development not go ahead, they would be liable for any further costs in relocating the bus shelter if the steps were to remain in their current position. Resolved: that the owner of the property adjacent be made liable and that a covenant be made if it changed hands.

10/11/112 To receive an update on Mattersey Old Road footpath

A site meeting had taken place attended by representatives from Everton & Mattersey Parish Council, Cty Cllr Yates and Laughton. It had been agreed that Everton Parish Council would make a renewed application for a Creation Order. When it was put before the Footpaths Committee 3 representatives were allowed to speak for 3 minutes each, but County Councillors could speak for an indeterminate time. It was suggested that a group of residents might also wish to attend the hearing.

10/11/113 To consider possible assistance to the school

A meeting had taken place between the Head Teacher, Cllrs Hunt and Brown. It was learnt that the Pre-School is run independently of the school and the Head Teacher did not know about the donations the Pre-School had received from the Fund Raising Group. It had been agreed that greater efforts should be made to integrate the school with the community and this included starting and finishing the Xmas tree lighting parade from the school, organising a fancy dress parade from the School for the Jubilee celebrations, residents giving talks about issues in the village and holding a Parish Council meeting in the school.

The School mini bus was proving too expensive to maintain and this was to be scrapped at the end of the year. The 'family of schools' did have a bus which could be used to transport the children to swimming. Resolved: To consider a contribution to transport costs at the next meeting when exact figures had been ascertained.

10/11/114 Queens Diamond Jubilee

The Jubilee committee was making progress on events. The official lighting of beacons was scheduled for the Monday evening but the Mattersey beacon would be lit on the Saturday previously to coincide with the local event. Resolved: That the Parish Council arranges the risk assessment.

10/11/115 To receive details on Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment consultation events

Various events were planned in the area to explain SHLAA to residents. The consultation did not open until 7th November so could not coincide with the November Parish Council meeting. Resolved: That BDC be requested to hold a briefing at 7pm on 7th December and to advertise in Idle Talk.

- 10/11/116 Appeal for assistance with new playground**
The TRA were requesting that the District Council build a new playground in Mattersey Thorpe. They had requested support from the Parish Council.
Resolved: That the Parish Council would support the application and help facilitate the project provided that it had the full support of the TRA committee and residents.
- 10/11/117 Information regarding heating oil scheme**
The Rural Services Network had formed scheme for collating orders of heating oil in order to obtain a discount on costs. The clerk had passed the information on to the editor of Idle Talk.
- 10/11/118 Christmas tree and lighting event**
The tree had been donated by Mr Sykes and arrangements made for it to be erected on 4th December with the lighting ceremony on 9th at 5.30. The Rev Smithurst was to be asked to switch on the lights..
- 10/11/119 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- Seasonal decorations information pack from Notts CC
 - Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – to be added to the agenda for the next meeting
 - CPRE planning guidance – booklet put into the Members Bag
- Standing orders were suspended to permit the remaining items on the agenda to be completed*
- 10/11/120 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
- Energy Day at Everton
 - Notts C.C. budget conversation available until January 2012
 - Health and Safety and Risk Assessment seminar 22nd November 2-4pm at Edwinstowe
- 10/11/121 Finance**
- To authorise the following expenditure:

Admin & Salary	£232.34	North Notts Landscapes	£240.00
Cottage Gardens	£352.00	Audit fee	£144.00

 RESOLVED: Payments authorised
 - To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts
Funds had been transferred from HSBC to Unity Trust Bank.
RESOLVED: Noted.
 - To receive the audit report
An unqualified audit report had been received. Resolved: Noted
 - To consider procedures for authorising on-line payments
Signatories had been informed on the bank's tutorial and Cllr Kendall agreed to draw up a draft procedure for posting payments
- 10/11/122 Planning Applications:**
App No 31/11/00011 extension at Priory Lodge, Abbey Road, had been received after the agenda had been issued.
Resolved: To question BDC if it is within the current development envelope.
- 10/11/123 Planning Determinations:**
None received
- 10/11/124 To determine the contents for the next edition of Idle Talk**
- Motorbike nuisance
 - Police website and patchwalk
 - Scrap metal thefts
 - Xmas tree event
 - Street lighting
 - SHLAA briefing
- 10/11/125 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**
- North East Bassetlaw Forum will take place on 17th October at Gringley on the Hill.
 - The Chairman's Training had been attended by Cllr Roberts who requested that some amendments be made to standing orders and a review of Council Policies

should be initiated at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. It was suggested that this be put on the next agenda

- The Parish Council Liaison Meeting will take place on 12th October attended by Cllr Brown

10/11/126

To confirm the next meeting

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 2nd November 2011.

Signed Date
(Chairman)