

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 1st April 2009 In the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

- Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Light, & Saint, A. Haddon (clerk), PC Pilsworth, Ms. A. Duckers a representative of 'involved' organisation. 2 members of the public,
- 04/09/238 **Apologies for absence****
Apologies were received from Cllr Barrett
- 04/09/239 **Declarations of interest****
No declarations were made
- 04/09/240 **Police Report****
PC Pilsworth reported that 3 young people in the area had recently been issued with ABC orders which had been signed by both the parents and the offenders. The parents were co-operating in an attempt to curb the behavioural problems.
A warning was given regarding bogus callers in the area. They have been taking advantage of utility companies doing work in the area and using this as a method of gaining access to homes. Residents should ensure that they see callers I.D. and double check with the organisations before allowing access to property. There had also been a number of thefts of vehicles, some because residents had not properly secure them. PC Pilsworth advised everyone to lock the cars even if they are away from the vehicle for a minute.
There had been some incidents of motorcyclists riding on an SSSI site at Lound and a quad bike being driven without lights around the local area. The Police would appreciate assistance from the public in reporting any further such incidents with descriptions of offenders.
The new Divisional Commander for Bassetlaw is Ch. Supt. Dave Wakelyn who will be based at Worksop.
- 04/09/241 **Public Forum****
The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.
Alison Duckers, a representative of the 'involved' organisation gave a short presentation of the objectives of the charity. It is a government funded national youth volunteer programme. 117 areas around the country will have a 'v' team which will help connect young people between the ages of 16 and 25 with organisations which need voluntary helpers. These can range from environmental projects to hospital or social projects.
- 04/09/242 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009****
RESOLVED: Approved
- 04/09/243 **To discuss matters arising from the minutes, for information only****
03/09/231A – Travellers. A letter had been received from John Mann MP offering assistance in issues relating to any proposed applications for the 43 new pitches for travellers which had been contained in the recent East Midlands Plan. It was suggested that a request be made to Mr Mann requesting clarification from Bassetlaw District Council on what basis they made the decision that so many were needed in the area. It was further suggested that the Parish Council request bollards be placed around the field at the top of Wavell Crescent to prevent access.
- 04/09/244 **To discuss the Involved initiative and consider any opportunities within the area****
The Parish Council agreed to keep the information to hand and contact the organisation should any project become apparent. The planning and design of the BMX/Youth shelter may be such an appropriate project.
- 04/09/245 **To consider a response regarding the alterations to the car park at Mattersey School****
A copy of the planning application had been received from Notts County Council and was considered by the Members. A tree had been felled as it was considered to be diseased.
RESOLVED: To request Notts County Council re-measure the new area in accordance with the planning consent.

- 04/09/246 To consider progress on the Barley Mow**
The clerk reported that, according to the agents, the offers previously made on the property had been too low for the vendors to accept. Members considered if any further action should be taken on the project at this stage.
RESOLVED: To ask Mr Morley to attend the next meeting with a view to requesting his services in canvassing the villages.
- 04/09/247 To consider participation in the Bassetlaw Spring Clean event**
RESOLVED: To contact further village groups and the Bible College to ascertain any interest in participating.
- 04/09/248 To receive a report and discuss Notts CC issues**
- a) Highways – Cllr Gilfoyle had offered, through NALC, to request that the roads policies be reviewed and discussed in relation to rural issues.
 - b) Grass cutting – The clerk had met with a representative from Notts County Council who had approved the areas requiring cutting. Members approved a map showing the areas to be cut by the Parish Council contractor.
 - c) Charter – there had been no further progress on this issue.
- 04/09/249 Daneshill Closure**
It was thought that a commitment had been made by Notts CC some 18 months ago that Daneshill would not be closed until Hallcroft had opened.
RESOLVED: To research the exact details and write to the County Council reminding them of their previous statements.
- 04/09/250 To discuss progress on the Mattersey Thorpe BMX and Youth shelter project**
Officials had been elected for the steering group and further meetings were planned.
- 04/09/251 Christmas Lights**
Suggestions were made regarding the positioning of a tree. Michael Moore, Notts C.C., had offered to give advice on site and a meeting was to be arranged.
- 04/09/252 To discuss street cleaning issues**
A resident had made a complaint regarding dog fouling.
RESOLVED: To request a reminder on dog owner's legal obligations be put in Idle Talk and on the notice board. To request the District Council to carry out street cleaning.
- 04/09/253 To receive a report on the County Partnership Training Event**
The clerk reported on the training event which included an update on the CiLCA qualification, VAT, Quality Parish Councils and the new Well Being legislation. A copy was placed in the Members Bag.
- 04/09/254 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
- a) A survey regarding services for older people within the village was completed
 - b) A request for a grant to Victim Support was denied.
- 04/09/255 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
Only correspondence for the Members Bag was received.
- 04/09/256 Finance**
- a) To authorise the following expenditure:

Admin & Salary: £222.02	English Clockmakers	£178.25
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 RESOLVED: Approved
 - a) To receive a report on financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: Noted
- 04/09/257 Cemetery**
- a) Maintenance issues: Paving stones:
RESOLVED; To order 13 off 600x900x50 and 10 off 600x600x50

b) A relative had planted a number of flowers in the cemetery which had not been approved and was felt to be breaching the technical rules of the cemetery.

RESOLVED: To write and request that no more flowers be planted.

c) Cemetery gates – The Building Better Communities project had agreed to pay £1500 towards new or renovated gates and posts. The Parish Council could arrange the contractors or the County Council could project manage it on our behalf.

RESOLVED: To ask for a project manager to offer suggestions but to defer a decision until the next meeting.

d) An invoice for the rates for the Cemetery had been received and approved for payment.

04/09/258 **Planning Applications:**
None had been received

04/09/259 **Planning Decisions**
None had been received

04/09/260 **Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**

1. Speedwatch – there had been no sessions since the last meeting. The equipment may now be shared between three other Parishes.

2. Idle Talk – it was thought that the editor was resigning and as yet no-one had come forward as a replacement. The parish council felt that a publication was important for the area and were keen for it to continue. It was agreed to put the item on the next agenda.

3. Cllr Hunt had attended the East Bassetlaw Forum and amongst the topics raised were:

- Affordable housing which revealed a substantial waiting list.
- Participatory budgeting – Bassetlaw District Council was one of the first councils to be involved in the system
- Over 50s Forum
- Mini bus & rural transport service
- Safer Neighbourhoods Group
- Local Business centres

The next meeting is to be held on 17th June at Mattersey

4. Cllr Brown explained to the meeting that Mattersey had been allocated some properties dedicated to housing for local people. There is another vacancy arising in the near future and requested that members let local people know of the opportunity.

04/09/261 **Next meeting**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 6th May 2009 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date
(Chairman)