

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Messingham Community Hub on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7pm.

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

1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from; J England, Mrs B Todd, P Wright, I Till - Holy Trinity Church, A Russell – Messingham Girl Guides.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 24th May 2021.

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

- **NEW COUNCILLORS** – Cllr. P Hunt resigned from the Parish Council during the year and had been replaced by Cllr Simon Pollard. Cllr A Holmes resigned in April 2022 and the vacancy is being advertised for co-option.
- **HOLME MEADOW**
The halogen floodlights on the field had all been replaced with more efficient LED units at a cost of £3,995.
Tree planting – as part of the Northern Tree planting scheme, Conservation volunteers in conjunction with the Woodland Trust and NLC had planted 365 tree saplings of various varieties on Holme Meadow field and 35 trees and shrubs on Kealhome Open Space land. This is part of the commitment by NLC in working towards reducing our carbon footprint and improving the wild life habitat. It is also hoped that these will act as a windbreak on the field.
Bench – a recycled bench was purchased and placed in the far north east corner of the field as a resting place.
- **IN BLOOM**
In 2021 Messingham was awarded Highly commended in the CPRE large village competition. The Parish Council sponsored the 'Best Kept Front Garden' competition in the Village and the 'Best Kept Allotments' competition. Prizes of Garden Centre vouchers had been presented to the winners at the annual Village Horticultural show held in September.
The Parish Council had been awarded a Spring In Bloom grant from NLC of £251 in April 2022 to purchase two barrier planters to be placed on the barrier near the pedestrian crossing on the High Street.
- **GRASS CUTTING**
The cutting of the Highway verges in Messingham, Public footpaths in both Messingham & Holme and the grass cutting in East Butterwick and Manton had continued to be managed by the Parish Council on the NLC devolved cutting scheme. Funding had been received from NLC for all of this work.
- **REMEMBRANCE DAY**
Following the previous two years of Covid restrictions, residents were once again able to gather at the War Memorial in 2021. There were close to 400 people in attendance and 25 wreaths

were laid by Village organisations. A replacement bugler travelled all the way from Hornsea to give a rendition of the Last Post and Reveille.

Four large steel poppies had kindly been donated by a resident in 2021 and after the service these were attached to the poppy frame.

- ALLOTMENTS

57 plots are presently rented with a steady uptake of the new plots which have been made available. A new water supply had been installed to serve two of the new rows of plots.

A total of 30 fruit trees including some heritage varieties have now been planted in the new Community Orchard at the Allotment site.

- CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The roundabout in the Children's play area had to be removed due to damage and was replaced with a new accessible roundabout at a cost of £11,518.

All the swing seats and chains had also been replaced in 2021.

- CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

There were more than ever Christmas decorated properties and shops in Messingham and Holme.

Certificates and vouchers were presented to the winners of the Residential and Commercial competition winners and a new shield was purchased for the best 'Street display' which has been placed in the Community Hub.

- SOLAR LIGHTING COLUMNS ON KEALHOLME OPEN SPACE

5 new solar lighting columns were installed on the piece of open space land which links Kealholme Road; Allison Close; Oak Drive; Russell Walk and Hall Rise. It is hoped this will improve the safety and security of residents using the area. This had been achieved with the help of a grant of £3,500 from NLC.

- HORTICULTURAL SHOW

After a great many years the small group responsible for organising the Horticultural Show decided it was time to stand down. To keep the show going the Parish Council agreed to arrange the Show in September 2021. Due to the continued concerns of Covid-19, the decision was taken not to include the baking classes. Despite this, there was still a fair amount of entries and a good atmosphere. £45.25 was raised from the auction of produce and was donated to Scunthorpe Hospice.

- COMMUNITY HUB

In December 2021 Messingham Parish Council commenced the lease of the Library building from NLC to become a new Community Hub. Prior to this a complete refurbishment had been carried out by NLC, including new kitchen facilities; toilets; solar panels; LED lighting; electronic information boards and furniture.

Library facilities are provisionally available in the Hub two sessions a week provided by volunteers and managed by NLC library services. Teas, coffees, cakes and biscuits are available provided by the WI ladies.

The Hub is available to hire for meetings; group activities; workshops; events etc.

This is an exciting opportunity and the Parish Council is looking forward to developing this community asset into a vibrant and flexible space for the residents of Messingham.

- ANNUAL PRECEPT

2021/22 - The Precept for 2021/22 was £62,000 against a budget of £67,152 with the shortfall being met from Accumulated Reserves.

Donations to local organisations totalled £7,150

The Chairman's Allowance made a donation to the Royal British Legion of £200

Grants were received from NLC of a final Covid-19 grant in April 2021 of £8,000 and a grant of £3,500 towards the solar lighting columns.

2022/23 - The Precept for 2022/23 is £72,107 against a budget of £82,107 with the shortfall to be met from Accumulated Reserves.
Grants to local organisations for 2022/23 will amount to £11,030.

The Chairman gave a report on the Grants received by Messingham Parish Council during the previous five years;

DATE	RECEIVED FROM	PURPOSE	COST	GRANT
Aug-17	Football Foundation	Football goals	£1,466.62	£733
Jan-18	NLC - In Bloom	Towards bedding plants & maintenance	£6,151.42	£2,000
Mar-18	NLC	Replacement slide	£9,200.00	£7,660
Apr-18	NLC	Notice board for Holme	£951.40	£850
Feb-19	NLC - In Bloom	Tiered planter £384 / bedding £775	£1,159.50	£1,000
2020/21	NLC	Car Park at Village Hall	£84,000.00	£70,000
May-20	NLC - Covid Grant	used towards Holme Meadow barrier/gates	£12,450.00	£10,000
Mar-21	NLC - Covid Grant	used towards solar lighting / roundabout	£8,890.00	£10,732
Apr-21	NLC - Covid Grant	used towards new accessible Roundabout	£11,518.00	£8,000
Apr-21	NLC - In Bloom	3 no. village entry planters	£484.50	£484.50
Mar-22	NLC	5 no. Solar Lighting Kealholme Open space	£8,890.00	£3,500
Apr-22	NLC - Platinum Jubilee	Union Jack bunting / tableware	£157.87	£157.87
Apr-22	NLC - In Bloom	2no. Barrier planters	£338.90	£251
		TOTAL		£115,368

6. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

A financial statement showing Receipts & Payments and the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2022 was circulated to all those present.

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

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATION REPORTS

MESSINGHAM MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION – Mr Stuart Langford (Chairman).

Mr Langford gave an update on the organisation of MMPFA, and emphasised that everything is carried out voluntarily with the day to day running being shared between the three tenant clubs – Cricket / Football / Bowls. Thanks were given to Messingham Parish Council for the grant to treat the issue of chafer grub on the field. Mr Langford also acknowledged that the funding of the grass cutting by the Parish Council is a great help.

NLC Covid grants had been received by MMPFA and used to re-tarmac the access road.

MESSINGHAM CRICKET CLUB – Mr Stuart Langford (Chairman).

Thanks were given for the grant from Messingham Parish Council in 2022 to replace the netting.

MESSINGHAM BOWLS CLUB – Mr A Clark (Secretary).

Thanks were given for the grant from Messingham Parish Council towards the replacement of the existing sand with Astro Turf of which the work was now complete, and to replace the rotten timbers on the ditch surrounds which will be completed later in the season.

It was reported with the current increase in fuel and fertiliser costs the Bowls club would struggle without financial help from organisations.

MESSINGHAM SHORT MAT BOWLS - Mr A Clark (Chairman).

Thanks were given for the grant from Messingham Parish Council towards the replacement of two short mat bowling mats. The old mats had been donated to the new bowls club in Scotter to help get the new club up and running.

MESSINGHAM HORSE & FOAL SHOW – Mr T Foster (Chairman).

A report was given of the changes the Show had undergone in recent years and the incumbent Chairman – Sally-Anne Cowley was introduced. Thanks were given for the grant from Messingham Parish Council which would be used to provide activities and facilities in the events marquee at Messingham Show, to include free children's entertainment and face painting which would be held on Sunday 5th June 2022.

It was agreed that the Jubilee merchandise purchased by the Parish Council with the NLC Jubilee Grant would be passed on to MHFS following the Community Church Jubilee service & refreshments on Thursday 2nd June 2022.

It was reported that some of the expenditure for the Show in 2022 had doubled.

It was pointed out that the Show will close at 5pm and MessFest will commence at 7pm.

MESSINGHAM GIRL GUIDES - Apologies had been received from Amanda Russell, but the Clerk read out a letter of thanks received for the grant given by Messingham Parish Council in 2021 to pay for the Girlguiding annual census. No money had been received by way of subscriptions or donations in the previous 2 years due to Covid-19. No grant had been applied for in 2022 as the Girl Guides had been lucky to receive Community Championship money from Messingham Co-operative.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – Apologies had been received but the Clerk read out a report thanking Messingham Parish Council for the grant in 2021 for the recently replaced welcome board; information board and fencing all located at the Churchyard entrance on Temperance Avenue. The Church had received many favourable comments.

8. ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS

No matters were raised.

9. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm