

Minutes of the **Precept** meeting held on **Monday 27th November 2023** at 7.00pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

Present: Cllrs. N Poole (Chairman), J Briggs, A Clark, SA Cowley, W Elsome, J England, J Fenwick, T Foster, J Oatridge, C Scott, P Skelton, A Tasker, P Wright.

In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

Also Present: No members of the public were present

160. Apologies for Absence – Cllr. J McKellarMain.

161. Declarations of Interest

Cllr W Elsome – Messingham Playing Field Association application for grant aid - Prejudicial interest as a member of the committee.

Cllr W Elsome - Messingham Junior Cricket Club application for grant aid - Prejudicial interest as a member.

Cllr A Clark – Messingham Bowls Club application for grant aid – Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr C Scott – Messingham Village Hall Committee application for grant aid – Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr C Scott – Messingham Village Hall Committee planning application PA/2023/1825 – Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr J England – Messingham Horse & Foal Show application for grant aid – Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr J England – Messingham Playing Field Association application for grant aid – Personal interest.

Cllr SA Cowley - Messingham Horse & Foal Show application for grant aid – Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr T Foster - Messingham Horse & Foal Show application for grant aid – Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr P Skelton - Messingham Playing Field Association application for grant aid - Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr P Skelton – Messingham Junior Football Club application for grant aid - Prejudicial interest as an elected officer.

Cllr N Poole – Messingham Playing Field Association application for grant aid - Personal interest as a Trustee.

Cllr N Poole – Messingham Bowls Club application for grant aid – Prejudicial interest as a member.

162. Planning

To resolve the planning applications from NLC

i) PA/2023/1716 – J Black & Son Ltd., Trentings Farm, Messingham Ings Road – to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed agricultural grain and machine storage building.

Resolved: No Objections.

Cllr C Scott left the room prior to discussion of the following item.

ii) PA/2023/1825 – Messingham Village Hall, Orchard Close – to erect a single-storey extension.

Resolved: No Objections.

Cllr C Scott returned to the room.

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- iii) PA/2023/1808 – B Shuttler, 28 Church Street – to erect a new boundary wall and gate, including removal of existing hedge, boundary wall and gate.

Resolved: No Objections.

163. Minutes of Personnel & Finance Committee

- i) **To resolve to approve as a correct record the Confidential minutes of the Personnel & Finance committee meeting held on 13th November 2023.**

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

- ii) **To resolve to adopt the recommendations.**

Resolved: to adopt the recommendations by Full Council.

164. Annual Precept

- a) **Budget summary update - To approve the budget summary for 2023/24 against year to date and projected values and note any variances**

The budget summary as at 20 November 2023 had been circulated to members at the meeting. The Clerk explained the variances.

Resolved: to approve the summary as a basis to agree the 2024/25 budget.

- b) **Bank Reconciliation – to approve the Bank reconciliation as at 20 November 2023 and projected balance as at 31 March 2024.**

The Bank reconciliation had been circulated to members at the meeting. The Chairman had been provided with the bank statements of both accounts to agree the balance as at 20 November 2023. The Clerk explained the breakdown of figures and projected balance as at 31 March 2024.

Resolved: to approve the Bank reconciliation as at 20 November 2023.

- c) **2024/25 Budget - To consider and agree the budget requirements for 2024/25.**

1. Salaries & Wages

Resolved: to increase the budget as per Personnel & Finance committee recommendation of salaries. As the Salary Scale point for 2024/25 for the Clerk had not been announced, any increase would be met from General Reserves – **Budget of £24,260.**

2. Administration

Resolved: to decrease the budget based on predicted spend – **Budget of £4,000.**

3. Election Cost

Resolved: Budget £0.

4. Play Area/MUGA

Resolved: to increase the budget based on predicted spend – **Budget of £1,000.**

5. Holme Meadow

Resolved: to increase the budget to allow for work to improve the drainage and the condition of the grass – **Budget of £3,000**

6. Handyman

Resolved: to increase the budget based on predicted spend – **Budget of £6,000.**

7. Grass Cutting

Resolved: to maintain the budget based on the current contract – **Budget of £7,300**

8. Pest Control

Resolved: to maintain the budget based on the current contract - **Budget of £1,000**

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9. War Memorial
Resolved: to decrease the budget based on predicted spend - **Budget of £1,000**
10. In Bloom
Resolved: to maintain the budget based on the current contract – **Budget of £8,500**
11. Chairman’s Allowance
Resolved: to maintain as 2023/24 budget - **Budget of £250**
12. Public Works Loan
Resolved: to maintain as per fixed loan repayments - **Budget of £2,929**
13. Miscellaneous
Resolved: to maintain as 2023/24 budget - **Budget of £2,000**
14. Future projects/developments
To allow for a sum if required towards the proposed changing / storage facility at Holme Meadow or future projects.
Resolved: Budget of £5,000
15. Car Park
Resolved: to maintain as 2023/24 budget - **Budget of £500**
16. Messingham Community Hub
Resolved: to increase the budget based on current and predicted spend. Any NLC rate demand to be met from reserves - **Budget of £6,000.**

d) **Applications for Grant Aid (S137)**

To consider the applications received for Grant Aid (s137) as per schedule circulated.

All applications had been submitted with accounts or bank statements.

The Council resolved in accordance with its powers under sections 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, to incur the following expenditure;

Cllr W Elsome left the room prior to discussion of the following 2 items.

1. Messingham Junior Cricket Club - £1,500 requested towards vital grass care equipment.

Resolved: a grant of £1,500.

Cllr P Skelton left the room prior to discussion of the following 2 items.

2. Messingham Playing Field Association - £1,500 requested towards carpet for Pavillion plus new chairs.

Resolved: a grant of £1,500.

Cllr W Elsome returned to the room.

3. Messingham Junior Football Club - £1,103.93 requested for 3m x 6m pop up gazebo, high quality commercial grade plus cast iron weights to avoid pegs. For HQ/First Aid post at tournaments. Sun shelter/temporary shelter during proposed building works.

Resolved: a grant of £1,103.93.

Cllr P Skelton returned to the room.

Cllr C Scott left the room prior to discussion of the following item.

4. Village Hall Committee - £900 towards the cost of Hall toilets refurbishment. Total estimate includes replacement of hardware. Request is for decorating – cost £900.

Resolved: a grant of £900.

Cllr C Scott returned to the room.

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Cllr J England, Cllr T Foster and Cllr SA Cowley left the room prior to discussion of the following item.

5. Messingham Horse & Foal Show Ltd - £1,200 requested towards provision of activities and facilities at MHFS on 8 June 2024.

Resolved: a grant of £1,200.

Cllr J England, Cllr T Foster and Cllr SA Cowley returned to the room.

6. HWRCC Community Transport – Donation towards running costs of the community transport service.

Resolved: a grant of £100.

Cllr N Poole and Cllr A Clark left the room prior to discussion of the following item.

Cllr T Foster chaired the meeting for the following item.

7. Messingham Bowls Club - £500 towards the purchase of timber, preservative and fixings to replace rotten timbers under the edge of the bowling green.

Resolved: a grant of £500.

Cllr N Poole and Cllr A Clark returned to the room.

8. **Donations (s.137)**

The Clerk reminded members that the internal Auditor had noted in his audit report that all donations to registered Charities should be identified in S.137 expenditure.

Resolved: to include an amount for a donation to the Royal British Legion of £200.

- e) **2024/25 Precept to NLC**

Total Budget = £79,742.93.

It was resolved to Precept £71,000 from North Lincolnshire Council with the shortfall to be met from reserves.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the meeting closed at 19:50.