

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2019

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 15th April 2019 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Chairman of the Parish Council – Cllr. N Poole Clerk to the Parish Council – Tracey Black
13 members of the public (10 of whom are serving parish councillors).

1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 14th May 2018.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting to those present.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters were raised from the previous year's minutes.

5. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Holme Meadow – continued to be used by the Junior Football Club, Scunthorpe & District Pony Owners Club and Messingham Show.
Drainage work was carried out in June 2018 with work to the northern drain undertaken and a new southern drain installed.
Dog fouling on Holme Meadow, Northfield Road and the Allotment site continued to be a problem.
- In Bloom – delighted to be awarded with joint first prize in CPRE 'Best kept Village' competition and First prize for 'Best Kept Memorial'. Received £100 in National Garden vouchers and purchased six rose trees named 'Remembrance' which had been planted at the Memorial.
£1000 'In Bloom' grant received from NLC – a new 3 tiered planter for Cross Tree Lane junction purchased with the remaining balance towards the village planting.
- NLC Precept grant for 2018/19 – NLC imposed conditions in order to receive the grant of £2710 which Messingham PC agreed to meet. Part of which was to accept the pilot scheme of grass cutting of the Highway verges and Parish Paths. Two new contractors were agreed for this work. A grant to cover the cutting of the Highway Verges was received from NLC and the Parish Path work had been reimbursed by NLC. Taking on the work had enabled the Parish Council to have more control over the cutting.
- Remembrance Day 2018 marked the commemoration of 100 years since Armistice Day. There had been an excellent attendance of residents. A wreath was laid by the Parish Council which had been designed, constructed and donated by North Lindsey College.
- Allotments – Vacancies - 50 plots presently rented - £10.00 per year for a full size garden allotment plus expenses for water/hedging & dyking. Most allotments are let in halves or quarters.
- Handyman – A new handyman employed from August 2018.
- Annual Precept
- The precept for 2018/19 was £57,000 and for 2019/20 will remain at £57,000 against a budget of £67,258 with the shortfall to be met from accumulated reserves, and a Local Authority grant of £2333.
- 2018/19 - Donations to local organisations totalled £5,455.60
Village Hall - £1000; Junior Cricket Club - £500; Methodist Chapel - £1300; Voluntary car service - £100; Junior Football Club - £789.60; Holy Trinity Church - £1766 – this was paid under a power of the Parish Council
Donations for 2019/20 will amount to £2800 (+ £10,000 Village car park)
Chairman's Allowance made donations last year to the Royal British Legion of £100

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- Councillor resignations received during the year from Keith Sylvester and Michael Proctor. New Councillors co-opted; Mrs Jill Fenwick and Mr Adrian Coggon.
- Planning Applications – several large applications had been received which included; 8 dwellings on Wendover Road; 7 dwellings behind the Stables; 25 dwellings to the west of Scotter Road; up to 24 dwellings on the east of Scotter Road.
The Chairman reported that the Parish Council consistently defends the development boundary.
- Church Spending – The Parish Council had been informed of legal restrictions under the Local Government Act 1854 prohibiting spending on property relating to affairs of the Church. The Parish Council acted on the advice received and withdrew the funding of the Churchyard grass cutting; mole control; bins. Advice recently received that a bin can be provided under a direct power and the Church had agreed for a wheelie bin to be placed inside the churchyard gate for the village.
- Registration of Land – Following the successful outcome of a dispute of ownership of a strip of land on New Row the land was registered with the Land Registry. The strip of land next to Oliver's Salon was also registered during the year.
- Village Car Park Project 2019/20 – The Parish Council had been granted planning permission to build an extension to the Car Park at the Village Hall. This and the existing car park will be free parking for the use of members of the public using the facilities; shops; restaurants etc. in Messingham. NLC engineer and architect in the process of working on the details to enable commencement of the procurement process.

The Parish Council had a busy and successful year. The lack of candidates for the present elections had been disappointing.

6. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019

A financial statement prior to audit was circulated to all those present. The Clerk explained any notable differences on the previous year. There were no questions.
The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work during the year.

7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS

- a) The Chairman reported that following requests from members of the public at the previous Parish Council meeting for an update from the Village Hall Committee on the Village Hall extension, a request had been made to the Village Hall Committee to attend the Annual Parish meeting. Unfortunately, as a representative was unable to attend they had invited members of the public to attend their committee meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 7pm when an update would be given at the beginning of their meeting.
- b) Mr Booth raised concerns of being sufficient funds available to complete the Village Hall extension. It was thought that further funding was being sought by the Village Hall Committee.
- c) Mr Radford raised concerns regarding the budget/quotation/funding process of the Village Hall Committee prior to commencement of the work, and concerns that the funding had not been sufficient for the planned car park.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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