

Minutes of the **Website Development Committee** held on **Monday 26th April 2010** in the village hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J Walker (Chair), Mrs G Sherwood and J England and the Clerk.

217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors N Poole, J Mountain, G Day, M Caley and T Foster

218. FEEDBACK FROM WEBSITE

- a) The Clerk reported that she had received two email enquiries from the website regarding the tracing of ancestors – one being from Georgia, USA and the other from Sheffield. Both have been referred to the Vicar for his assistance with Parish records.
- b) Councillor England expressed his disappointment at the small number of local organisations who have taken the opportunity to use the website. Further forms to be sent out to Messingham Junior FC, Playing Field, SDPOC, the Hospice Supporters Group and the School.
- c) It was also noted that there are only two forthcoming events publicised on the website. It was agreed that it is not the Clerk's responsibility to promote events unless asked to do so by the organisation/group. It was agreed to use the village magazine to encourage groups to use the website.

219. WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

- a) PARISH MAP – it was agreed that an additional map with the the public rights of way shown would be useful. Clerk to contact NLC for appropriate map.
- b) PHOTO GALLERY – it was agreed that more photographs are needed and it was suggested that 'then and now' photos would be interesting to the public. Councillor England advised that he has a large number of photographs stored on slides and is waiting to have them converted to digital images.
- c) LOCAL HISTORY – it was suggested that the history section should have it's own gallery of photographs and possibly a copy of the Award map.

It was agreed that extracts of the Brief History of Messingham, and The Account of Messingham 1824 may encourage sales of the books.

It was suggested that extracts of the Parish Council minutes from 25/50/75 & 100 years ago may also be of interest.

- d) HOME PAGE – it was agreed to enquire if web links can be created to the various websites of local schools, businesses etc.
- e) LOCAL CONTACTS – it was agreed that local leisure businesses should be contacted e.g. Grange Park, Messingham Sands and the Nature Reserve.

220. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - to be arranged at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 10th May.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.