

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 8th February 2021** at 7pm held remotely via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Present: Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs J Briggs, A Clark, W Elsome, J England (arrive 19:15), Mrs J Fenwick, T Foster, A Holmes (arrived 20:30), Mrs P Hunt, J McKellarMain, J Oatridge, Mrs P Skelton, Mrs B Todd, P Wright.

In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk
4 members of the public were present

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

160. Apologies of Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. A Holmes (arrived at the meeting at 20:30)

161. Public Forum

The Council voted to suspend the meeting to allow the public to speak

Mr C Scott being a candidate for co-option to the Parish Council addressed the members to give a short presentation.

The meeting reconvened

162. Declarations of Interest – none declared at this time

163. Councillor Casual Vacancy - To consider applications for co-option on to the Council to fill the vacant position.

The Clerk reported that one application had been received and had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Candidate Mr Chris Scott was proposed and seconded for co-option to the Parish Council and unanimously agreed. The Declaration of Acceptance to be signed prior to the next meeting and notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests submitted to NLC within 28 days of election. Clerk to arrange this.

164. Minutes of the previous meetings

- a) The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th January 2021 were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. An amendment was made to the declaration of interest declared – Cllr N Poole should read PA/2020/1940. Following the amendment the minutes were approved to be signed by the Chairman.

165. Clerks update

- a) Min 154i - Church yard dog fouling – the Clerk reported that the NLC dog warden had confirmed that dog fouling enforcement covers the Churchyard. NLC has arranged for the NLC wardens to include the Church yard in their next schedule to patrol. Any intel can be reported to NLC.

166. Planning

a) To resolve the planning applications

- i) PA/2020/2063 – TG Sowerby Developments, land north of Egton Avenue – outline permission for a residential development of up to 16 dwellings with all matters reserved for subsequent consideration.

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It was noted that the Chairman and Clerk had received emails and letters of objection from residents.

Resolved: to **OBJECT** for the following reasons;

- The proposed development is in breach of the existing development boundary and is not included in the preferred options of the new local plan.
- Present on-going foul and surface water issues in the village. Concerns of the increased pressure the proposed development will place on the present ineffective and already overloaded system which currently results in raw sewerage entering water courses and resultant overflowing inspection covers. Messingham Parish Council reiterates that there should be a moratorium on all development in Messingham until the existing foul water infrastructure issues are resolved.
- Egton Avenue is a narrow road, the proposal would exacerbate existing traffic congestion problems. The road is not wide enough for vehicles to pass and waste collection vehicles have to reverse into the road.

b) To receive decisions made by NLC

- PA/2020/1251 – Allen & Binks, Priesthows, Butterwick Road – to erect 6 holiday lodges – Refused
- PA/2020/1925 – Sweeting, 15 East Green – to erect extension to the front of garage with tiled canopy – Granted

167. Finance

a) Payments - To approve the payments

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
181	25/1/21	British Gas	Electric – War Memorial	0.83	17.35	Dd
182	3/2/21	British Gas	Electric – MUGA	0.93	19.51	Dd
183	11/2/21	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	0	6.00	Dd
184	10/2/21	Messingham Village Hall	Monthly rent	0	245.00	online
185	10/2/21	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	474.44	online
186	10/2/21	Gains Pest & Environment	Mole Control contract	0	75.00	online
187	10/2/21	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	316.50	online
188	10/2/21	J Black & Son Ltd.*	New allotment gate supplied by Farmstar Ltd inspect/reinstate post/collect & install gate	26.80 18.00	160.80 108.00	online
189	10/2/21	Humber Merchants	Padlock no.1 – car park height barrier	5.16	30.98	online
190	10/2/21	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog waste bags	43.30	259.80	online
191	10/2/21	TP Black – Clerk	Reimbursement – zoom	2.40	14.39	online
192	10/2/21	Salaries & wages	Salaries & Wages	0	1357.87	online
193	26/2/21		(separate confidential schedule)			

*The Clerk declared a connection with payment ref. 188 - Min. 71 refers

Resolved: to approve the above payments

b) Receipts – To note receipt of income as per attached schedule – Noted no income received.

c) Bank reconciliation – to approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2021.

The bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman had been provided with a copy bank statement showing the month end bank balance. There were no questions. **Resolved:** to accept the bank reconciliation.

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d) Budget update 2020/21 – to approve the budget summary as at 31 January 2021 and note any variances.

The budget as at 31 January 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The variances were clarified. **Resolved:** to accept the budget.

e) Grit Bins – Min154h – to receive an update.

Following the January meeting suggested locations for new grit bins had been received from two Councillors of; Cross Tree Lane/High Street, Well Street/West View, Brigg Road/Scotter Road junction. NLC had advised that they have a criteria that needs to be met for the provision of grit bins free of charge. The criteria includes not being on a primary or secondary gritting route and being a need for one. Brigg Road junction would not meet the criteria but NLC would consider the other two locations. It was suggested of the need to place a grit bin in the new car park at the Village Hall.

Resolved: Grit bins to be purchased for all the locations that NLC will not provide free of charge.

f) NLC Community Spring In Bloom grants – Min 152b - to receive an update of submitted application

The Clerk reported that NLC had advised on the closing date for applications that the applications for winter bedding or maintenance did not meet the criteria. NLC gave the Parish Council a half day extension to submit an application. Following referral with the Chairman, the Clerk had submitted an application for Village entry sign planters and was awaiting the outcome.

168. General Items of Business - no items

169. Leisure & Recreation items

a) Northfield Road playing field / Children's play area & MUGA - opening during inclement weather conditions - Min 147c

The Chairman reported that a zoom meeting had been held with representatives of Messingham Memorial Playing Field Association (MMPFA) to determine responsibility for decisions and the decision making process to allow access to the car park and playing field during inclement weather conditions. It was agreed that the double gates on Northfield Road would both be opened or both be kept closed; Attendant to make decision and report to MPC clerk and MMPFA secretary by WhatsApp; Attendant to record temperature (MMPFA to provide outdoor thermometer); the need for a grit bin.

Resolved: Parish Council to provide a grit bin and locate in central position in the car park.

b) NLC Play area half yearly inspection report – (received after the agenda)

The Clerk reported the following advisory notes;

Cradle swings; shackles and bushes wearing – Advisory note to monitor monthly.

Flat swings; shackles & bushes wearing also bottom V chains connecting links – Advisory note to monitor monthly.

Clerk advised that the Handyman had been informed to monitor on his monthly inspection.

Resolved: Cllr P Wright to inspect the condition of the wearing parts and the overall condition of the swings and report to the next meeting.

Clerk to obtain a price for the advisory work and to report to the next meeting.

170. Ridge Ward Councillor report – To receive a report from Ridge Ward Councillors on NLC activities

Issues regarding flooding in Ridge ward following recent sustained rainfall;

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A159 Trentholme entrance man-hole lifted and deposited sewerage. Ridge Ward officers had submitted official report to NLC being the Lead Flood Authority and to Severn Trent water. Present system requires improvement to cope with present and any future development.

171. Police Matters/Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT)/Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

- a) Allotments – damage sustained to Butterwick Road gate by a stolen vehicle on 12 January 2021.

172. Councillor / Clerk Reports on meetings attended

Cllr T Foster reported that he and Cllr A Holmes had attended a virtual committee meeting of Messingham Village Hall. The Village Hall AGM will be held virtually on 24 February 2021.

173. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

Cllr T Foster declared an interest as Chairman of Messingham Show Committee

Cllr J England declared an interest as President of Messingham Show Committee

- a) **Messingham Show Committee – to be notified of the cancellation of Messingham Show 2020. To consider request for field and support for proposed Messingham Feast on August Bank holiday weekend.**

The clerk had circulated information received from the Show committee regarding the proposed event to members prior to the meeting. This covered an outline of proposed activities and site layout. Cllr T Foster gave a brief account of the proposed plans.

The Council voted to suspend standing orders to allow the Secretary of the Show committee to speak. Stephen Coulman provided further details. Any money raised will go to the NHS.

The meeting reconvened

Resolved: to allow use of Holme Meadow recreation field and changing room container free of charge for the duration required to set up / hold / clear up. Item to be placed on future agendas for regular updates.

- b) **NLC Standards training course dates – to consider attendance**

NLC to hold interactive on-line training session on 4 March 2020 at 2pm via MS Teams. The session will also be live streamed on the NLC website and recorded for access anytime.

The Clerk reported Cllr J Oatridge had been booked on the on-line session.

Resolved: Clerk to provide the new councillor C Scott with information.

174. Correspondence for Information

- a) **To note correspondence received**

i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – placed on notice board

ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter, circulated to Councillors on receipt

- b) **To note any correspondence received after the agenda was posted**

i) Yorkshire Bank – Bank accounts changing to Virgin Money in March following amalgamation of banks. Account and login details will remain the same - Noted.

175. Village Complaints/Compliments

- a) WENDOVER ROAD outside Doctors surgery opposite Co-operative Store - damage to verges caused by delivery vehicles.

Resolved: Clerk to report to the Co-operative store and ask consideration be given to a solution to alleviate this on-going issue.

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- b) TRENTHOLME entrance from A159 – overflowing sewerage from manhole during recent sustained rainfall.
Resolved: Clerk to report issues to Severn Trent water and ask for these to be investigated for a solution to alleviate on-going problems and a solution to accommodate future development.
- c) CAR PARK at Village Hall – standing rain water. The Chairman reported that the NLC Civil engineer responsible for the design had been made aware. A tanker had removed the excess water on one occasion. The area has been coned off awaiting a site visit to investigate a solution to alleviate the drainage issue.
- d) BUTTERWICK ROAD HILL & HOLME LANE – Litter continues to be an issue.
Resolved: Agenda item for next meeting.
- e) HOLME LANE PUBLIC FOOTPATH – Public footpath sign on ground and one missing. The clerk advised that this had been reported to NLC and placed on their work schedule.
- f) Youths riding dangerously on cycles. The chairman reported that this must be reported to the Police.
- g) PARK STREET - condition of path at the bottom of Park Street – reported in January Clerk to chase.
- h) HIGH STREET damaged verge outside the Horn Inn.

176. Date/Time/Venue Of Next Meeting

- a) The Allotment Advisory Committee meeting was confirmed as Monday 1st March 2021 at 7pm
- b) The next Full Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Monday 8th March 2021 at 7pm.
The meetings will be held via zoom platform due to Covid-19.

177. Confidential Items

To consider the exclusion of the public and press for the following items of business in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed

It is the responsibility of each member of the Council in attendance to make sure that confidential discussion cannot be overheard / seen / recorded by other persons.

Resolved: to exclude the public – The four members of the public present left the meeting.

178. Mole control contract – to consider annual renewal quotation.

It was resolved to renew the annual contract with Gainsborough Environmental Services which had remained at £75/month.

179. Community Hub update

The Chairman gave an update of the recent virtual meeting with NLC.

Members agreed to continue to support in principle the proposal of the management of a Community hub in the library building. Progress of on-going discussions with NLC to be provided at the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Meeting closed at 20:46.

Signature

Date