

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **8<sup>th</sup> July 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

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

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Richard Todd of Orchard Close addressed the members present regarding the worsening problem of anti social behaviour from youths gathering in and around the village hall grounds and asked if the Parish Council could take action.

#### **36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors M Caley, J Mountain and T Foster.

#### **37. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) Crime statistics for June had been received and circulated to members prior to the meeting.
- b) The Clerk reported that two regularly speeding vehicles on Brigg Road had been dealt with thanks to information given by a member of the public.
- c) A report had been received from a resident regarding the savaging of a small dog in the churchyard by a dog which had not been on a lead. Councillor Elsome reported that several days a week up to 7 dogs are exercised on the playing field without leads which has led to concerns from other users of the field. It was agreed that new signage is needed at the churchyard and playing field for dogs to be on leads at all times. It was agreed that advice be sought from the Dog Wardens before consulting with the Church and Playing Field committee. It was suggested that signage be paid by the Parish Council but re-charged to the Church and Playing Field.
- d) Councillor Walker commented on a reported theft from a property on Well Street. The culprits were caught red handed thanks to a member of the public reporting suspicious activity to the police, but as the culprits were from out of the area they were reportedly given a warning and told to replace the stolen goods. It is then reported that the same people returned a few days later and repeated the crime but not apprehended. Councillor Walker felt that this action by the police was not good enough. Councillor McKellar main advised that only the victim of the crime could agree to prosecute. It was agreed to write to Inspector Ruddy to bring the matter to his attention.
- e) Councillor England reported that a lightening conductor had been stolen from the Church bell tower which has been reported to the police.
- f) Mr Todd's concerns regarding anti-social behaviour were discussed. it was noted that the police are aware of problems at the village hall and are making regular visits. It was agreed that the parish council has no powers to deal with problem behaviour but that they do encourage other activities where possible, such as the weekly visit by Streetsports. It was agreed that the problem would be reported to the next NATs meeting. Members of the public were advised to report activities as they happen if possible.

#### **38. LAST MEETING 10<sup>TH</sup> June 2013**

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.

#### **39. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **a) Min 28d Gardener/In Bloom**

It was noted that the handyman is not interested in taking on additional gardening work. It was agreed to ask the Scunthorpe Telegraph to do an article to request volunteers for Messingham In Bloom. It was also agreed to consider the provision of a gardener budget in the 2014/15 budget at the precept meeting.

**40. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

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

**MATTERS ARISING****a) Min 408a Allotment Road**

The Clerk reported that the Scouts had already had the base materials removed from site so they are not available for road repairs. It was also noted that the builder is using water from the allotment taps for mixing concrete – it was agreed to monitor any increase in usage so that the cost can be passed on if necessary.

**b) Min 408c Website Application Form**

It was agreed that the Allotment Application form and Rules be made available on the website.

**c) Min 408b Security**

Councillor Proctor advised that alarms are available from NLC/Safer Neighbourhoods for sheds.

**41. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

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.

**MATTERS ARISING****a) Min 31a M.U.G.A**

The Clerk produced a draft questionnaire for approval. Councillor McKellar Main reported that he had carried out preliminary research on [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com) for an online survey which would cost £24 for one month. It was agreed that the online survey would maximise the potential for returns. It was agreed to revise the paper questionnaire and the online survey so that the questions are identical. Questionnaires to be delivered by councillors to every household with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August. It was also agreed to offer a prize draw of a £50 High Street Voucher to one lucky winner – to be taken from the Chairman's Allowance.

**b) Min 31b Floodlight Damage**

Councillor Wright reported on the visit to Lytec's premises with Councillor Caley to inspect the damaged floodlight extension pole. He concluded that the connection of the extension to the floodlight column was of inferior quality and was not fit for purpose, being so weak that strong winds were enough to cause the extension pole to collapse which is what happened in April. The Clerk reported that the advice from Trading Standards is that an independent third party would need to make a report to verify the failure but under the terms of the Sale of Goods and Services Act the extension pole would need to be repaired or replaced to a satisfactory at Lytec's cost; also that the cost of removing the unsafe pole should also be at Lytec's cost. After discussion it was agreed to write to Lytec and await their proposals in the matter before pursuing legal action.

**c) Min 35a Lawnmower Replacement**

The Clerk advised that the warranty on the suggested mower is 7 years if serviced annually. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

**42. ACCOUNTS****a) Passed for Payment:**

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk salary and allowance (cheque 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug)	£992.30
2. Mrs K Hall – play area attendant salary	130.05
3. E G East – handyman	183.32
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	206.00
6. Cash – for Horticultural Show prize money	200.00

7. Messingham Supporters Group – donation	100.00
8. Veolia ES – grass cutting – May	676.37
9. Digitech Business Equipment – photocopier costs	24.58
10. Scunthorpe Lawnmower Service – new mower	480.00
11. Scunthorpe Lawnmower Service – mower repair	12.00
12. H Simpson & Son – weedkiller, compost etc	70.97
13. HMRC – quarterly PAYE	565.32
14. Npower – Memorial electricity	53.08 d/debit
15. Npower – Holme Meadow electricity	172.71 d/debit

**b) Monies Received**

1. Allotment Rents (Moore, Chapman & Thompson-Flint)	16.50 cash/chqs
2. Scunthorpe Road Running Club – donation for use of Holme Meadow	27.50
3. S D P OC – Holme Meadow hire	101.00
4. Yorkshire Bank – Business a/c interest	0.06

**43. PLANNING**

**a) Planning Applications before NLC**

2013/0702 Kenyon, Budleigh House, Messingham Ings Road – consent to retain a non-illuminated sign. NO OBJECTION

*Councillor England took no part in discussion or voting on the above application.*

**b) Planning Decisions by NLC**

- 2013/0579 Barley, Fieldside, Butterwick Road – erect tractor shed for domestic use. APPROVED
- 2013/0337 Sylvester, 19 East Green – erect ground floor extension, APPROVED

**44. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC
1. Keiraden Park – notification of ongoing dispute with regard to noise nuisance plus a questionnaire regarding opening times which was completed. Councillor Walker commented that only 20 complaints have been received by NLC from the whole area including Bottesford.
  2. Broadband Access in Rural Areas – questionnaire – completed.
  3. MicroAsphalt Surfacing Programme 2013. Noted that North Moor Road (C221) is scheduled on 16<sup>th</sup> Aug (from Black Bank to County Boundary).
- b) ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Resolutions to 2013 AGM Request. The Clerk commented that the new edition of the ‘Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration’ is currently available at a reduced rate for ERNLLCA members and requested that a copy be purchased. This was agreed.
- c) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re. 1) Catchwater Drain (JE); and 2) Church Street footway (JE)
- d) M FISHER – Update regarding the removal of trees from 14 Wendover Road and Ashlin Court residents complaint. This was noted and it was agreed this is a neighbours dispute but to respond to Mr Fisher to acknowledge the information.
- e) HUMBERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE – Operational Efficiency Programme – engagement sessions.
- f) MRS G SHERWOOD – Copy correspondence for information only re. the School parking restriction consultation.

**45. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS**

- a) VILLAGE SEATS – require attention. The Clerk advised that the handyman has this on his regular job list but will be reminded.
- b) KERBSIDE WEEDS – noted that these have been dealt with.
- c) GRASS CUTTING – agreed that the standard of the grass cutting by NLC to the verges, and also the grass cutting by North Lincolnshire Homes contractors has been inadequate. The Chairman advised

that a meeting had been held with the Ward Councillors and the other parties to discuss the situation but it was agreed to write to NLC and NLH on behalf of the Parish Council.

**46. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Casual Vacancy - Co-option of Councillor**

There were four applicants for the one vacancy. The applications were read out in alphabetical order for consideration – Andrew Clark; Sally Grindrod-Smith; Patricia Hunt; and Penny Skelton. The voting for each candidate was also carried out in alphabetical order. After the first round of voting two candidates were eliminated; in the second round of voting Andrew Clark was duly co-opted. It was agreed to write to all candidates to express the Parish Council's gratitude for their interest and the healthy response to the vacancy

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 9.15pm