

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 4th February 2009 In the All Saints Church Hall, Mattersey

- Present:-** Cllrs Brown, Roberts, Hunt, Barrett & Light, A. Haddon (clerk), 17members of the public,
- 02/09/199 Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Saint & Dist Cllr Gray..
- 02/09/200 Declarations of interest**
No declarations were made.
- 02/09/201 Police Report**
No Police officers were in attendance and no report had been received.
- 02/09/202 Public Forum**
The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.
Residents had been invited to attend the meeting in order to discuss the future of the 'pub is the hub' initiative.
There had been a few responses in writing and the comments made had been noted.
Residents raised a number of points in favour of the initiative and expressed some reservations about the project. These included:
- Concern that there was insufficient footfall to make the project profitable
 - Loss of the pub affected the cohesion of the community and the village was in danger of losing its traditions
 - Opportunity for teenagers to have a meeting place
 - Suggested price of shares would be too high for many people
 - The project could be a catalyst which could unite the community as it has in other areas
 - Could include an internet café, library and book swap, shop, pool room, crèche, restaurant.
- Questions were asked about the liability of those who bought shares and where the finances would come from to raise the necessary funding to purchase the building and complete the necessary refurbishment.
The Minister offered the church and hall for similar activities if the scheme does not come to fruition.
A show of hands revealed that the vast majority of those present felt that they would be prepared to invest in the project at some level. Five people were interested in giving their time to serve on a management board.
- With the agreement of the meeting the following agenda item was brought forward
- 02/09/203 To consider possible action regarding the Barley Mow project**
Members discussed the response from residents and considered if there was sufficient interest to pursue further feasibility of the project.
RESOLVED: 1. To contact Enterprise Inns to enquire as to the current situation regarding the sale 2. To establish if any grants would be available for such a project. 3. To prepare a house to house survey for all residents giving more detail of the project and seeking opinions.
- 02/09/204 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2009**
RESOLVED: Approved.
- 02/09/205 Matters Arising from the Minutes, for information only**
11/08/140 BMX/youth shelter – There was to be another meeting on the 7th February.
12/08/167 Noise Monitoring – Mr. Sykes had agreed to allow the noise monitoring unit to be based on his land. The Council expressed their thanks to him for his assistance.
12/08/176 Church Memorial Clock – The clock appeared to be working correctly.
01/09/197/1 Christmas lights – No response had been received from Dist Cllr Gray.
01/09/198/2 Breck Lane survey – Acknowledgement was awaited from 2 properties.

- 02/09/206 To consider a response regarding the alterations to the car park at Mattersey School**
Notts C.C. enforcement officers had attended the site and had agreed to send a report to the Parish Council meeting together with a copy of the original plans.
- 02/09/207 To confirm the wording for the grass verge cutting contract**
A draft copy of the contract had been circulated prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED: To approve the wording and to confirm that the verge on Thorpe Road should be cut on each side of the road from Mattersey to Thorpe. The cemetery side should be cut 3 times per year and the opposite side 12 times per year.
- 02/09/208 To discuss Notts CC issues – highways and speeding**
Notts CC had issued a letter to John Mann MP who had sent a copy to the Parish Council. It indicated that the County Council did not feel that their response to highways issues had been below standard. The Parish Council noted that the letter had not been sent by a senior official and had taken weeks to respond. It was felt that this was symptomatic of the general efficiency of the department.
The Chairman was due to meet Mr David Kirkham on Friday 6th February.
- 02/09/209 To receive a report on the recent road safety meeting**
Inspector Hinchliffe had met with all the Councils involved with the Speedwatch initiative and was sympathetic to the feeling that their work was not being followed through. She offered to pursue the implementation of enforcement cameras and safety issues with the County Council. The Speedwatch operatives were informed that it was necessary to obtain the make, colour and registration number of appropriate cars in order that warning letters would be issued to offenders.
- 02/09/210 To receive a report on the North East Bassetlaw Forum**
Cllr Hunt had attended the meeting and reported that:
The East Midlands Regional Plan had indicated that 26 additional travellers sites were
The number of crimes in the area had decreased over the previous year although there had been a small increase in Anti Social Behaviour and drug related incidents.
Half of the current PCSOs had now been recruited into the Police service and were due to go Training College.
I It had been proposed that the Safer Neighbourhood and the Local Action Groups should have joint meetings and a steering group had been set up.
The meeting had voted in favour of the proposed plans for the airport although concern had been expressed at the increase in night flights.
A local Councillor had congratulated Mattersey Parish Council on reducing their precept.
The next meeting was due to be held on 24th March.
- 02/09/211 Correspondence received when agenda was printed**
a) Parish plan summary – a copy was issued to all Members.
- 02/09/212 Correspondence received after agenda was printed**
a) NHS Annual report consultation – The opinions of the Members regarding the method of issuing the annual report was recorded.
b) The Parish Council Liaison Group meeting was due to be held on 11th February
c) Membership of LINK – Details were put in the Members Bag.
d) There is to be an Affordable Housing Viability Study Consultation Event on Tuesday 10th February at the Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield.
- 02/09/213 Finance**
a) To authorise the following expenditure:
Admin & Salary: £200.65 Row markers £524.40
Water rates £25.38 North Notts Landscapes £57.50
Cheque for clock service was authorised to be released.
RESOLVED: Authorised
b) To receive a report on financial status and reconciliation of accounts
RESOLVED: To transfer £3,000.00 from the cheque to the deposit account.

- 02/09/214 Cemetery**
 a) Maintenance issues:
 The Chairman congratulated Members on the work undertaken on the cremation area. Further work was needed and 24 new concrete flagstones would be required. It was agreed to obtain prices for the next meeting.
- 02/09/215 Planning Applications:**
 None had been received
- 02/09/216 Planning Decisions**
 None had been received
- 02/09/217 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**
1. Cllr Roberts understood that the way in which water rates were calculated was under review. It was suggested that further information be obtained and details put on the agenda for the next meeting.
 2. Cllr Brown requested that the organising of the work in the cemetery regarding the flagstones and tree be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
 3. The clerk notified the meeting that the next agenda would be issued on 20th February with the possibility of supplementary items being notified on the 28th February.
- 02/09/218 Next meeting**
 RESOLVED: That the next meeting be held on 4th March 2009 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date
 (Chairman)