

Minutes of a meeting of the Misterton Parish Council held on the 27th July 2010 in the Church Rooms, Misterton, Nottinghamshire.

Present. Cllr. H. Brand, Cllr. I. Charman, Cllr. B. Cooper, Cllr. P Potter, Cllr. A Stead, Cllr. S. Taylor, Cllr. I. Trossell, Cllr. M. Trossell, Cllr. A. Wilkinson and Cllr. J. Wilkinson.

Also present 4 members of the public.

Cllr. Ian Trossell, Council Chairman in the chair.

10/11/104 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P Marsden, Cllr. R Simpson and Cllr. N. Jaggard-Smith,

10/11/105 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Stead and Cllr. A. Wilkinson declared a personal interest in the Misterton Joint Burial Committee.

Cllr. I. Charman declared a personal interest as volunteer organist in the Benefice.

Cllr. M. Trossell asked the meeting to note that her standing personal interests (already declared) had not been listed in the agenda notice for this meeting.

10/11/106 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2010 were reviewed by the meeting and a number of changes were agreed. An amended set of minutes will be circulated to Councillors incorporating the changes, and the next Council meeting will be asked to adopt these amended minute

10/11/107 Public discussion period regarding agenda items

Mrs Potter referred to agenda item 8 (Grass dirt track) and mentioned that this matter was the subject of past deliberations by the Parish Council.

10/11/108 Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr H. Brand provided a detailed report to the meeting relating to the history and development of this group, current levels of liaison between Police Officers and Parish Councils, arrangements for representation on the group by the Parish Council and the assessment of priorities.

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The meeting reviewed levels of achievements by the group in the past and it was agreed to nominate any volunteer Councillors to represent the Council on the group. It was noted

that Cllr. H. Brand would attend in her capacity as district councillor, and will get the views of West Stockwith PC at its next meeting (September).

10/11/109 Nottinghamshire County Council. - Consultation process on highways.

Cllr. H. Brand described the County's annual planning cycle for consultation with Parish Councils upon highway matters and emphasised the importance of recording and communicating ideas and priorities for highway's work within this consultation cycle. During the ensuing discussion, three areas were mentioned requiring attention by the Highways Authority. They were Green Lane (potential danger), bottom of Church Lane (road and pavements) and the building of a footpath to Haxey Gate. The need to clearly identify the Parish boundary and to compare a list of priorities between various public bodies were both mentioned. It was suggested that a group of Councillors walk around the Village to identify and prioritise work required to roads and pathways. The meeting agreed to adopt the proposal. (Names of volunteer Councillor's to be passed to the Chairman).

10/11/110 Young People's Request. Grass Dirt Track

Cllr Brand reported that a request from local young people had been made during a recent Police Liaison Meeting, for the provision of a grass dirt track for Misterton. This facility, if provided, would be for BMX/Mountain bikes.

The meeting reviewed the past history behind this request and considered the important elements involved.

- The capital cost of providing such a facility and the likely extent of benefit to the Community.
- The need for proper supervision
- The cost of maintenance, including insurance.
- Risk assessment and overall liability.

After a full discussion it was agreed to consult further with local residents upon their reaction to this idea, and to refer back to the Liaison Group, the Parish Council's initial reactions.

10/11/111 Cost savings for the current year.

Cllr. A. Stead opened the debate by emphasising the objective was cost *savings* as opposed to cost *cutting*. He suggested that the Council should re-examine its current budgetary policies to try and identify where savings might be achieved. A small working group might be appointed who would work with the new Clerk (when appointed) to identify where savings might be made with little or no impact upon services to the community.

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Cllr. Brand suggested this work could be done during the build up to the December budgetary preparations, thereby reducing admin costs. It was finally agreed that

Cllr. S. Taylor liaise with Parish Councillors to collect comments and suggestions in time for the annual review of budgets

10/11/112 Millennium House. Public Consultation

Cllr. J. Wilkinson gave a report upon important aspects of the recent public consultation. The survey carried out showed strong local opposition to the proposal that the Parish Council should support the Social Club's proposed move into Millennium House (61 against and 3 for). The meeting reviewed its past financial policy in regard to this project (Finance Committee meeting 13th January 2009) which recommended that "the balance of Capital Reserve be provisionally earmarked towards community hall provision".

10/11/113 Christmas Lights

Cllr. A. Wilkinson reported that owing to existing commitments the Salvation Army Band could not attend the Christmas lights event. It was agreed that the working group continues its work with perhaps an involvement in the programme by either a School Band or Choir. It was understood that approx £1,000 would be needed by the County Council to erect, connect and then remove the lights. Working Group to report back to the Council.

10/11/114 Matters of Information

No matters were brought up under this item of business.

10/11/115 Correspondence arriving after the agenda was printed.

The Chairman Cllr. I. Trossell reported receipt of the following

- Bassetlaw District Council. "Building a confident future for Bassetlaw. A Corporate Plan".
- Application form and explanatory leaflet: Quality Council Re-accreditation.

10/11/116 Items for Future agenda.

The following items were requested.

- Retford/Worksop Magistrates Court. Proposed closure. Consultation.
- Playing Field. Review reports to Council meetings
- Proposed Picnic Area
- Representative of Planning Dept. to talk to future Council meeting.

10/11/117 Urgent Business

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The Chairman, Cllr I. Trossell reported the following information.

- Progress upon the appointment of the new Clerk to the Council.
- Lincolnshire County Council. Minerals and Waste Strategy Consultation.
- Village gateway signs.

After discussion, the information was noted.

10/11/118 Planning Applications

The Chairman, Cllr I. Trossell reported that the following application had been received and was available for examination by Councillors.

33/10/00039 - Two storey house extension. 40 Old Haxey Road.

10/11119 Planning Determinations

The meeting noted that planning consent had been given in respect of the following:

33/10/00024 Erection of a new Pharmacy and car park.

33/10/00023 Conversion of the old Vet's Practice to a house.

10/11/120 Public discussion period

Mrs Potter referred to the past theft of tables and chairs from the picnic area and suggested that this incident should be re-examined, perhaps from the insurance claims aspect.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.