

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th September 2023 at 7.00pm in Mattersey Church Hall

Present:- Cllrs. Walker (Chairman), E. Skelton, J.Keeling-Heane, E.Keeling-Heane, D.Elcoate, A. Haddon (clerk), Cty Cllr Taylor,

- 9/23/065** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received form District Cllr Bamford.
- 9/23/066** **To receive any declarations of interest or dispensation requests**
No declarations were made.
- 9/23/067** **Public Forum**
No members of the public were present.
- 9/23/068** **To consider co-option of residents to the Parish Council**
No applications had been received.
- 9/23/069** **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 5th July 2023**
Resolved to approve the minutes.
- 9/23/070** **To receive reports on items in the minutes, for information only**
No issues were raised.
- 9/23/071** **To receive reports from County & District Councillors**
Cty Cllr Taylor's report appears in the minutes ref 9/23/086
- 9/23/072** **Planning - to consider a response to the following application(s):**
a. Planning applications
1. **23/01003/CAT** Works to trees in a conservation area consisting of reducing height by 20ft, one cedar tree at Mattersey Cottage, Main St, Mattersey
b. Correspondence & decisions
1. Appeal from FCC on refusal of their application for a soil treatment plant at Daneshill (Notts CC) – noted To consider supporting the appeal for protection of Neighbourhood Plans – noted only
2. To consider a response to the Modification for Bassetlaw Local Plan – no comments raised.
- 9/23/073** **Millennium Green – grass cutting invoice, review of upgrade project, hiring policy**
The clerk had met with Mark Speck from Notts Wildlife Trust to discuss the proposed Wildlife area and he will be submitting a written report
The wildflower area will be planted on October 30th, volunteers are welcome. Cty Cllr Taylor had supported the initiative with a donation of £250 from her Divisional funds. The meeting expressed their gratitude. A donations page has been set up via Easyreach and Totalgiving. Aerial photos had been kindly donated by Horizon Droneco, free of charge.
Surveys for preference of play equipment had been analysed and circulated. The number of returns had been disappointing but none were negative.
An application to hire the Green for a wedding had been received. The Council would like to know more information but agreed in principle. A draft policy and form of regulation would be drawn up for consideration.

Grass cutting invoice £261.60 approved for payment.
- 9/23/074** **Cemetery Report**
There had been no burials or memorial applications since the last meeting.
Quotations for the tree work to the right hand side of the cemetery had been obtained but further information was needed from one contractor before a decision could be made.

A resident had ordered a tree and arrangements would be made for the planting.

9/23/075 To consider new planters

Awaiting reply from Highways regarding positioning of objects near the roadside. Prices for brick planters had been obtained and wooden sleepers had been suggested.

9/23/076 Mattersey Thorpe Communal areas

No further information had been received on negotiations.

9/23/077 To consider whether to arrange an event for 80th Anniversary of D Day 6th June 2024

Resolved not to participate.

9/23/078 To consider a response to Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan procedural consultations

No comments were raised.

9/23/079 Speedwatch & Highways

Consultation will take place with Dist Cllr Bamford regarding a speedwatch session. Drawings of a suggested speed awareness sign had been submitted to Highways and a meeting had been arranged for discussion with an officer. It was agreed to accept 6 free bags of grit salt from Notts County Council. Cllr Walker agreed to act as Snow Warden for the villages and report issues to the Highways.

9/23/080 To consider a response to BDC Open Space survey including reporting of any issues

The open space at Mattersey Thorpe did not provide sufficient activity equipment for older children and there was only the small childrens play area in the village. It was agreed to request further opportunities for them including smaller goalposts and other sporting options.

9/23/081 Future village publications

Options for alternatives to Idle Talk were discussed and it was resolved to continue to produce it in its current form and publish approximately quarterly to coincide with relevant events. Distribution costs to be paid rather than rely on volunteers.

9/23/082 Finance

- a. To receive the external audit report for 2022/23. The auditor had commented that the box relating to Trusts had not been ticked and Council should ensure that these had been audited separately. The clerk reported that the internal auditor had completed a full audit of the Trust accounts at the same time as the Parish Council accounts and these had been approved as per minute reference 5/23/013.
- b. To consider a request for funding from First Responders and Notts Wildlife Trust – resolved to send £100 to First Responders and £50 to Notts Wildlife Trust.
- c. To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts.

Approved

- b. To authorise the following expenditure:

Salary & Admin	£334.88	HMRC	£78.40
North Notts Landscapes – grass cutting & cemetery			£452.40
Domain renewal	£15.00	CPRE renewal	£36.00
Payments to contractors during recess:			
Salary & Admin	£334.88	HMRC	£78.60
North Notts Landscapes – grass cutting & cemetery			£732.00
Bygone Times (clock)	£1,100.00	Notts ALC training	£120.00
Rutherford (Lengthsman)	£225.00	Bayliss Printing	£210.00
Anglian Water	£19.10		

Resolved: authorised.

9/23/083 Correspondence

- a. CPRE Newsletter
- b. Notts ALC AGM Monday 11st September at Oxton from 6.30pm
- c. Finance training course
- d. NEBF meeting dates – 5th Oct, 19th Dec, 21st March, 13th June
- e. Highways repairs website

- f. Lengthsman Newsletter
- g. Vision 2040 consultation
- h. NALC Chief Executive's newsletter
- i. Summary of monthly Police incident figures for Beat Area
- j. Request from resident for additional waste bin in vicinity of Job Lane – clerk to request from BDC
- k. Listening Books charity

- 9/23/084 Correspondence received after publication of agenda**
- a. Report from residents of hedge trimmings left on pavement
 - b. Dog fouling

- 9/23/085 Members & clerk's reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**
- Fly tipping on private land
 - Brick bridge on Thorpe Road not repaired
 - Wheelie bin at top of Breck Lane not replaced by BDC
 - 'Formal Complaint' from resident regarding grass not being cut
 - Lengthsman work – list of jobs was formulated

- 9/23/086 To receive report from Cty Cllr Taylor**
- Arrangements for devolution is continuing with the recruitment of a Chief Executive. Legislation is currently being prepared
 - There will be an public engagement event on 12th September at Retford in connection with the STEPS project
 - The appeal for FCC project is not the same process as ordinary planning appeals but a quasi legal appeal and enquiry with limited options for the public to speak.
 - HIVE project is currently being dealt with by the planning department at NCC and more technical information is being sought from the developers.
 - Remedial work on the old iGas site at Misson will start from 18th September
 - RAAC concrete issue only affects 1 school in Nottinghamshire

- 9/23/087 Topics for social media publication**
As issues relating to residents becomes available.

- 9/23/088 To confirm the next meeting**
Resolved: That the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7pm

Signed Date(Chairman)