

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2012

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 28th May 2012 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs J Walker; Scunthorpe Telegraph reporter S Ringwood; and 34 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Mrs J Briggs and Messingham Junior Football Club

2. MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes were circulated to those present and time was allowed for reading. The minutes passed as a true record – proposed by Mrs B Todd and seconded by Mr J R Walker – carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Min 9a Traffic Issues

The Chairman reported that Pete Scott of North Lincolnshire Council had attended a Parish Council meeting in May 2011 and all the traffic issues had been fully discussed. It was noted at that time that only Scotter Road (A159) qualified for speed awareness signs. The Chairman reported that the traffic lights now installed at Catchwater Crossroads have been a welcome improvement.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

a) SECTION 106 FUNDS

The £20,000 received in July 2006 in lieu of open space provision on the Oak Drive development has now been spent on the following: new play area equipment; play area safety surface refurbishment; new footpath on the open space off Kealhome Road; and additional floodlight and existing floodlights improvements at Holme Meadow.

b) ALLOTMENTS

There are currently 65 tenants with two applicants on the waiting list. The allotment committee continue to monitor the upkeep of allotments and where necessary tenancies have been terminated. The inaugural annual meeting of allotment tenants was held in April and well attended.

c) ANNUAL PRECEPT

The precept was increased slightly to £47,000 this year and included donations to local organisations – village hall, playing field, bowls club, Methodist church and Sunbeams pre-school. The Parish council continues to support the Church by paying for maintenance of the churchyard and also waste collection.

d) OTHER ISSUES

1. Remembrance Service – continues to be well attended with more than 25 wreaths laid. The attendance of a cornet player was a welcome addition to the service at the memorial. The Parish council is very proud of the war memorial.

2. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tree Planting – 105 trees supplied by the Woodland Trust were planted in February at Holme Meadow and the Butterwick Road allotments. The Parish Council has also purchased a Norway Spruce which has been planted at the memorial to serve as a Christmas tree for many years to come.

3. Snow Warden – following the severe winter of 2010/11 a number of steps have been taken by North Lincolnshire Council including the appointment of snow wardens for each parish. The snow warden for Messingham is Councillor John England. £2000 funding has also been made available for Messingham in 2011/12 to help with snow clearance operations.

4. Police Issues – no serious issues during the last year but a spate of thefts and damage on the the allotments in the Spring plus a recent spate of youth nuisance particularly around the village hall. The PCSO's continue to provide regular patrols.

5. Dog Fouling – on Holme Meadow continues to be a problem despite the provision of two dog waste bins and dog waste gloves provided free of charge.

5. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2011/12

A financial statement was circulated to all those present. It was agreed to accept these accounts subject to annual audit. Proposed N Poole; seconded Mrs B Todd. There were no questions.

6. OLD SCHOOL, NORTHFIELD ROAD

A summary of the progress to date regarding the future of the old school was circulated to all those attending. It was noted that without partners involved to guarantee financial commitment, the financial burden of running the old school as a community centre would rest with the Parish.

Mr Laws asked if there had been enquiries from developers for the site. The Chairman responded that there had but that North Lincolnshire Council has held all decisions on the site until Messingham had had the opportunity to pursue the community building suggestion. He further commented that the challenge is to ensure the right development for the area whilst defending the street scene.

After discussion on alternative possibilities, the meeting decided that it is not economically viable for the building to be retained for community use by the Parish so it was agreed to request that a condition be applied to the site to retain the brick building to preserve the street scene and to sell the land separately.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further items for the agenda received by the closing date of 22nd May, the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm