

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **11th June 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, J D Mountain, J McKellar-Main, M Proctor, W Elsome, Mrs G Sherwood, G Day, R Nixon, & T Foster, two members of the public and the Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr R Harkness, secretary of Messingham Junior Football Club, addressed the members present. He advised that there are currently 200-220 members of the MJFC aged from 6 to 16 years. He commented that the club recognises the investment by the Parish Council at Holme Meadow and offered, on behalf of the club, to work with the Parish Council to maintain the standard of the football pitches with both manpower and financial support.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors Mrs J Briggs, J England, M Caley and Mrs B Todd.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None received.

24. POLICE MATTERS

- a) Monthly statistics report received from PC Teale and circulated to all members. It was noted that vans and 4x4 vehicles are being targeted for catalytic convertors.
- b) Another spate of vandalism at the allotments was noted. The Chairman advised that he had been making enquiries with regard to a covert camera.
- c) Councillor Mountain reported that speeding on Brigg Road remains an issue, particularly with motor cycles. It was agreed to ask Roy Hindmarsh for details of the last speed assessment on Brigg Road.

25. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 14th May 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Following an amendment to Min (change *Inspector* to *Chief Superintendent* for both David Hilditch and Tony Forbes), the minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

26. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 14a Weedkilling

Councillor Elsome reported that the weedkilling had not been completed satisfactorily at Holme Meadow because the areas to the west of the road had not been done. The Clerk advised that she had contacted Veolia who are to inspect all areas and complete as necessary. Councillor Elsome also reported that the churchyard grass has not been cut for five weeks which is not acceptable – to be referred to Veolia.

b) Min 15 School Governor Vacancy

It was noted that Councillor Mrs J Briggs has stepped down from her position as Community Governor at Messingham School. It was agreed to advertise this fact in the Parish Council report in the village magazine.

c) Min 14f West Green/School Drive Footpath

Councillor Sherwood reported that no action had been taken to date with regard to the standing water. Clerk to follow up with Highways.

27. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 21st May 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. They were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

a) MATTERS ARISING

- 1. Min 19d Maintenance of Football Pitches** – Councillor Walker commented that the biggest problem is that all work has to be completed within six weeks from 30th June, after all bookings for the top end of the field. He suggested that pitch 1 ideally needs a full season without play to make the best job. It was agreed to call an extra Leisure & Recreation committee meeting for representatives of MJFC and the Parish Council to discuss proposals for the way forward.
- 2. Min 20 Rabbit Holes** - Councillor Elsome commented that the number and size of the rabbit holes makes the playing of football on the playing field extension unsafe. It was agreed to confirm that Dorian Duffield is still carrying out rabbit control and also to have the holes filled and levelled. It was suggested that wire be erected to deter the rabbits.
- 3. Min 21b Play Area Gate** – Councillor Walker reported that work to the gate has been completed.

28. ACCOUNTS**a) Passed For Payment:**

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s salary & allowance (cheque 1 st July)	£966.12
2.	Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant	111.25
3.	G East – Handyman	139.09
4.	D Jacklin Ltd – Mole control	72.00
5.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	200.00
6.	Digitech Business Equipment – purchase of photocopier	209.71
7.	Veolia ES – Grass cutting and weedkilling	1981.28
8.	Office Friends – Stationery/print cartridges	58.80
9.	Sunbeams Preschool – Precept grant	150.00
10.	Messingham Village Hall – Precept grant	2500.00
11.	Messingham Methodist Church – Precept grant	2500.00
12.	Symes Bains Broomer – Solicitor fees re. open space	681.00
13.	Flagpole Express – Rope & cleats for memorial flagpole	37.00 *

* + carriage and VAT to be advised.

b) Monies Received:

1.	I Henry – Sale of history books	6.75
2.	SDPOC – Holme Meadow Hire	201.00

c) Annual Accounts

The statement of accounts as submitted for the annual audit were circulated and accepted. There were no questions.

29. PLANNING**a) Planning Applications before NLC:**

- 1.** 2012/0646 Harvey, 49 Brigg Road – erect single storey extension. The Clerk reported that she had received an enquiry from a neighbouring resident with concern for the height of the pitched roof substantially reducing light into her garden. It was also noted that the 2006 application for this property was approved for a different roof height. NO OBJECTION but it was agreed to raise concern for the height of the roof.
- 2.** 2012/0676 Coates, Hall Farm, 63 Northfield Road – erect single storey extension. NO OBJECTION

30. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NLC
1. Surface Dressing Programme – noted that Brigg Road is scheduled for 24th June.
 2. Localism Act 2011 – Code of Conduct. The Chairman reported that NLC are currently waiting for an agreed definition of Interests before completion.
 3. Premises Licence Application – Holme Meadow – Armed Forces Day 30th June.
 4. Market Consent Application – Armed Forces Day Committee – 30th June.
- b) AUDIT COMMISSION – Consultation on Appointment of External Auditor for 2012/13 and future years. It was noted that the audit fee will be less than it has been.
- c) N REED – Request for the re-installation of the No Stopping Sign on High Street. To be forwarded to Highways.
- d) W ELSOME – Copy correspondence with regard to the boundary wall at 14 Northfield Road. It was noted that cars are parking in front of the boundary wall and blocking visibility for motorists leaving the playing field onto Northfield Road. It was agreed to request the playing field committee to mark the access area. It was also agreed to write to the owner of the property to ask for their co-operation in the matter.

31. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) HOLME MEADOW – Cover from electrical cable left from Messingham Show needs removing.
- b) SCUNTHORPE TELEGRAPH ARTICLE – Councillor Walker asked why an article relating to a 20mph speed limit around the school quoted the Chairman and inferred that this had been suggested by the Parish Council. The Chairman denied making any comment on the subject and suggested that the reporter had used information from a previous parish council meeting to create the article.
- c) TEMPERANCE AVENUE – Both sides of footpath need sweeping plus weeds removing from outside the old school.
- d) VERGE CUTTING – It was noted that verges do not appear to be cut to a regular schedule – agreed to refer to Neighbourhood Services.
- e) SCOTTER ROAD SOUTH – Large hole in road side outside Car Car Cottage creating vibration within the house when large vehicles pass. To be referred to Highways.
- f) PARK STREET – Large hole at entrance to Crown Inn car park. To be referred to Highways.
- g) TRENTHOLME DRIVE - Tree from 2 Pastures Court overhanging the footpath. To be referred to NLC.
- h) WENDOVER ROAD – Cars parking on the bend creating visibility issues from Briggate Drive. It was suggested that registration numbers of regular offending vehicles be taken and reported.
- i) BRIGG ROAD – Gully outside No. 99 – update required on progress.

32. MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

OLD SCHOOL, NORTHFIELD ROAD – The decision of the meeting was to advise NLC that community use for the building is not a viable or economic proposition for the parish but to request that conditions be applied to the sale of the land and the building. It was therefore agreed to submit the following request to NLC:

- That the building be sold separately, preferably for residential use and to suggest a clause be incorporated so that the façade of the building be retained to defend the existing street scene.
- Acknowledge that the land is likely to be sold for building development but that consideration is given for sympathetic development of the area for minimum impact and preserved amenity for the residents of the adjacent properties.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING