

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st November 2023 at 7.00pm in Mattersey Church Hall

Present:- Cllrs. Walker (Chairman), E.Keeling-Heane, D.Elcoate, J.Keeling-Heane, A. Haddon (clerk), Cty Cllr Taylor, Dist Cllr Bamford, 6 members of the public

11/23/111 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Skelton & Doughty

11/23/112 To receive any declarations of interest or dispensation requests

No declarations were made.

11/23/113 Public Forum

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- Rabbits are becoming a nuisance in the cemetery
- Query as to whether the Warm Spaces initiative were to be reintroduced. The Chairman explained that these had been carried out by volunteers from Mattersey Hall and no notification had been received about their resumption.
- Complaints about parking dangerously close to the junction near the Post Office.
- Request for the Parish Council to write to the Member of Parliament regarding lack of flood defences at Bawtry and surrounding villages.

11/23/114 To consider co-option of residents to the Parish Council

No applications had been received.

11/23/115 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th October 2023

Resolved to approve the minutes.

11/23/116 To receive reports on items in the minutes, for information only

No issues were raised.

11/23/117 To receive reports from District & County Councillors

District Councillor Bamford:

- He is being trained for Speedwatch and welcomes other volunteers. He feels that some of the worst offenders are agricultural vehicles.
- Notts County Council will not remove the speed bumps. Cllr Bamford is going to investigate whether some monies from the cancellation of HS2 can be diverted to rural transport systems.
- Will continue discussions with the Police regarding issuing an official warning against the aggressive dog which has attacked other dogs in the area.

The report from **County Cllr Taylor appears later in the minutes**

11/23/118 Planning - to consider a response to the following application(s):

a. Planning applications

1. 23/00956/COU Proposed change of use of a field for the siting of a stable and store room, land adjacent to Priory House, Ranskill Road, Mattersey. – no objections were raised.
2. 23/01253/FUL Erection of 7 detached dwellings with private access road at National Ministry Centre, Retford Rd, Mattersey – resolved make the following comments to the Planning Officer: 1. Preservation of trees 2. Incorrect materials – should be clay pantile roofs 3. Parking spaces insufficient for size of properties 4. Unnecessary spur between houses and should be allocated to individual plots to allow for better parking spaces. 5. Concern over upkeep of the listed building and possible

condition to ensure its maintenance if this development is approved. 6. Apply for s106 for community infrastructure.

b. Correspondence & decisions

1. None received.

- 11/23/119 Millennium Green – grass cutting invoice, review of grass cutting specification, upgrade project – to consider employing a designer,**
Grass cutting invoice for £130.80, water bill £17.51, play inspection £132, Wildflower planting £615.00 approved for payment.
Resolved to set up a working party to consider the choice of play equipment.
The clerk advised that the procedures for financing the cost of the landscape architect required confirmation and was taking advice.
- 11/23/120 Cemetery Report**
There had been no interments or memorial applications since the last meeting.
A contractor was to be approached regarding reducing the number of rabbits in the cemetery.
- 11/23/121 To consider a response to Polling Places Review**
Noted.
- 11/23/122 Update on Mattersey Thorpe Communal areas**
No further information had been received on negotiations.
- 11/23/123 Speedwatch update**
The equipment was to be checked by Ranskill Parish Council prior to being offered for hire.
Dates would be considered once Notts CC had completed a speed survey.
- 11/23/124 Highways – site and size for gateways**
Councillors had completed a site meeting and confirmed the sizes applicable. Estimates for installation were to be requested and the project considered for inclusion in the budget for 2024/25.

Ct Cllr Taylor entered the meeting.
- 11/23/125 To consider new planters & daffodil planting areas**
Planters to be deferred. Daffodils to be planted either side of the Jubilee bench on Thorpe Road.
- 11/23/126 Report from Cty Cllr Taylor**
Cllr Taylor reported on the following:
- National Grid proposals – there will be an engagement event this month.
 - There are to be some major solar panel planning applications near Sturton and Wheatley villages, whilst not directly affecting Mattersey comments can still be made by residents
 - Local Community Fund has re-opened for applications.
- 11/23/127 To consider Lengthsman work**
Bulb planting – works to clear pavements at Winston Green – refurbishment of cemetery notice board.
- 11/23/128 Flooding**
The anticipated surge of the River Idle had not materialised as feared. Cty Cllr Taylor explained that there is no statutory duty for Councils to provide sandbags. A resilience forum will review procedures and undertake evidence gathering. Residents are encouraged to send photos and videos to the forum showing the effects of flooding on the land, in outbuilding and homes.
The diversionary routes which were put into place following the flooding at Bawtry were the responsibility of Doncaster Council. Although most of the diversions affected Nottinghamshire it was actually Doncaster who controlled their implementation and cessation.

11/23/129

Christmas event

The date had been changed to Monday 4th December, 5.30pm at Mattersey Thorpe and 6pm at Mattersey followed by carols and refreshments in the Church.
The solar Christmas trees would be erected during the night of 13th November.

11/23/130

Finance

a. To receive a report on the current financial status and reconciliation of accounts.
Approved

b. To consider funding for a school trip to Parliament – no application had been received prior to the meeting.

c. To authorise the following expenditure:

Salary & Admin	£334.88	HMRC	£78.60
North Notts Landscapes – grass cutting & cemetery			£312.00
Plants	£63.94	Cemetery water	£17.51

Resolved: authorised.

11/23/131

Correspondence

- a. Police Commissioner’s newsletter
- b. NALC Chief Executives newsletter
- c. Training course on misuse of social media
- d. NEBF dates of future meetings –
- e. MPs newsletter on levelling up report

11/23/132

Correspondence received after publication of agenda

None received.

11/23/133

Members & clerk’s reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

Soldier silhouettes and poppies to be installed.
New sets of Christmas lights to be added.

11/23/134

Topics for social media publication

Flood resilience forum.
Idle Talk draft circulated prior to the meeting.

11/23/135

To confirm the next meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7pm

Signed Date(Chairman)