

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **12<sup>th</sup> August 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Mountain, A Clark, Mrs B Todd, J R Walker, W Elsome, J McKellar Main, J England, T Foster, Mrs G Sherwood, Mrs J Briggs and P Wright; S Ringwood of Scunthorpe Telegraph, 6 members of the public and the Clerk.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr R Richardson of Willow Drive addressed members with concerns for the lack of leisure facilities for teenagers. He complained that the playing field gates are locked unreasonably early thereby encouraging the teenagers to use the village hall grounds for football etc. which has in turn led to the village hall committee asking them to leave due to noise, litter and damage. The Chairman explained the locking of the playing field gate is the responsibility of the playing field committee and not the parish council. The MUGA project was welcomed by Mr Richardson.

#### **NEW COUNCILLOR**

Before the start of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed new councillor Andrew Clark. The Clerk confirmed that the Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interests had been received.

#### **47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors M Caley, M Proctor and R Nixon

#### **48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

J McKellar Main – Account payment – Personal and prejudicial

#### **49. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) Crime statistics for July had been received from PC Teale and circulated to all members, together with the Ridge Newsletter. It was noted that the newsletter refers to the 'well equipped playing field in Messingham'.
- b) Councillor Walker referred to reporting in the Scunthorpe Telegraph of the speeding motorists dealt with by the Police based on information forwarded from the Clerk. He considered this to have made the Clerk vulnerable to repercussions and suggested that more care should be taken by reporters.

#### **50. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting and were agreed to be a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **51. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **a) Min 37c Dogs on Lead Signs**

A response had been received from S Coulman at NLC advising that there is currently no power to enforce owners to have dogs on a lead. It was agreed to contact the Church and Playing Field for their permission to place notices and to request a financial contribution to same.

##### **b) Min 41a MUGA Questionnaire**

Councillor McKellar Main reported that the SurveyMonkey online questionnaire had received 54 responses to date, 53 of which had been positive. It was noted that the deadline for responses is 31<sup>st</sup> August. It was noted that most of the questionnaires have been delivered throughout the village, with the exception of Councillor Foster's who had been on holiday.

##### **c) Min 41b Floodlight Damage**

The Clerk reported that she had received no response to her letter to Lytec Limited to date.

**51. MATTERS ARISING continued****d) Min 44d Ashlin Court/Trees 14 Wendover Road**

Further correspondence received from Mr Fisher acknowledging the reply but to also request copies of correspondence from the Ashlin Court residents in relation to this matter. The Clerk advised that she had dealt with this.

**e) Min 37d Well Street Burglary**

Councillor Foster re-iterated the facts of the burglary and was advised that only the owner of the property could pursue the matter.

**52. ACCOUNTS****a) Passed for Payment:**

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk salary and allowance (cheque 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept)	£992.10
2.	Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant salary	130.05
3.	G East – Handyman	134.44
4.	D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	257.50
6.	Mrs J Walker – repay for Arnold Baker Local Council Admin book	60.00
7.	J McKellar Main – repay for SurveyMonkey online questionnaire	48.00
8.	B W Ross – Ground maintenance for Holme Meadow	300.06
9.	Anglian Water – Allotments water	117.64 *
10.	Zurich Municipal – Annual insurance premium	897.44
11.	BT – broadband/telephone account	105.05 d/debit

\* The Clerk requested that the Anglian Water account be paid by direct debit in the future – this was agreed.

**b) Monies Received:**

1.	North Lincolnshire Council – Second half-year precept	£23500.00
2.	Messingham Village Hall – Annual ground rent	1.00 cash

**53. PLANNING****a) Planning Applications before NLC:**

- 2013/0823 Garner, 16 Brigg Road – erect single storey extension including conservatory and replacement detached garage. NO OBJECTION
- 2013/0925 Driffill, 44 Eastfield Road – erect a conservatory. NO OBJECTION
- 2013/0898 Lloyd, 24a High Street – change of use from TV repair shop to beauty salon. *Councillor J Walker declared his personal interest as a close relative of the current owner of the shop.* NO OBJECTION.

Councillor England took no part in discussion or voting on the above applications.

**b) Planning Decisions by NLC:**

- 2013/0582 J Black & Son, Trentings Farm, Messingham Ings Road – erect agricultural building. APPROVED.
  - 2013/0791 Thew, 2 Gooseacre – Non-material amendment to alter window layout for the garage. APPROVED.
- c)** Councillor Walker commented on the construction of the new bungalow in the grounds of 2 Park Street and expressed his dismay that this had been permitted.

**54. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **NLC** 1. Library & Information Services – notification of free wi-fi facilities at Messingham Library  
 2. Town & Parish Legal Scheme information. Noted that this service is to assist the service provided by ERNLLCA  
 3. Community Champion Awards – information noted  
 4. S Whittemore – Complaint against Messingham Parish Council from Mrs L Brown forwarded for action. The Clerk reported that she had approached ERNLLCA for advice in this matter and had been advised that hearing the complaint is the responsibility of the parish council – further information is awaited. It was agreed that appropriate actions had been taken with regard to the Pooley’s complaint.
- b) **ERNLLCA** 1) Newsletter – circulated by email to all members; 2) NALC Future Strategy for information.
- c) **MESSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL** – Advice of increase in rental charges from 1<sup>st</sup> September. It was noted that the Parish Council rental charge has increased by 10% and it was agreed to check that the other charges had increased by the same amount.
- d) **Mrs J RICHARDSON** – Teenagers using the Village Hall grounds due to the early closure of the playing field and a request for a purpose built enclosure to be provided for football etc. This letter, together with the comments made in the public forum were considered. It was agreed that the issue of the early closing of the playing field be referred to the playing field committee for their consideration. It was noted that the MUGA project is proposed to be sited on the playing field extension as the most suitable location owned by the parish council and it was agreed that subject to the consultation, funding will be sought as soon as possible and it is hoped that the MUGA can be installed in 2014. Councillor Briggs explained the noise nuisance caused by young people playing in the village hall grounds in the evening and the disruption of events within the hall.
- e) **Mrs W FLETCHER** – Request for signs in the village for dogs to be on leads. The Clerk reported that she had forwarded this request to S Coulman and that his response, advising of the lack of power to enforce, had been forwarded to Mrs Fletcher.
- f) **Mrs J LEVITT** – Comments regarding the early closure of the playing field in relation to youths using the village grounds; suggestion that all the candidates for the councillor vacancy should have been co-opted; and advice that the issue of her dog is in the hands of her solicitor. It was agreed that she be advised that a) the playing field closure has been referred to the playing field committee and b) that the number of councillors per parish is fixed by legislation.
- g) **CPRE** – Results of the Best Kept Village Competition. Noted that Messingham was unsuccessful due to one poor area of the churchyard – it was noted that this is the area awaiting Phase 3 of the drainage project.

**55. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS**

- a) **BRIGG ROAD** – Paddock to rear of 107 Brigg Road is very overgrown with weeds which are affecting neighbouring residents gardens. To be referred to NLC.
- b) **HOLME MEADOW** – Noted that approximately 8 trees in the copse to the west of the service road are dead. Agreed to seek advice from NLC.
- c) **CHURCHYARD PHOTOGRAPH** – Noted that the photograph used in the Scunthorpe Telegraph is an old one showing the churchyard in an overgrown state. It was also noted that a new photograph had been forwarded some time ago. Agreed to email S Ringwood with a request to change the stock photograph.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING Meeting Closed at 8.30pm