

MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2010

AT THE FOX, MATCHING TYE

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTE

ACTION

PRESENT

Cllr Richard Morgan (RM) (Chairman) Cllrs John E Binder (JEB), Joan Bowerman (JB) and Paul Moulds (PM)

In attendance: Ernie Fenwick (Clerk to the Council) and 3 members of the public

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and opened the meeting with tribute to Cllr Chris Gibson who passed away on 1st January and this was followed by a minute's silence.

The Chairman then moved to the Open Forum. Resident Michael Taylor raised the issue of the condition of the footpaths from Rainbow Road to Matching Tye. RM said he would speak to ECC Highways and Clerk will also send request for investigation and action.

Michael also raised the issue of the failure by two councillors to attend several recent Parish Council meetings and failure to give apologies for absence by one councillor, and expressed his concern at the lack of representation for residents of the parish and asked if anything could be done. The Clerk explained the rules governing attendance of councillors at parish council meetings.

137. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Darken apologised as she is out of the country.

138. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7th December were approved and signed. Clerk thanked JB for recording the minutes.

139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RM is a district councillor. RM and JEB declared personal non prejudicial interests relating to item 144 b ii

140. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from public with respect to agenda items.

141. CLERKS REPORT

- a. No matters from last meeting.
- b. We have yet to receive any correspondence from The Land Registry.
- c. Chairman has asked Young Farmers not to park on Green at Matching Tye

142. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

143. FINANCIAL REPORT

The current bank balance is £14,071.02 of which £106.29 is in the current account after payment of the following cheques.

The following payments were approved

E Fenwick	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£208.58
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- a. The invoice from Matching Green School in the sum of 177.60 for the hire of their

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hall for our meetings was amended to £133.20 bringing payment to the end of December 2009.

144. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Decisions by EFDC Planning Department
None
- b. Applications
 - i. Ployters Farm The Green, Matching Tye EPF/2236/09; List building, Installation of range cooker and flue : NO OBJECTIONS
 - ii. The Fox, Matching Tye EPF/2364/09; Removal of storage containers & replacement permanent storage building. : NO OBJECTIONS
- c. Appeals
 - i. Green Corners, High Laver Road, Matching Green EPF/1244/09; Conservatory link extension to existing dwelling. Against refusal

145. LAND REGISTRATION – HOUSHAM TYE

Nothing further received. Clerk to re-submit application

146. MATCHING GREEN – KERBING CONTRACT

Due to the Christmas shutdown by contractors, we have still only received two quotations so far and so this matter was deferred to the next meeting. The triangle outside Elm Farm Cottage is in High Laver Parish. Send bill to Moreton Bobbingworth & The Lavers PC.

147. MATCHING GREEN - COMMEMORATIVE BENCH SEAT

Site meeting agreed position as replacement for existing. Michael Collins was given the commemorative plaque. Installation to be deferred until weather improves

148. MATCHING GREEN – DOG BINS

Representations have been made to MPC for the provision of an additional dog bin on Matching Green. Clerk to enquire if any additional cost for collection.

149. MATCHING GREEN – PLAY AREA

Following site meeting to discuss the location of a play area, it was decided the best area is at the rear of the cricket pavilion behind the cricket nets. Equipment to be researched. James Carstairs to be approached.

150. MATCHING GREEN – POND

JB went on a Pond Course. If we wish to manage our pond effectively, best time is to clear the weeds in October. Literature from the course passed to JEB

151. JUBILEE FIELD – FENCE & FOOTBALL PITCH

JB proposed a hedge be planted instead of a fence. PC to look at site and report back at next meeting.
Football pitch hire to Matching United reserves. Clerk to arrange meeting with Mr Jackson

152. GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE 2010-2011

Clerk has sent out requests for quotations based on agreed grass cutting schedule.

153. CUTTING OF RURAL VERGES

Clerk is awaiting ECC Highways decision on cutting regime for 2010/11

154. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

JB attended public transport liaison meeting. JB has tried to have timetable amended as 10am out returning at 1pm is not a useful service. Bus service has not been cut yet, but passenger numbers are poor. JB will place item in Parish Magazine regarding amount of use.

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155. HIGHWAYS – SIGNAGE

Watery Lane – Clerk to write to Moreton Bobbingworth & The Lavers PC regarding provision of signage.
RM has reported potholes in road surfaces to ECC Highways.

156. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

157. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Blocking of entrance to Cricket field during winter. Clerk to approach MGCC for their input.

Chairman closed meeting for input from public

Michael Taylor asked that the PC raise issue of inappropriate parking near Jubilee Field when discussions regarding Matching United Reserves take place.

Alf Drake had heard that EFDC were going to place a second dog bin on the green and mentioned that the pond was last drained in 1998.

158. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

1st February

1st March (Parish assembly)

12th April

Meeting closed 8:44 PM

Chairman _____ Date _____