

## MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:15pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman of the Parish Council – Cllr. N Poole      Clerk to the Parish Council – Tracey Black  
7 members of the public (All of whom are serving Parish Councillors).

**1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from; P Wright, P Hunt.

**3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

The draft minutes were circulated to those present and a copy had been placed on the website. The minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters were raised from the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

2020 had seen a different and unexpected year due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. During the lockdowns and throughout the year the Parish Council tried to keep residents informed with up-to-date information and help available both at a local and national level via the website, notice boards and Village magazine. During the year there had been many examples of Community spirit in the village.

The Parish Council continued to function initially under delegated powers in consultation with the members and from June 2020 Parish Council meetings were held virtually via the Zoom platform when members of the public were welcome to attend. The legislation to allow virtual meetings was not extended beyond 6 May 2021 and face-to-face meetings recommenced under Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines.

- NEW COUNCILLORS – Cllr Sherwood and Cllr Coggon resigned last year from the Parish Council and two new Councillors were co-opted – Cllr Jonathan Oatridge and Cllr Chris Scott.
- VE 75 DAY  
Plans to commemorate and celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day had to unfortunately be cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place to control the pandemic.
- HOLME MEADOW  
Managing to secure the Recreation field on Holme Lane shut under Covid-19 regulations had been difficult with locks and chains removed and stolen. Despite signage displaying the closure, some chose to use the field and ignore the measures to protect the public.

In early 2021 work had been carried out at the car park to install a new Height barrier, vehicle gate, pedestrian gate and fencing. The addition of the gates will enable the Parish Council to secure the field when there are Health & Safety risks to the public. The work cost £12,450 with funding from the first Covid-19 grant of £10,000.

There was a loss of income from the hire of the field in 2020 of £500 due to cancelled events.

- IN BLOOM  
In 2020 Messingham was awarded second place across all groups for the Best Kept War Memorial in the CPRE competition. The overall score within the large village group had been disappointing, which was not helped by the difficulty of sourcing Summer bedding plants. The Parish Council sponsored the 'Best Kept Front Garden' and the 'Best Kept Allotments' competitions. Prizes of Garden centre vouchers were given to the winners.

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The Parish Council was awarded a Spring In Bloom grant from NLC of £484 to purchase three new planters at the Village Entry signs.

- GRASS CUTTING

The cutting of the Highway verges in Messingham and Public footpaths in both Messingham and Holme continued to be managed by the Parish Council under the NLC devolved cutting scheme. In 2020 the Parish Council additionally agreed to manage the grass cutting contract for East Butterwick and Manton. Grants were received from NLC for all of this work.

- DOG FOULING & LITTER

There had been a significant amount of dog fouling and litter around the village. Dog fouling not only unpleasant also poses a danger to humans. NLC litter wardens have commenced a regular patrol of the village and hand out fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling.

Many volunteer litter pickers have risen to the challenge of helping to keep Messingham & Holme free from litter, and many filled bags of litter have been collected by NLC. The Parish Council arranged for the provision of equipment and bags from NLC for the volunteers.

- REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Sunday had to disappointingly be a low key event last year to meet the Government restrictions in place. Residents were encouraged to Remember the Fallen, from their gardens and doorsteps and those wishing to place a wreath on the War Memorial were welcomed to do so throughout the day. A recording of the closed service was placed on the Parish Council website.

- ALLOTMENTS

There was a higher than normal demand for allotments in 2020 due in part to many having more available time. The whole allotment site looked excellent last Summer which proved difficult to judge the 'Best Kept Allotment' winners.

All 56 plots are presently rented, they are £10.00 per year for a full size garden allotment plus expenses for water and hedging & dyking.

A further two acres of land has recently been made available for new allotments.

A mixture of nine fruit trees including some heritage varieties have been planted at the allotments to form a new Community Orchard as part of the Northern Forest Tree planting scheme.

- CHRISTMAS DISPLAY COMPETITION

The Parish Council launched a new Christmas display competition with a prizes for both the Best Residential display and the Best Commercial display. There were many lights and festive displays in both Messingham and Holme with a lot of hard work and imagination having gone into them. The success, enthusiasm and community team work lifted the spirits of many at the end of a difficult year.

- VILLAGE CAR PARK PROJECT

The new Village Car Park was completed and offers free parking to residents and visitors to Messingham using the shops, facilities and events etc. It is hoped this will help alleviate some of the parking issues on the High Street and Wendover Road.

The main construction of the Car Park was funded with a £70,000 grant from NLC.

£10,000 Precept grant funding went towards the solar lighting columns of £6,752 and a kerb barrier of £2,375.

A Height barrier, gate and fencing was installed at a cost of £4,580.

The services of NLC were used for the procurement process along with management of the complete project.

- ANNUAL PRECEPT

**2020/21** The precept for 2020/21 was £69,500 against a budget of £67,717 with the surplus going to a projects budget.

- 2020/21 - Donations to local organisations – totalled £8,680.
- The Chairman's Allowance made a donation to Royal British Legion of £200.
- The Parish Council received Covid-19 grants of £10,000 & £10,732 during the year.

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**2021/22** The Precept for 2021/22 is £62,000 against a budget of £67,152 with the shortfall to be met from Accumulated Reserves.  
▪ Donations for 2020/21 will amount to £6,200.

• **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

NLC is preparing a new Local Plan for North Lincolnshire.

Significant planning applications:

5 dwellings and outline permission for 94 dwellings off Brigg Road – Parish Council Objected  
Outline permission for 30 dwellings on land off Scotter Road - Parish Council Objected  
Outline permission for 16 dwellings on land north of Egton Avenue - Parish Council Objected  
Permission for 6 holiday lodges on Butterwick Road - Parish Council Objected

The Parish Council continued to consistently defend the development boundary.

**6. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021**

A financial statement showing Receipts & Payments and Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2021 was circulated to all those present.

The Clerk explained any notable differences on the previous year. There were no questions.

The Clerk was thanked for her work during the year.

**7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS**

No matters were raised.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chairman thanked those in attendance and recognised the understandable hesitancy to attend due to the continued risk of transmission of Covid-19.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

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