

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2004

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 17th May 2004 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole, Clerk to Parish Council – Mrs J Walker, Sgt Liam Waldron from Humberside Police, Keving Mitchell – People & Places Manager of North Lincolnshire Council, Kate Longstaff of the Youth Service, Margaret Hunt for Scotter LIVES First Responders and 52 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Received from Mrs B Todd and Mr M Sherwood (Messingham Playing Field Association).

1. MINUTES OF THE 2003 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes were circulated to those present and time was allowed for reading. The minutes were passed as a true record – proposed T Foster, seconded Mrs J Briggs.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Min 5 Village Web Site

The Chairman outlined the progress to date of the development of the Web Site which is hoped to be operational at the end of the summer.

3. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2003/4

The accounts for the above financial year, with minute books, bank statements, chequebooks, bank book, insurance documents etc had been placed on display 45 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting to allow members of the public to inspect these documents. A financial statement was circulated to all those present. It was agreed to accept these accounts subject to annual audit. Proposed M Caley, seconded T Foster.

When questioned regarding the significant increase in spending on Parks & Open Spaces, the Clerk advised that this was due to the provision of the changing facility on Holme Meadow which also includes mains electricity and water supply,

4. SPEAKER: SGT. LIAM WALDRON, SCUNTHORPE EAST LOCAL POLICING TEAM

Sgt Waldron praised the Parish Council for the recent leaflet drop with regard to anti-social behaviour. A number of residents raised issues including alcohol sold to minors; speed – particularly on Leaburn Road; graffiti and abuse by teenagers congregating in the open land off Kealholme Road; children camping on the Playing Field; and school time parking on Temperance Avenue. Sgt. Waldron explained that the Police do attend on demand although there is a call priority system for responses. It is hoped that a neighbourhood beat officer will be appointed to Messingham as a result of a forthcoming change in the policing format.

5. SPEAKER: KEVIN MITCHELL, PEOPLE & PLACES MANAGER, NLC

Kevin Mitchell explained his role within North Lincolnshire Council, which is primarily to educate and encourage responsible dog ownership. He also explained the pilot scheme, set up two years ago, with 3 town and parish councils, to designate land under the Dog Fouling of Land Act (only highways up to 40 mph limits are currently designated), had proved very successful and is now open to other town and parish councils. The town or parish council determines the land to be designated and North Lincolnshire Council is responsible for signage and implementing legal action. Areas suggested for designation in Messingham were the Playing field and Holme Meadow.

6. SPEAKER: KATE LONGSTAFF – YOUTH SERVICE

Kate Longstaff introduced the area Youth Worker, Jean Carter who covers Bottesford and East. A project worker has also been appointed to work 10 hours per week to meet up with children in the evenings in the Bottesford Pavilion and Messingham areas. It was noted that the Junior Session Youth club held on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall is well attended by approximately 28 10 – 15 year olds, but unfortunately time available is very limited in the Village Hall. It was agreed that a hard standing young peoples area is needed and the Parish Council agreed to look into the feasibility of this and/or a skate park.

7. SPEAKER: MARGARET HUNT, SCOTTER LIVES FIRST RESPONDERS

Margaret Hunt, a First Responder who lives in Messingham, explained the purpose of the LIVES unit. Responders are called at the same time as the ambulance and because they live locally are able to arrive in advance of the ambulance. Heart attack survival increases by 32% when dealt with by a First Responder. The Scotter unit was called 17 times during December to May with 12 of those calls in Messingham. Mrs Hunt expressed the need for ongoing fund raising to meet the costs of equipment and training. Volunteers are also welcome to train as First Responders.

8. VILLAGE ISSUES

A number of village issues were raised by residents, which included:

- a) Kealholme Road Open Space
The area is becoming increasingly untidy and is frequented by gathering youths. The Chairman of the Parish Council advised that the Planning Office are currently being pursued to rectify this problem.
- b) Parking on Grass Verges
The Parish Council have forwarded this problem to Highways and missing signage is to be replaced in due course.
- c) Wendover Road Shops
Inconsiderate parking and excessive litter were highlighted as a result of the installation of the cash machine. The Parish Council agreed to pursue these problems with the management of the Spar Shop and Highways.
- d) Elm Way, Manor Grange
Continual problem reported with children playing ball games with no respect for gardens, fences or other residents. Also no litter bins or dog waste bins are provided and grass cutting is carried out. The Parish Council agreed to pursue this with North Lincolnshire Council.
- e) Speed Limits
Suggestions received included permanent monitoring by auto detectors on Brigg Road, Northfield Road, Butterwick road, A159 from Scotter, Wendover Road & Leaburn Road; police speed monitoring units to attend the village more frequently; substantial roadside & on-road marking of speed limits; possible speed retarder humps on certain roads i.e. Wendover Road, High Street, Brigg Road and Butterwick Road; and consideration to reduce speed limits in areas near shops on High Street and Wendover Road. These suggestions will be forwarded to Highways. Drive Carefully signs suggested on entry into village.
- f) Parking
Suggestions received included restriction to short term parking on High Street, from Butterwick Road to Wendover road on west side only; restriction of parking on Northfield Road from Holme Lane to Coopers Garage for No Parking from 8am – 8pm on both sides of road; restricted parking on Brigg Road; seek police enforcement to stop illegal parking etc.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING