

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 11th September 2023** at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

Present: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Briggs, A Clark, SA Cowley, W Elsome, J England, J Fenwick, T Foster, J McKellarMain, J Oatridge, C Scott, S Shaw, P Skelton, A Tasker, P Wright.

In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

95. **Apologies of Absence:** None – all in attendance.

96. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr J Oatridge – PA/2023/1510 – declared a personal interest as a near neighbour.

97. **Public Forum** - No public were present.

98. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

a) **To resolve to approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th August 2023.**

Resolved: to approve the minutes to be signed by the Chairman.

a) **To resolve to approve the minutes of the Planning meeting on Monday 21st August 2023.**

Resolved: to approve the minutes to be signed by the Chairman.

99. **Clerks update**

a) **Min 60/78 - Horses on Kealhome Open Space – to receive feedback from the nearby resident.**

The Clerk reported having spoken to the resident and the incident was historical and had occurred in the snicket between Allison Close and Leaburn Road and not as thought on Kealholme Open Space. The width and direction change of the path, prevent full visibility and space when meeting a horse. It was noted that the snicket is the responsibility of NLC and signage to prohibit horses is visible at both ends.

Resolved: no further action.

100. **Planning**

a) **To resolve the planning applications**

i) PA/2023/1057 – Mrs N Robinson, Newstead Farm, Black Bank – to erect an American style block, with associated parking, re-submission of 2022/1041.

Resolved: No Objections.

ii) PA/2023/1416 – J Southworth, Hubblestrop Cottage, Access to Sand Vale Farm, Holme – new garage and games room.

Resolved: No Objections.

iii) PA/2023/1480 – Nr & Mrs Longstaff, 4a Fairfield Drive – to erect a single-storey rear and side extension, and internal alterations.

Resolved: No Objections.

Cllr T Foster declared a personal interest prior to discussion of the following item

iv) PA/2023/1510 – Mr & Mrs K Mason, 6 East Green – to erect a first-floor side extension.

Resolved: No Objections.

b) **To receive decisions made by NLC**

i) PA/2023/1407 – JS Chapman, Black Bank Farm, Black Bank - Application to determine prior approval for a proposed agricultural building / grain storage – Prior approval for the siting and appearance of this development is not required.

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101. Finance**a) Payments - To approve the payments**

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
117	11/9/23	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.05	6.28	Dd
118	13/9/23	British Gas	Electric- MUGA	0.76	16.10	Dd
119	13/9/23	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	10.18	online
120	13/9/23	nPower	Electric – Community Hub	2.02	42.33	online
121	13/9/23	Corona Energy	Gas – Community Hub	1.26	26.54	online
122	13/9/23	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	80.00	online
123	13/9/23	No Worries Cleaning Services	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	38.00	228.00	online
124	13/9/23	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	474.44	online
125	13/9/23	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	1084.50	online
126	13/9/23	LA Slingsby	Village Contract grass cutting – August	0	793.10	Online
127	13/9/23	LA Slingsby	Verge Contract grass cutting - August	0	987.80	Online
128	13/9/23	Kids Charity Football Camp Payable - NA Staniforth	Refund of hire charge (T&C's met-min. 80b)	0	50.00	online
129	13/9/23	TP Black – Clerk-reimburse	National Garden vouchers – prizes/judge gift	0	230.00	Online
130	13/9/23	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1452.85	online
131	29/9/23					
132	18/9/23	British Gas	Electric – War Memorial	1.01	21.35	Dd

Resolved: to approve the above listed payments.

b) Receipts – To note receipt of income as per attached schedule.

Ref.	Date	Received from	Details	Amount	Method
28	3/8/23	Craft Club	Community Hub use – 6 weeks	32.00	cash
29	10/8/23	Kids Charity Football Camp	Holme Meadow Hire	50.00	Online

c) Savings Account – Min 77f - to receive feedback re. opening a new savings account.

It had been agreed at the last meeting to investigate a savings account with a separate bank to limit the risk and protect balances of £85,000 under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

The Clerk reported that the Unity Trust Bank would charge a £28 CHAPS fee to withdraw money from a standalone instant access account. High Street Banks pay a lower rate of interest. Cambridge Building Society – Council Saver account – requires deposit and withdrawals via cheque.

Resolved: Clerk to choose an account with ease of management.

102. General Items of Business**a) Speed Indicator Display – Min 59e)/78b – to receive response from NLC regarding location and cost to adopt posts.**

The Clerk and Chairman had met with the NLC Highways Manager. NLC propose formulating guidelines to devolve speed management to Town & Parish Councils and have agreed not to charge the electric disconnection fee. Awaiting NLC timescales of site preparation and advice on equipment prior to purchase.

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- b) **Annual Bench & Village Entry Sign Inspection – to receive report and consider any action.**
The Clerk had circulated the inspection report prior to the meeting. The Clerk reported that as the report had been received immediately following the last meeting the Handyman had been asked in the meantime to repair the two damaged benches to ensure their safety.
Resolved: no further action.
- c) **Best Kept Competition results – to receive the results of the Best Kept Front Gardens and Best Kept Allotments.**
The Clerk reported the results of the Best Kept Allotments;
1st – Allotment 18A/18AA 2nd – Allotment 12B 3rd – Allotment 12A Newcomer – Allotment 13A
Best Kept Front Gardens;
1st – 60 Kealhome Road 2nd – 35 Wendover Road 3rd – 32 Hall Rise
National Garden vouchers and certificates had been presented at the Annual Horticultural Show.
- d) **In Bloom feature in front of the Community Hub – to receive and consider suggestions.**
It was suggested having a display representing the local area and to replace every 3 years.
Resolved: to contact Sibelco and the Co-operative Store for any suggestions or contribution.
103. **Community Hub – to receive updates**
- a) **Wall Clock – to consider suggestion for the purchase of a wall clock.**
Resolved: Clerk to purchase a radio controlled wall clock with a budget of £20.
- b) **Messingham Coat of Arms - Cllr England asked the present location of the framed Coat of Arms.**
Resolved: to investigate whereabouts.
104. **Leisure & Recreation items**
- a) **Children's Play Area Min.62a/75a – to consider quotations for wet pour options.**
The Clerk reported that Streetscape cannot recommend wet pour infill of safety tiles, due to being a short term solution and chose not to quote for this work. The same response from RTC Safety Surfaces Ltd had been reported at the last meeting.
Streetscape had provided quotations for wet pour overlay; Artificial grass overlay; replacement of tiles with wet pour.
Resolved: to establish with NLC the need to address the gaps and shrinkage of the surfacing and determine any alternative materials for infill.
105. **Horticultural Show – Saturday 2nd September 2023**
- a) **Financial Report - To receive the financial report of the Horticultural Show held on 2nd September 2023 and resolve a donation to Charity.**
The Clerk circulated the accounts prior to the meeting. The profit for the Show was £195.15. It had been agreed at the June meeting (minute 42) to donate the proceeds of the auction to Lindsey Lodge Hospice.
Resolved: to donate the total profits of £195.15 to Lindsey Lodge Hospice.
Clerk to book the Village Hall for the same weekend in 2024.
106. **Messingham Ward Councillor report – To receive a report on NLC activities.**
- NLC planning committee had considered the planning application for 6 dwellings on Scotter Road. The application had been deferred pending receipt of all relevant material relating to a surface water strategy.
 - Questions were raised regarding progress of the proposed M181 link roundabout. Setbacks have delayed progress but anticipate work will progress in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Lakes Development.

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107. Police Matters/Neighbourhood Team (NAT)/Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

NAT meeting held on 6/9/23 – nothing of note to report.

108. Councillor / Clerk Reports on meetings attended - no reports.**109. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

- a) Resident – S Elvin – complaint regarding height of property boundary hedge with Village Hall site. The Clerk reported that the hedge was last cut in August 2021. Messingham Parish Council is only responsible for the maintenance of that part of hedge abutting the area of the car park, the remainder is the responsibility of Messingham Village Hall.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain 3 quotations to cut the complete perimeter hedge with work carried out subject to agreement of Messingham Village Hall to meet the cost of that part under their responsibility.

Cllr Scott advised that the woodchip could be displaced at the allotment site.

Cllr J Oatridge left the meeting at 20:00

110. a) Correspondence for Information

- i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – placed on notice boards.
ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter, circulated on receipt.

b) Correspondence received after the Agenda was posted.

- i) **MJFC** – concerns regarding lines of communication of bookings due to the recent increase in the number of users hiring Holme Meadow recreation field.

Resolved: to arrange a meeting of regular hirers with the Chairman and Clerk.

- ii) **D-Day80 - 6 June 2023** - resident G Parkes had contacted in response to the article in the village magazine.

Resolved: to place on the next Agenda.

111. Village Complaints/Compliments

- i) **Ashberry Drive** – Dead tree requiring removal - previously reported – Clerk to chase with NLC.
ii) **Holme Lane** – lighting column rusted at the bottom requires attention – Clerk to report to NLC.
iii) **Holme Lane** – sunken drain grate – Clerk to report to NLC.
iv) **Ashberry Drive** – overgrown yew hedge encroaching pavement – Clerk to report to NLC.
v) **Brigg Road** adj. Belle Vue Farm – missing Public Footpath sign – Clerk to report to NLC.
vi) **Cross Tree Lane** – potholes – previously reported to NLC and waiting for full maintenance. Clerk to chase.
vii) **Ashlin Court** – Dead tree requiring removal – Clerk to report to NLC.
viii) **Butterwick Road Hill** – verge encroaching on to path – Clerk report to NLC.
ix) **Compliment** to the well-attended and received Horticultural Show.

112. Date/Time/Venue Of Next Meeting

- a) **To confirm date and time of Allotment Advisory Committee meeting on Monday 18th September 2023.**

Resolved: to hold the Allotment Advisory committee meeting on Monday 11th September 2023 at 7pm.

- b) **To confirm date and time of the next Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th October 2023 at 7pm.**

Resolved: to hold next full Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th October 2023 at 7pm.

Meetings to be held in the Community Hub, Messingham.

- 113. To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items of business to be discussed.** – no public were present.

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114. Children's Play Area & MUGA Vacancy - Min 94a.

The Clerk reported that enquiries had been received about the vacant position but no completed applications had been received. It was noted that the position would be vacant from 16th September 2023.

Resolved:

- To ascertain interest from the person who now opens /closes the gate to the Churchyard for MMPFA. It was agreed that duties could be for the main entrance gate only if necessary to fill the post.
- To ask the Handyman to carry out weekly inspections of the Children's play area & MUGA, in the situation that the vacancy is not filled or the main gate only is opened and closed.
- If vacancy is not filled, the main gate would remain open.

Cllr J England and Cllr T Foster left the meeting at 20:28.

115. Proposed project for building on Holme Meadow Recreation field.

The Chairman gave a progress report covering funding and tendering.

116. Vacant Small Holding land 15.94 acres – Min.30

The Clerk reported that a 3 year Farm Business Tenancy to commence 1st October 2023 had been agreed and is pending completion. It was agreed to allow early access if required.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Meeting closed at 20:40.

Signature

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