

## **MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs T Black; and 12 members of the public (5 of whom are serving parish councillors).

### **1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr P Wright, Mrs B Todd, Mrs J Briggs, Mr K Sylvester, Mr T Foster, Mrs Levitt.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting commencing to those present. The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

### **5. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **a) NEW FACES**

Mrs Patricia Hunt had been co-opted onto the Parish Council in July. Following the opening of the MUGA, a new attendant commenced in May. Jackie Walker retired as clerk of the Parish Council after 19 years' service, she spent three months working alongside the new clerk Tracey Black, working hard to ensure a smooth transition. Cllr Poole praised the work and dedication Jackie had given during the years. The handyman has recently retired after 9 years' service; this post has been advertised but is still available.

#### **b) ALLOTMENTS**

There are currently some vacant allotments. The rent remains at £8.00 per year for a full size garden allotment + expenses for water and hedging & dyking. Two acres of small holdings will become available from October 2017.

#### **c) HOLME MEADOW**

Holme Meadow continues to be well used by Junior Football Clubs and the Scunthorpe & District Pony Owners Club and of course Messingham Show. The field is particularly popular with dog walkers.

#### **d) MUGA**

The MUGA has provided an all-weather surface and has proved popular with young people.

#### **e) LAND REGISTRATION**

The Parish Council owned land has been registered with the Land registry during the year; this work has recently been completed. The areas of land being the War Memorial, Allotments, Holme Meadow, Playing field and Village Hall land. The costs involved totalled £4547.

#### **f) ANNUAL PRECEPT**

A slight increase in the precept to £55,500 for 2017/18. Donations to local organisations for 2017/18 will amount to £10150 - this includes a sum to tarmac the playing field access road. The Chairman's Allowance made donations last year to Royal British Legion, the Blind Society and Messingham Supporters' Group for Lindsey Lodge Hospice. The Parish Council continues to

support Holy Trinity Church by paying for grass cutting of the churchyard and also waste collection.

g) **PLANNING**

The old School opened its doors as a farm shop, keeping both its facade and character. North Lincolnshire Council is in the early development stages of a new Local Plan. LC11 Open Space land has been a lively topic, and the Parish Council have voted to defend the development line. Several larger planning applications have been submitted in the village during the year, including developments on Temperance Avenue, Wendover Road, Scotter Road and a new wedding venue.

h) **IN BLOOM**

The Parish Council have secured the services of a new garden maintenance contractor, but are looking for volunteers to maintain some of the flower beds around the village.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the previous clerk and welcoming the new clerk.

**6. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017**

A financial statement was circulated to all those present. The clerk explained any notable differences to the previous year. There were no questions.

**7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS**

a) Mr A Holmes spoke of his disapproval of the actions of an individual in the village.

b) Mr Proctor raised an issue from a business on the High Street regarding a request to remove a notice board from the pavement.

c) Mr Radford commented on the recent planning application for an extension to the Village Hall. He made reference to the 1980 Lease Agreement. It was agreed that the clerk search the previous minutes for evidence of preliminary notification and approval by the Parish Council.

Mr Radford made enquiries with regard to the availability of hard copy planning applications in the library. This had been previously been raised at a Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to place a note in the library that planning applications can be viewed on line, and a hard copy will be placed in the library following the meeting of consideration.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The chairman remarked that Messingham has a lot to offer, clearly demonstrated by the demand for housing in the village.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm