

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **8th October 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J R Walker (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), G Day, M Proctor, W Elsome, Mrs G Sherwood, R Nixon, J England, Mrs J Briggs, J McKellar-Main, T Foster, M Caley & P Wright; S Ringwood of Scunthorpe Telegraph, five members of the public and the Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Prior to commencement of the meeting two members of the public expressed their wish to address the members present.

Mr & Mrs Lewis re-iterated their concerns with regard to Pooley's Tea Room and referred to the content of a letter sent to the Parish Council by Mr & Mrs Brown and asked that the Parish Council respond to the questions posed.

Mr Radford stated his concerns with regard to 1) dog fouling, particularly on Briggate Drive near the school; and 2) persistent speeding on Brigg Road and Wendover Road, together with drivers using mobile phones whilst driving.

The Vice-Chairman reminded the members of the public that they would not be permitted to pass comments during the course of the meeting.

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors Mrs B Todd, J Mountain and N Poole.

84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) J England – ref. Pooley's Tea Room as occasional patron and also as member of CAMRA.
- J McKellar-Main – ref. Pooley's Tea Room as occasional patron
- Mrs J Briggs – ref. Pooley's Tea Room as occasional patron

85. POLICE MATTERS

- a) Crime statistics report received and circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Noted.
- b) Cllr. England reported a recent spate of thefts of a caravan, diesel and fire damage to a fence at Bridge Farm, Butterwick Road. It was noted that these have already been reported to the police.

86. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 10th September 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 Vice-Chairman.

87. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 74h Pooley's Tea Room

Response received from the Chief Executive of NLC advising that all the issues raised had been investigated with no further action deemed necessary.

A letter from Mr & Mrs Brown was read out in full and noted. Members agreed that the issues raised are not the responsibility of Messingham Parish Council. Letter to be forwarded to NLC for their consideration. The Vice Chairman commented that the Parish Council is also not responsible for notifying residents of planning applications.

87 b) Min 75a Grass Cutting

Response from Veolia advising that all outstanding work would be completed. The Clerk commented that they had also contacted her recently to advise that cutting could not take place on Holme Meadow due to the ground being waterlogged, which she considered to be an improvement in communication. Cllr. Elsome reported that the spraying has not been completed to date and proposed that as the job had been paid for, £250 be retained from the next invoice until the matter is resolved – all agreed but it was noted that weed spraying cannot be completed until Spring now. The Clerk also advised that on checking invoices she had noted that there are 3 charges for weed spraying at the Churchyard – Cllr. Elsome advised that this had only been done once – to be investigated. Cllr. England commented that he had been impressed with the condition of the churchyard on a recent visit.

c) Min 75b School Time Parking

The Clerk reported that Gareth Denovan from NLC had contacted her by telephone to advise that the parking issues are being considered as part of an overall plan and the Parish Council will be consulted in due course.

d) Min 75d School Hedge

It was noted that the School Drive hedge has been cut and that the cutting of the Briggate Drive hedge is in hand.

88. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 17th September 2012

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

b) Matters Arising

1. **Min 376a CCTV** – it was noted that in the absence of Councillor Poole there was no further information from the recent NATs meeting.
2. **Min 379f Untidy Allotment No. 1** – Cllr. Foster reported that the tenant is in the process of tidying up the allotment.
3. **Min 376d Allotment 16a** – The Clerk reported that Mr Ross had contacted her to advise that a fence on this allotment has been damaged by a contractor on a combine. It was noted that there is a possibility that this allotment is to be re-allocated and to take no action with regard to the fence at the current time.
4. **Drainage Issue** – The Clerk reported that Mr Ross had made a request for additional drainage pipes to be installed at the Butterwick Road end, which he is prepared to install himself if the Parish Council will provide the pipe at an approximate cost of £100. This was agreed

89. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 1st October 2012

a) The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. Subject to a change to Min. 79c *President of MJFC should read Chairman of MJFC* - they were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.

b) Matters Arising

1. **Min 79b Holme Meadow Drainage** – Cllr. Walker reported on a site meeting with Mr John Branston. A recommendation for three additional drains through the wet holes to the east dyke at a budget price of £2200 was agreed. It was noted that permission will be required from Mr Foster Thornton. It was agreed to make a grant claim from the NLC Community Grant Fund but to also precept for it. It was also suggested that the existing soughs need cleaning out at approximately £450 – this was also agreed to be done. It was further agreed to carry out the work as soon as possible when funds permit.

2. **Min 79c Holme Meadow Hire Charges** – It was agreed to accept the recommendations to increase the non-village day charge to £125 and the electricity surcharge to MJFC to £175 per year to take effect from 1st April 2013.
3. **Min 82a Playing Field Sign** – it was agreed in principle to erect a Health & Safety notice with regard to the playing or practicing of golf plus climbing the play area fence. Advice to be taken with regard to safety rules for the fence.
4. **Min 82b Rabbit Control** – The Clerk reported that Mr Duffield has advised that he is to continue with the rabbit control. It was agreed that further quotes be obtained.
5. **Min 82c Playing Field Gate** – Response from MJFC to advise that all members have been alerted to the dangers of not fastening the gate securely.
6. **Min 81a Play Area Inspection** – The Clerk reported that the annual inspection has been carried out with only minor issues to be addressed i.e. weeds through the tiles etc.

90. ACCOUNTS

a) Passed for Payment:

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s salary & allowance (cheque 1 st November)	£966.12
2.	Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant salary	111.25
3.	G East – Handyman	160.57
4.	D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	206.00
6.	H M R & C – Quarterly PAYE	742.29
7.	Builders Merchant Co – Allotment posts – rope & concrete mix	42.82
8.	Npower – Electricity – Memorial	34.09 direct debit
9.	Npower – Electricity – Holme Meadow	-18.53 credit only
10.	Digitech Business – Photocopy charge	26.38
11.	L C R – Magazine subscription	15.50

b) Monies Received:

1.	B Ross – Smallholding rent Oct 2012 – March 2013	307.50
2.	Yorkshire Bank – Deposit Account Interest	0.06
3.	Yorkshire Bank – Fixed Deposit Account Interest	241.31
4.	SDPOC – Holme Meadow Hire	275.00

91. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications before NLC:

2012/1140 Poole, 8 Brigg Road – Consent to crown reduce a Yew tree. NO OBJECTION

b) Planning Decisions by NLC:

2012/0874 Garner, 16 Brigg Road – Consent to fell a Sycamore tree.

92. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) ERNLLCA – Newsletter – Noted
- b) YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM – Results – Silver Award. Councillor England reported that the judges had intimated that Messingham is not competitive enough to succeed to the Gold level but members agreed that the standard achieved to date is perfectly acceptable.
- c) NORTH LINCS PCT - Community Health Checks. It was agreed that Messingham should host a Health Check session in the Village Hall in either December or the early part of 2013 as available.
- d) HW RCC – agm – 7TH November at Elloughton-cum-Brough. noted
- e) R MATTHEWS – Complaint re. storage container at 21 Northfield Road. To be forwarded to Neville Dobbs at Planning.

- f) W ELSOME – Churchyard Drainage – Progress report with costing information provided. It was noted that the levels have been done by NLC and that Phase 2 is now in hand.
- g) D RADFORD – Letter regarding speeding on Brigg Road and Wendover Road; plus dog fouling on Briggate Drive/School Drive. It was noted that a recent speed check report for Brigg Road has been carried out but the data is still awaited. It was also noted that the speed issues on Wendover Road should be affected by the new school plan currently being developed. With regard to the dog fouling it was noted that evidence of dates and times together with witnesses willing to testify are needed to enforce action. It was agreed to refer to Environmental Health for their attention.
Councillor G Day declared his interest as a dog owner (who does clean up after his dog).

93. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) DOG FOULING – Councillors reported problems in the following areas: Allotments; West Green snicket to School Drive; School Drive & Briggate Drive.
- b) PARK STREET – Poor condition of road surface at the junction with High Street – to be referred to Highways.
- c) SCHOOL HEDGE – Concern re. suspected poisonous ivy in the school hedge. Already reported to NLC.
- d) WEST VIEW – Geese fouling prevalent. Noted

94. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) PRECEPT MEETING – Agreed to hold on Monday 26th November at 7.30pm.
- b) REGISTER OF INTERESTS – Councillor England advised that Parish Councils with a website are obliged to publish Parish Councillors register of interests on the website. The Clerk suggested that this could be done with a web link to the NLC website and it was agreed to arrange this.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING