

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **9<sup>th</sup> June 2014** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7,15pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Mountain, Mrs J Briggs, A Clark, J McKellar Main, P Wright, M Caley, R Nixon, M Proctor, W Elsome, Mrs B Todd, J Walker & T Foster; and the Clerk.

**17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors England and Mrs Sherwood.

**18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received.**

**19. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) Crime statistics received and noted
- b) The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with NLC and the Assistant Chief Constable, Stuart Donald. It was noted that staffing levels for local policing teams was discussed and that another meeting is to take place to discuss the Ridge Policing Team for which funding has been made available from NLC for another PCSO. It was also noted that Matthew Gove, the Police Commissioner had expressed his support at a recent NATS meeting.
- c) Councillor Foster expressed thanks on behalf of the Messingham Show Committee to the local policing team for their excellent service on Show Day.

**20. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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

**21. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 10b Twigmoor Side Road**

A copy of correspondence and a brief report from Councillor England indicates that Twigmoor Side Road is considered to be a public footpath as recorded on the definitive map which can only be changed by a modification order. It was noted that the investigation is ongoing.

**b) Min 10c MUGA Project**

The Clerk reported that the sanction for the Public Works Loan is ongoing. It was noted that a decision is still awaited on the planning application but is expected to be heard by the Planning Committee in July. It was also noted that, if this is the case, the Chairman would be able to speak at the meeting on the Parish Council's behalf. It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk meet with representatives of the Playing Field Committee as soon as possible to discuss the concerns regarding access. It was also agreed to invite a representative from PPL to the meeting if possible.

**c) Min 10d Noticeboard**

Noted that a grant of £600 has been approved by NLC and the notice board is now ordered.

**d) Min 14b Grass Cutting**

Response from Neighbourhood Services advising that the grass cutting is done on a 3-week schedule but that delays have been incurred due to wet weather. The Chairman reported that additional manpower has been relocated to the grass cutting team to improve the service. It was noted that the large amount of loose grass left on the verges is likely to clog roadside drains.

**e) Min 15a Horse Riders on Highway**

Response from PC Teale advising that action can only be taken if reported at the time of the alleged offence.

**f) Min 15c/15d/15e Highway Issues**

Response from Highways advising the following:

1. Ashberry Drive – remedial works to the surface in hand
2. West Green/School Drive snicket – remedial works in hand
3. Brigg Road – remedial works in hand
4. Walkers Court – pot hole not considered to be deep enough for action
5. Northfield Road – blocked drain dealt with
6. Church Street – remedial work carried out to footpaths

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

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk Salary & Allowance (to be paid 30 <sup>th</sup> June)	£948.74
2. Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	135.25
3. E G East – handyman + fuel + shears	230.05
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	226.00
6. R Dixon – Internal audit fee	398.60
7. H Simpson & Son – In Bloom supplies + memorial lawn feed	21.44
8. 6 <sup>th</sup> Scunthorpe (Messingham) Scouts – precept grant	200.00
9. Messingham Supporters Group – donation	100.00
10. Holme Hall Golf Club – hire of slitter	75.00
11. Greenbarnes – new notice board	1549.39
12. Jade Electrical – alarm repair/modification	89.00
13. Veolia ES – grass cutting	1620.14
14. Messingham Village Hall – precept grant	1000.00

*Councillors Foster and Walker, plus the Clerk, declared their personal interest in the payment to Holme Hall Golf Club.*

**b) Monies Received:**

1. Allotment Rent – Thompson-Flint	5.00
2. Messingham Junior FC – 2013/14 season charge	890.00

**23. PLANNING****Planning Applications before NLC:**

1. 2014/0477 Messingham Primary School – install 6 x 3m canopies to the west elevation. NO OBJECTION. *Councillor Mrs Briggs declared her personal interest as a school governor.*
2. 2014/0519 Marshall, 64 Eastfield Road – crown reduce a horse chestnut tree. NO OBJECTION

**24. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC Invitation to the Mayor's Cream Tea fund raising event.  
Market Consent – Messingham Village Hall
- b) ERNLLCA Newsletter  
Desktop Advisory Service – Revised Rules regarding persons other than the Chairman or Clerk contacting the DAS for advice.

- c) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re.
  1. Highway issues – Kealholme Road & Stather Hill (JE)
  2. Flytipping – Twigmoor Side Road (JE)
  3. 1 Middleton Close – bulky waste outside curtilage of property. Agreed to write to Mr J Crossman with the findings.
- d) ROY HINDMARSH – Response to Northfield Road speeding enquiry from Cllr. Proctor. Noted that the most recent data (Sept 2013) indicates an average speed of 27.5mph.
- e) IVY DESIGNS – Quotation for the refurbishment of the village signs. The Clerk reported that following a request to repair the lettering on the Brigg Road sign, Paul from Ivy Designs had also inspected the other signs and suggested that refurbishment at this stage would prolong the life of the signs significantly. The price quoted at £225 per sign. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

**25. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) BRIGG ROAD Z BENDS – Noted that flooding is still an issue and to advise Highways that the road grip needs cleaning.
- b) FLYTIPPING – 1) TWIGMOOR SIDE ROAD – 30 bags of waste to be removed. 2) BLACK BANK at the rear of the golf course
- c) OLD SCHOOL – For Sale sign hanging off the front of the building plus weed build up in the grounds.
- d) HIGH STREET – Footpath opposite side of road to Trentholme has an uneven surface and considered dangerous for mobility scooters.
- e) NORTHFIELD ROAD – Trees overhanging footpath.
- f) CHURCHYARD – Noted that the Civic Service for the Mayor is to be held at Holy Trinity Church on 6<sup>th</sup> July and it was agreed to contact Veolia to ensure that the churchyard grass is cut as near to the date as possible.
- g) PLASTICS RECYCLE BIN REAR OF LIBRARY noted to be missing. The Chairman reported that this is because NLC are negotiating with a new contractor .
- h) HANDYMAN – Noted that the existing strimmer does not have the necessary function for certain types of work and it was suggested that an additional strimmer be purchased. This was agreed to a maximum budget of £150.
- i) WESTFIELD DRIVE – Noted that heavy rain caused flooding on 9<sup>th</sup> June but that this had been dealt with promptly by NLC before water went into homes.
- j) BUTTERWICK ROAD – complaint received regarding the parking of the handyman’s vehicle on the road side whilst attending to the allotment gate. To be asked to park within the allotment site in the future.

**26. OTHER BUSINESS**

## a) RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Clerk had circulated amended risk assessments for Financial Management incorporating the recommendations arising from the internal audit. These were accepted. There were no other changes considered necessary at this time.

## b) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

The Chairman reported that there had been a disappointing, though average, turnout of 11 people including the Chairman and Clerk. The issues raised by those present included:-

1. New Noticeboard – considered to be an unnecessary expense when a repair should have been adequate. It was noted that the noticeboard was beyond repair and that the NLC grant made the project economically viable.
2. Pelican Crossing – suggestion that speed bumps be placed either side of the crossing to slow oncoming traffic. It was noted that the Road Safety Team will have considered all aspects of speed and safety in their design.
3. Poor Attendance at APM – suggestion that every household be leafleted to publicise the meeting. It was noted that notices are displayed on both notice boards for almost a month before the meeting and is also advertised in the village magazine – all in accordance with local government guidelines. It was also noted that distribution of leaflets is usually done by Councillors in their own time but only for specific important village issues.
4. Thanks were given by the Village Hall committee for the ongoing financial support from the Parish Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING