

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2013

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th June 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs J Walker; and 8 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from J McKellar-Main, M Proctor and S Ringwood of Scunthorpe Telegraph

2. MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes were circulated to those present and time was allowed for reading. The minutes passed as a true record – proposed by Mrs B Todd and seconded by Mr J R Walker – carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 4d/5 Dog Fouling

The Chairman reported that despite additional dog waste bins around the village, dog fouling continues to be a problem but from a minority of dog owners. He explained that reporting the culprits was the only way to combat the problem.

b) Min 6 Old School, Northfield Road

The Chairman reported that following the decision from the Annual Parish Meeting the Parish Council had withdrawn their interest in retaining the building for community use and subsequently recommended to North Lincolnshire Council that the building be sold with the condition of keeping the façade to preserve the existing street scene and that the land be sold separately. He advised that the building had been sold to a Messingham resident who is currently applying for the change of use from a school to a private dwelling and also that the land is to be sold to a local builder for the building of ten single storey dwellings. It was agreed that this was the best outcome for Messingham.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

a) MESSINGHAM IN BLOOM

The War Memorial was awarded joint winner with Broughton in the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition in 2012 and the village was given a Silver Award in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. The Chairman reported that Messingham no longer qualifies for the Yorkshire region so are now entered in the East Midlands In Bloom competition.

b) HOLME MEADOW DRAINAGE.

Following extreme wet weather conditions during 2012. flooding was prevalent on Holme Meadow and it was agreed to install an additional drain to alleviate future problems. Due to the ongoing wet weather until April 2013 the installation was delayed but has now been completed but which unfortunately resulted in the Messingham Show committee having to cancel the Affiliated Jumping section of the Show due to the uneven ground conditions. The cost of the drainage project was £2800 but a grant of £2300 was received from NLC.

c) SPEEDING ISSUES

Speeding continues to be a problem on Brigg Road and now qualifies for Speedwatch monitoring but as the flashing speed signs would not be installed until later in the year, the Parish Council paid for the sign for the three month period from February to April. A summary of the data collected was given to those present.

d) ANNUAL PRECEPT

Remained the same as last year at £47000 to qualify for the parish relief from NLC. Donations to local organisations included the Village Hall, Playing Field, Bowls Club, Methodist Church and the Guides. The Parish Council continues to support Holy Trinity Church by paying for the maintenance of the churchyard and also the waste collection. A drainage project was also carried out last year and paid by the Parish Council.

- e) **VILLAGE COMPLAINTS** included the following
- Pedestrian Crossing. The Chairman reported that funding has been acquired from NLC to convert the crossing to a Pelican Crossing and should be completed this year.
 - Flytipping – particularly Twigmoor Side Road. It was noted that Neighbourhood Services continue to provide a good service.
 - Various pot holes – the Chairman reported that NLC now have six gangs dedicated to pot hole repairs.
 - Various parking issues throughout the village.

5. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2012/13

A financial statement was circulated to all those present. It was agreed to accept these accounts subject to annual audit. Proposed Mrs B Todd; seconded Mrs G Sherwood. There were no questions.

6. LEISURE FACILITIES

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council are mindful to improve leisure facilities for all ages and are considering the installation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Before final decisions are made consultation will be carried out through the village to determine the best location and the need. An estimated cost of a MUGA is £80,000 but it was noted that up to 75% of the funding can be obtained from NLC and other sources with the balance to be funded from the Parish Council by a Public Works Loan. It was agreed that Messingham has provided good leisure and sporting facilities over the years but ambition is needed to improve and provide for the future.

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATION REPORTS

Mrs Grundy of the Village Hall committee thanked the Parish Council for their continued financial support which enabled refurbishments of the toilets last year and the replacement of the interior doors this year. She commented that the roof above the Trinity Suite has recently been replaced but that a grant claim had been unsuccessful. The Chairman thanked the village hall committee for their continued work in providing a valuable community asset.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further items for the agenda received by the closing date of 29th May, the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm