

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **10<sup>th</sup> September 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, G Day, M Proctor, J McKellar Main, J England, M Caley, W Elsome, T Foster, Mrs J Briggs and P Wright; S Ringwood of Scunthorpe Telegraph, 9 members of the public and the Clerk.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Prior to commencement of the meeting the members of the public expressed their wish to address the members present with regard to Pooleys Tea Room. *Councillor Poole declared his personal and prejudicial interest and left the room. The Vice-Chairman took the chair.*

Mr Lewis referred to the nuisance caused by patrons of Pooleys in respect of noise, parking and loss of privacy. He also referred to the lack of consultation with neighbouring residents prior to the issue of an alcohol license and the change of opening hours

Mr & Mrs Brown and Mr & Mrs Marshall re-iterated these concerns and also referred to access issues by the brewery lorry and customer parking congestion on High Street and Butterwick Road.

The Vice-Chairman advised that members of the council would address these issues at the appropriate point of the meeting and reminded the public that they would not be able to speak during the course of the meeting.

*Councillor Poole re-entered the room and took the Chair.*

#### **67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors R Nixon, Mrs G Sherwood and J Mountain.

#### **68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) N Poole – Correspondence re. Pooleys. Personal and prejudicial as owner of the business.
- b) J England – Correspondence re. Pooleys. Personal as occasional user of the establishment.
- c) Mrs B Todd – Correspondence re. Pooleys. Personal as occasional user of the establishment.
- d) J McKellar Main – Correspondence re. Pooleys. Personal as occasional user of the establishment.
- e) Mrs J Briggs – Correspondence re. Pooleys. Personal as occasional user of the establishment.
- f) W Elsome – Planning Application 2012/1052. Personal as fellow trustee of playing field committee.

#### **69. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) Newsletter received and circulated prior to the meeting. noted
- b) Min 57e & 57f Speed Monitoring. Response from Roy Hindmarsh to advise that Brigg Road and Wendover Road are to be monitored from beginning of September. Also noted that the A159 Northfield Road was last monitored in October 2010 and is currently number 138 in the Speed Management Strategy so is not scheduled to be monitored again until 2013/14.
- c) Allotments CCTV – no further information available.

#### **70. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 13<sup>TH</sup> August 2012**

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

**71. MATTERS ARISING****a) Min 59i Armed Forces Day Event**

Letter received from the AFD committee thanking Councillors Poole and England for their support over the last two years. The Clerk reported that Tony Murphy of the committee had offered apologies for the press coverage of the move to Glanford Park. It was also noted that members of the AFD committee have repaired the damage to Holme Meadow caused by a vehicle but that the area now needs seeding.

**b) Min 65h Dog Fouling**

Response from S Coulman advising that penalty signs will be replaced as necessary. It was also noted that a list of dog bins and their usage had been received from neighbourhood services for information.

**c) Min 65i Street Cleaning**

Response from Neighbourhood Services advising that the co-ordination of the sweeper and the grass cutters is not always possible as the mechanical sweepers cover both the Brigg and Barton districts. A further letter on the same subject was received from Mrs Brumby – it was agreed to forward this to Neighbourhood Services.

**d) Min 65g Benson Close**

Response from Neighbourhood Services advising that Benson Close is not adopted and therefore the responsibility of the developer (Wold Development).

**e) Min 65k Wendover Road**

Response from Highways advising that the road is too narrow for white lining but that any issues arising from parked cars may be alleviated when further plans are put in place with regard to school time parking issues.

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

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk's salary & allowance (cheque 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct)	£965.72
2.	Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant wages	111.25
3.	G East – handyman	225.72
4.	D Jacklin Ltd – Mole control	72.00
5.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	200.00
6.	Mrs j Walker – repay for Best Kept Garden/Allotment vouchers	200.00
7.	Metro Rod – Church drainage repair	540.00
8.	W Elsome – Repay for Church Dyke project expenses	418.22
9.	M J Bray – Church dyke machine work	415.50
10.	Kyanite Consulting Ltd – Annual web hosting	114.00
11.	Veolia ES – Grass cutting	765.52
12.	Builders Merchant Co – Memorial irrigation repair	9.31

**b) Monies Received**

1.	H Slack – Sale of history books	6.50
2.	Mrs Moylett – Allotment Rent (17a)	2.00 cash

**c) Deposit Account**

The Clerk advised that the twelve month deposit of £10,000 is due to mature on 24<sup>th</sup> September and suggested increasing the deposit to £15,000 for a further twelve months. It was noted that the budgeted expenditure to April 2013 would not be compromised by increasing the reserve on deposit. It was agreed to increase the deposit to £15000 for a further twelve months.

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

1. 2012/1015 Pettitt, 2 Eastfield Road – consent to carry out works to oak tree. NO OBJECTION
2. 2012/1052 Black, Black Bank Farm, Black Bank, Susworth – install 15Kw wind turbine on 20m mast. NO OBJECTION

*Councillor England took no part in debate or voting on the above applications.*

**b) Planning Decisions by NLC:**

1. 2012/0749 Lister, 116 Brigg Road – alterations and extensions. APPROVED
2. 2012/0841 Gorman, The Chestnuts, Chestnut Drive – extension. APPROVED
3. 2012/0941 Williams, 18 Holme Lane – extensions and alterations. APPROVED

**74. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) ERNLLCA 1) Newsletter; 2) Invitation to AGM 15<sup>th</sup> September – noted.
- b) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re. Flytipping at Black Bank
- c) NORTHERN Lincs BROADBANK – Information re. Get Online Week – Messingham session 16<sup>th</sup> October. The Chairman reported that fibre-optic cable is to be installed in North Lincolnshire and that BT are in the process of upgrading their exchanges. Scotter exchange is in the programme but no date given.
- d) MESSINGHAM JUNIOR FC – Complaint re. long grass on the football pitches and offering to pay for extra cuts if necessary. It was noted that the unusually wet ground conditions have prevented the usual regular service but that Veolia came out on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September and all pitches were cut to uniform length. Councillor Elsome reported that whilst the pitches had been done the west of the road and the verge on Holme Lane had not been done. He further commented on the poor quality of the service this year. It was agreed to report back to Veolia.
- e) AUDIT COMMISSION – Appointment of external auditor from 2012/13 – Littlejohn LLP.
- f) NPOWER – Advice of price increase from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 by 16.9%. The Clerk advised that she had negotiated a three contract which will cost £39 per year less than the current annual spend. This was approved.
- g) MESSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL – 1. Advice of increase of hall charges. Parish Council weekly rent increased to £51.50; 2. Request for letter of support to WREN – agreed.
- h) MR D LOWIS – Complaint re. Pooleys Tea Room. *Councillor Poole left the room prior to discussion of this issue and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.* The Vice-Chairman reminded members of the comments made by the members of the public in the public forum. The Clerk produced copies of the planning decisions relating to the change of opening hours in 2007 and 2008. It was noted that all the issues raised are the responsibility of NLC and it was agreed that Mr Lewis's letter should be forwarded to the Chief Executive of NLC for his attention with a request that the Parish Council be kept informed of any decisions taken. It was noted that Mr Lewis has sent a copy of his complaint to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs Liz Redfern.

*Councillor Poole returned to the room.*

**75. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS**

- a) GRASS CUTTING – Councillor Elsome reported various issues with both grass cutting and weed spraying at the churchyard and the incomplete weed spraying at Holme Meadow – a response to which had been sent by Veolia to Councillor Elsome. It was noted that the village hall has not been cut regularly either. An email had also been received from Mrs Fotheringham complaining about the state of the churchyard and it was agreed to respond to her and advise her of the commitment by the Parish Council in respect of the grass cutting contract. It was agreed that better communication from Veolia when regular cutting cannot be carried out would be beneficial. It was agreed to contact Veolia with these concerns and suggest a site meeting with the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Elsome and the Clerk.

- b) SCHOOL TIME PARKING – WEST GREEN – Councillor Walker reported that 17-20 cars are parking on West Green at school leaving time causing serious congestion for the residents. It was noted that NLC and the Police are currently working on possible alternatives to the problems and it was agreed to ask Gareth Denovan for an update.
- c) STATHER HILL, BUTTERWICK ROAD – Noted that the speed warning sign and the speed limit signs are obliterated by an overhanging hedge. To be referred to NLC.
- d) SCHOOL HEDGE – Noted that the hedge is very overgrown. Report to the head teacher.
- e) BENSON CLOSE/BRIGGATE DRIVE FOOTPATH – Noted that a large section of the footpath is damaged. To be referred to Highways.
- f) NORTHFIELD ROAD – noted that the footpath outside No. 47 is in very poor condition and needs resurfacing. To be referred to Highways.
- g) NORTHFIELD ROAD SCHOOL – noted that there has been a further series of lead thefts. NLC have attended.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING