

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th May 2018 commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs T Black; and 20 members of the public (10 of whom are serving parish councillors).

1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs B Todd, Mrs G Sherwood, Mr K Sylvester

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 17th May 2017.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting commencing to those present. The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Min 5b – Allotments – Notice of termination on two acres of small holdings had been withdrawn.

5. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a) PLAY AREA – new slide installed at a cost of £9200 to replace the old slide which had suffered rust damage. A grant for this had been received from NLC for £7660. All the equipment and benches have been painted during the year.
The playing field Access Road has been re-tarmacked with new road markings at the exit.
- b) MUGA – has been marked out with netball court markings and being used by Messingham Ladies netball team.
- c) HOLME MEADOW – continues to be used by Messingham Junior Football Club, Scunthorpe & District Pony Owners Club and Messingham Show.
Two new football goals purchased with a 50% grant from the Football Foundation.
Chafer bug infestation – this received two spray applications at the first sightings.
Paramotor and drone activity – concerns of safety of all users of the field and placed in the hands of the Solicitor.
Drainage continues to be a problem. Inspected and drains jetted in October 2017, further drainage work due to commence following Messingham Show when weather permits.
- d) TELEPHONE KIOSK – purchased for £1 from the Heartbeat Trust and renovated. Looking for ideas for its use.
- e) IN BLOOM – Messingham was awarded runner up prize for CPRE 'Best kept Memorial' £2000 In Bloom grant received from NLC
- f) CYCLE TOUR OF BRITIAN – In September this produced enthusiasm with decorated cycles around the village, and an excellent turnout in the village on the day.
- g) ALLOTMENTS – with effect from 2018 Allotment rent increased slightly to £10.00 per year for a full size garden allotment + expenses for water and hedging & dyking. Most allotments are let in halves or quarters.
- h) HANDYMAN – retired last May, position remains vacant.
- i) ANNUAL PRECEPT
The precept for 2017/18 was £55,500 and for 2018/19 will be £57,000 with a Local Authority grant of £2710. Donations for 2017/18 to village organisations amounted to £5,144 and £5,473 for the playing field access road. The donations for 2018/19 will amount to £5455.60.
Chairman's Allowance made donations last year to Royal British Legion, and the Armed Forces day. The Parish Council continues to support the Church by paying for grass cutting of the churchyard and also waste collection.
- j) HOLME PARISH – Messingham Parish Council amalgamated with the dissolved Parish of Holme on 1st April 2018. A new noticeboard has been purchased with a 90% grant from NLC.

- k) Messingham Parish Council is in the process of taking over the responsibility of the Parish Paths and the Highways verge cutting from NLC. The cost will be covered by NLC for the paths and with a grant from NLC for the Highways cutting. It is hoped this will give more control over their condition.

6. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2018

A financial statement was circulated to all those present. The clerk explained any notable differences to the previous year. There were no questions.

7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS

- a) Mr Radford queried the proposed Village Hall extension – it was suggested that this should be referred to the Village Hall Committee.
- b) Mr Radford raised concerns of the parking on the High Street from Butterwick Road junction to the Farm shop. He would like to see a review of road linings and consultation with residents.
- c) Mr Whitelock raised concerns regarding parking issues in restricted parking areas during the present new building development on Temperance Avenue, and questioned whether permission had been granted for the highway excavation work for the gas/water work.
- d) Mr Davidson complained about the prohibited flow of traffic on the High Street caused by parked vehicles. Concerns were raised regarding the pedestrian safety when crossing the road.
- e) Mr Radford complained of the visibility when exiting Butterwick Road onto the High Street.

It was agreed to refer all mentioned High Street issues to North Lincolnshire Council to carry out an assessment of traffic management.

- f) Mr Mountain commented on the water levels of the dyke on Brigg Road.
- g) Mr Radford complained of the parked vehicles outside the Farm Shop restricting the road and visibility.
The Chairman reported that there is currently a further review of the road markings by NLC in this area.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm