

PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 13th October 2010 at Retford Town Hall

Present :

Councillors: F Hart (Chair)

H M Brand, R B Carrington-Wilde, D Challinor, G Freeman, M T Gray, D A Hare,
J B Rickells and Mrs K Sutton.

Parish Council Representatives: G Brown, H Burton, H Dunkley, P Nicholson and L Perry.

Officers in attendance: S Brown, J Hamilton, L Oxlade and K Tarburton.

Members of Standards Committee: Mr G Law and Mr B Letherland.

Also present: Councillor K H Isard – Cabinet Member
Mrs Una Kay – Census Area Manager for Bassetlaw, Bolsover,
Chesterfield, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood.

13. ALDERMAN F H MARTIN

As this was the first meeting of the Group since Alderman Martin's death, a minute's silence was held in remembrance of him, his service to the Council and his work with the parishes.

14. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES FOR 15 MINUTES TO ALLOW QUESTIONS

(a) Switching-off Street Lights

The representative of Mattersey Parish Council informed the Group of a recent television interview during which proposals were announced that street lights would be switched off during the night in some areas. He asked if the District Council was aware of these proposals and if any consultation had taken, or is due to take, place. The Senior Manager Support Services and the Cabinet Member for Support Services reported that they were not aware of any such proposals in Bassetlaw, but that this did not mean that the County Council had not informed the District Council. The proposals were discussed and some members of the Group expressed concerns about health and safety issues and the fear of crime.

AGREED that the Senior Manager Support Services seeks to confirm whether Nottinghamshire County Council had informed Bassetlaw District Council of these proposals.

15. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Miss M Stokes and Parish Representatives C Fraser, L Jeffries and D Langmead.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

17. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JULY 2010

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2010 be approved.

18. MINUTES FOR ACTION

With reference to 11(b) – Presentation on LEADER Funding, the Chairman reported that his parish council had not received a copy of the slideshow presentation, as agreed.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Minutes for Action be received.
2. The matter of the copy of the slideshow presentation on the LEADER funding be chased.

19. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

Outstanding Minutes Nos 18(i) and 9 both refer to Safer Neighbourhood Groups and progress with regard to a representative of the Police being in attendance to answer questions on this was questioned. The Senior Manager Support Services reported that, in light of imminent cutbacks in public spending, the Police had not felt they had the resources to attend public meetings/events; however, this would be reviewed once the Spending Review had been announced on 20th October 2010.

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

SECTION A - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

20. CENSUS 2011

A presentation on the forthcoming Census was given by Mrs Una Kay, the Area Manager for Bassetlaw, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood. She asked the parish councils to encourage all their residents to complete and return the forms, which can also be completed online, particularly hard-to-reach and vulnerable groups, including the gypsy and travelling community. Data is important for a number of reasons, including assessments for funding, and family/social history, and such information is held anonymously and de-personalised. 50-60 canvassers are needed for the Bassetlaw area for the collection of non-returned forms. Details of jobs are available on the Census website (www.census.gov.uk) and are open to anyone 16 years and over who holds a National Insurance number. Census Day is the 27th March 2011.

Members of the Group asked questions which were replied to by the Census Area Manager.

AGREED that:

1. Thanks be recorded to the Census Area Manager for her informative presentation.

2. Parish councils encourage all their residents to complete and return their Census 2011 forms.

21. ITEMS FROM PARISH COUNCILS

(a) Anti-Social Behaviour – Mattersey Parish Council

The representative from Mattersey Parish Council informed the Group of anti-social behaviour in Mattersey Thorpe, the residents' actions to date and their fear that further services will be lost due to the imminent cutbacks.

An Anti-Social Behaviour Officer was in attendance and she gave a summary of her actions to date in Mattersey Thorpe and outlined the current structure and general duties of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team. The Ward Members for Langold and Harworth gave examples of youth initiatives in their Wards and help which is currently available.

AGREED that:

1. Thanks be recorded to the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for her attendance, and work and support to date.
2. Parish councils contact the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the Senior Manager Support Services for help with anti-social behaviour and youth initiatives respectively.

22. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

(a) Local Development Framework Update – October 2010

An update on the Core Strategy and Site Allocations Documents as at October 2010 was presented to the Group for information.

AGREED that:

1. The report be received.
2. Parish councils contact Richard Schofield, Planning Policy and Conservation Manager, on 01909 533493 or email: richard.schofield@bassetlaw.gov.uk if further information or a presentation to their parish council is required.

(b) New Conservation Area Designations

A briefing paper on New Conservation Area Designations was presented to the Group for information.

AGREED that:

1. The report be received.
2. Parish councils contact Oliver Scott, Conservation Officer, on 01909 533191 or email: oliver.scott@bassetlaw.gov.uk if further information or a presentation to their parish council is required.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

(a) Planning Aid – 21st October 2010

The Senior Manager Support Services informed the Group that there are six places available at the Planning Aid event arranged for 21st October 2010 at Carlton-in-Lindrick Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

AGREED that interested parish councils contact Karen Tarburton on 01909 535563 or email: karen.tarburton@bassetlaw.gov.uk or RCAN.

As there was no other business to be discussed the Chairman closed the meeting.