

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th March 2024 at 7.00pm in Mattersey Church Hall

Present:- Cllrs. A.Walker, (Chair), D.Elcoate, E.Skelton, E.Keeling-Heane, M.Doughty, A. Haddon (clerk), 1 resident, Chair of Governors, Dist Cllr Bamford, Cty Cllr Taylor

03/24/193 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J.Keeling-Heane

03/24/194 To receive any declarations of interest or dispensation requests

The clerk reminded Cllrs to complete the document issued by the Monitoring Officer at BDC. Cllr E.Keeling-Heane declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 24/00158/HSE as friends of the applicant.

03/24/195 Public Forum

- The Chair of Governors from Mattersey Primary School updated the meeting on the School – Letter of thanks was received from pupils and staff for the funding for the trip to the Houses of Parliament. There has been a £10K investment in new toilets and flooring which will improve sanitation and cleanliness. The collaboration with Sutton and Everton schools will continue until 2027. Administration will now be available 5 days per week. The food hub will continue for all students and residents.
- There has again been incidents of dog fouling at Mattersey Thorpe and a resident complained about the lack of action by the District Council. The Parish Council and District Councillor have been in contact with BDC and CCTV is in operation.
- The hedge near the flats on Thorpe Road has still not been cut.

03/24/196 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 7th February 2024

Resolved to approve the minutes.

03/24/197 To receive reports on items in the minutes, for information only

1/24/167 A new battery has been sourced and Cllr Elcoate offered to accompany the repairer from Bygone Times in the Church Tower.

03/24/198 To receive reports from District & County Councillors

Dist Cllr Bamford reported on the following issues:

- The hedge as mentioned in the Public Forum had been reported and he would follow this up
- He expressed support for the planning application 24/00149/COU for change of use as an office at Mattersey Hall. It was hoped that this could generate funds to continue the maintenance of the historic building.

Cty Cllr Taylor's report was received later in the meeting.

03/24/199 Planning - to consider a response to the following application(s):

a. Planning applications

1. 24/00149/COU Change of use of part of building of office to run a fostering charity (use Class E) at First floor, Mattersey Hall Bible College, Retford Rd, Mattersey – no objections were raised.
2. 24/00158/HSE Erect double car port and double garage extension with first floor storage area at Sundial Cottage, Main St. Mattersey – no objections were raised.
3. 24/00033FUL Construction and operation of additional plant for electrolytic green hydrogen production and associated works on land at High Marnham Power Station – Noted.

b. Correspondence & decisions

1. Request to support a campaign against the extraction of Pulverised Fly Ash (PFA) from the ash lagoons in Lound (application reference ES/4518) – Noted.

03/24/200

Millennium Green – report on upgrade project and grants

Cllr E.Keeling-Heane reported on behalf of the Working Party – there was a preference for naturalistic and woodland feel to the area with trails and mounds and living structures. Care would be taken regarding future maintenance costs. A donation of £500 had been pledged towards the cost of a landscape architect.

Having obtained 4 quotes for the architect it was resolved to offer the work to Mark Knight at Groundworks.

A decision on the NCC grant funding was still awaited.

03/24/201

Cemetery Report

There had been no burials or application for memorials since the last meeting. There had been a genealogical request which had been resolved with a member of the public.

3/24/202

Highways – speed survey and speedwatch

Details of the speed survey were noted.

The Speedwatch equipment had still not been calibrated by Ranskill Parish Council but 3 volunteers had confirmed their availability for a session.

One site for the proposed gateways had been turned down but the officer at VIA had offered to look for an alternative area.

3/24/203

Christmas lights

The clerk had contacted the company suggested by Cllr J.Keeling-Heane and obtained prices. It was suggested that costs of installing an electricity pillar be obtained so that a number of lights could be fed from it.

Cllr Taylor entered the meeting.

3/24/204

To consider a response to consultation on public spaces protection order

The play area at Mattersey Thorpe was designated as a no dog area whilst the cemetery had a restriction of dogs permitted but on leads. There was currently no mention of Millennium Green. It was agreed to request that Millennium Green be added as a restricted area where dogs must be on leads.

3/24/205

Report from Cty Cllr Taylor

- The County Council had approved the budget and confirmed that there would be no service cuts and a total of 4.84% increase in Council Tax.

3/24/206

Annual Parish Meeting Format

It was agreed that the format should stay the same i.e. invitations to groups and residents.

3/24/207

Finance

- a. **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	£78.60
Cemetery tree planting	£108.00	Cemetery maintenance	£786.00

Resolved: authorised.

3/24/208

Correspondence

- a. NALC newsletter
- b. Bassetlaw Spring Clean 15th to 31st March – to arrange for 13th April meeting at the corner of Breck & Broomfield at 10am
- c. Free portrait of the King – to contact the school and offer one to them
- d. Street Trading consultation from BDC – noted
- e. Consultation on Bassetlaw Ward boundary – noted
- f. Notts OPCC Horizon scanning function
- g. Notts CC Climate change survey – Cllrs to complete as individuals
- h. Hull trains request for letter of support for the proposed new service between Retford-Worksop-Sheffield-London. – To support the venue

- i. NEBF agenda for meeting on 21st March at 7pm via Teams

3/24/209 Correspondence received after publication of agenda
None received.

3/24/210 Members & clerk’s reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

- The give way sign on Breck Lane had still not been replaced. Cty Cllr Taylor offered to chase it up.
- There had been some poachers in the Parish area who had been caught by the Police and charged.

3/24/211 Topics for social media publication

- Litter pick event
- Report from school – reinvesting in new facilities

3/24/212 To confirm the next meeting
Resolved: That the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7pm.

Signed Date(Chairman)