

## MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 in the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

- Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Barrett, Saint, & A. Haddon (clerk), and 3 members of the public
- 06/09/033 To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Hunt, Cllr Light and Dist. Cllr Gray
- 06/09/034 To receive Declarations of interest**  
No declarations were made.
- 06/09/035 Police Report**  
The Police did not attend the meeting or send a report.
- 06/09/036 Public Forum**  
*The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.*  
Steve Digby and Anna Daniel have volunteered to edit the Idle Talk newsletter. They hoped to energise people into contributing on a regular basis and to try to ensure the newsletter remains an essential part of the community. It will continue to be published on a monthly basis and requested the Parish Council submit a report for each issue making it a less formal article than the official minutes and expanding on the reasons behind any decisions made. The deadline for each edition would be 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- 06/09/037 To discuss the future of Idle Talk**  
Members welcomed the prospect of new editors and were impressed with the first edition which had been brought to the meeting.  
RESOLVED: That the clerk prepare a monthly report for the newsletter, the contents of which would be approved by the Chairman or a Member of the Council before publication.
- 06/09/038 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
RESOLVED: To amend the attendance of Cllr Saint and report her apologies for absence.
- 06/09/039 To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only**  
**03/09/231A** – Bollards off Wavell Crescent. John Foster from Bassetlaw District Council had assessed the area in question and could find very little evidence of traffic getting onto the land and therefore had no plans to take any action. It was suggested that Dist. Cllr Gray be requested to intervene and support the installation of bollards.  
**04/09/257** – Paving slabs – The slabs had been laid.
- 06/09/040 To discuss Participatory Budgets**  
There had been no information supplied by Dist Cllr Gray but Cllr Roberts had obtained further information through the North East Bassetlaw Forum minutes. The District Council had indicated its intention to be one of a number of national pilots to look at Participatory Budgeting in rural communities. The idea in principle met with the Parish Council's approval as it could be of benefit to the area.  
RESOLVED: To make further enquiries into the scheme and consider volunteering to participate. To put the item on the agenda for the next NALC and Parish Council Liaison Group meetings.
- 06/09/041 To consider a response regarding the alterations to the car park at Mattersey School**  
Mr. Tim Turner, monitoring and enforcement officer for Notts County Council, had visited the site at the request of the Parish Council and was of the opinion that the planning consent had not been breached.  
RESOLVED: To notify the resident who had made the complaint of Mr Turner's findings.

- 06/09/042 Daneshill Closure**  
Mr. Mick Allen, Head of Waste Management at Notts County Council, informed the Parish Council that he was unable to add anything further to previous correspondence and was not able to re-consider the closure of the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Details of the reason for the closure were available for scrutiny. The Chairman reminded the meeting of para 34 of that report which stated that major improvements would be carried out to the Retford site by the end of 2008.  
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had taken the protest against closure as far as it could and that efforts should now be made to encourage the improvement of the Retford site.
- 06/09/043 Christmas Lights**  
A letter had been received from Proviso Ltd offering assistance with the installation of low voltage lights for the tree and agreeing to its erection on their land.  
RESOLVED: To pass details on to the steering group together with the contact for Notts County Council who had agreed to help on issues such as health and safety.
- 06/09/044 To consider opportunities for the Remedi Scheme**  
The organisation manages a team of workers who organise community work for offenders. Members suggested a number of activities which could be undertaken by them in the future. It was suggested that details be passed to other organisations in the village.  
RESOLVED: To request a working party consider repainting the railings and wooden gate in the cemetery in the autumn.
- 06/09/045 To consider an application for a creation order to create a public footpath on Old Mattersey Road**  
This matter had been discussed originally in November 2006. Members felt that there were some legal questions regarding the continued use of the path which should be investigated further.  
RESOLVED: To contact Everton Parish Council to obtain their views on the matter and to make enquiries on the legal aspects
- 06/09/046 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**  
a) Invitation to Building Better Communities workshop on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Mansfield - Noted  
b) Letter from Notts CC regarding bus stop improvement scheme – Noted
- 06/09/047 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**  
a) Letter from a resident regarding grass cutting. Members agreed that the central reservation on Keyes Rise and the small island on Bader Rise should be included in the grass cutting contract.  
b) Speedwatch – An email had been received from Everton Parish Council whose insurance company had raised concern over including speedwatch volunteers under their policy. The clerk to the council had copied Mattersey in on details of the procedures and involvement of the Police in a risk assessment.  
A resident had volunteered to join the Mattersey Speedwatch Scheme and would be contacted to arrange training.  
c) Parish Grants – Bassetlaw District Council had implemented a Parish Grants Scheme to allow each Council the opportunity to bid for a sum of money for a capital project. The item was to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.  
d) Request for a donation to Victim Support – Members suggested a donation of £50
- 06/09/048 Finance**  
a) To authorise the following expenditure:  
Admin & Salary: £198.67 Insurance premium £293.58  
Cottage Gardens grass verge cutting £190  
Cottage Gardens grass cutting & bin collections in cemetery £304  
RESOLVED: Approved with the exception of the cemetery invoice which was incorrect

- b) To approve the year end accounts and complete the audit statement for 2008/09  
RESOLVED: Approved
- c) To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts  
RESOLVED: Noted

**06/09/049 Cemetery**

- a) Gates – Suppliers had been requested to quote for widening the gates, but Members now felt that this was unnecessary. The clerk reported that Notts County Council would like the project completed by August. The final quotes would be available for the next meeting.
- b) Memorial application – An application had been received for a memorial for Jean Mary Capsticks. RESOLVED: Approved.

**06/09/050 Planning Applications:**

- a) **Retain installation of galvanised metal gates to south porch at All Saints Church, Mattersey**  
RESOLVED: To support the application
- b) **Demolish three dutch barns at Mattersey Hill Farm, Mattersey**  
RESOLVED: To support the application
- c) **Replace stolen gates at Mattersey Hill Farm**  
RESOLVED: To support the restoration project

**06/09/051 Planning Decisions**

- a) Bore Hole at Carr Drain Surface Borehole, Mattersey – permission granted

**06/09/052 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**

1. Cllr Saint felt that the gutters on Hall View had not been cleaned and requested the authority be contacted
2. Cllr Saint reported that the problem of children playing in the street had been dealt with by the PCSO but that the means of doing so had not been good for community relations.
3. Cllr Hunt had contacted the clerk with a complaint about the frequency and efficiency of the bin emptying in the cemetery. Other Members felt that the grass had not been cut around the edges of the cemetery and certain memorials. The clerk agreed to contact the contractor.
4. There was still a problem of flooding on the corner of Priory Road despite the ditch at the side of Millennium Green being cleared. The corner of Abbey Road had also been prone to flooding again. Cllr Brown offered to contact the necessary officers.

**06/09/053 Next meeting**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 at 7.30pm.

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