

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023** at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

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

**In Attendance:** Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

**The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm**

**164. Apologies of Absence:** Cllrs A Clark, SA Cowley, P Wright.

**165. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr P Skelton – Messingham Junior Football Club – Receipt item 43– Personal & Prejudicial interest as elected officer.

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

**167. Minutes of the previous meeting**

**a) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

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

**b) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Precept meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

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

**168. Clerks update**

i) Min 158i – Fairfield Drive drop kerb o/s No.1 – NLC had informed that the dropped crossing appears to be historic and the drive entrance had not been fully constructed to highway maintainable construction. As it has been a grass verge in front of the access since at least 2008, NLC would only reinstate this.

**Resolved:** Chairman and Clerk to inspect and consider the need to contest the decision.

ii) Min 152d – Holme Meadow hire – Footy 4 Kids - The Clerk reported that all the required documents had been received, but despite chasing was still awaiting the dates that the field had been used prior to permission being granted to raise an invoice.

**169. Planning**

**a) To resolve the planning applications**

i) PA/2023/1865 – D Raddish, Manor Farm, Scallow Lane – to remove condition 4 of 7/1974/0475 namely to remove the occupational agricultural tie.

**Resolved:** Object due to the property being in open countryside and outside the development boundary. Removal of the agricultural tie would set a precedent for future development outside the development boundary.

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

i) PA/2023/1229 – Jackson Phillips Asset Solutions, land off Scotter Road- 20 dwellings with all matters reserved for subsequent consideration, re-submission of PA/2021/1330 – Refused.

ii) PA/2023/1716 – J Black & Son Ltd, Trentings Farm, Messingham Ings Road – to determine if prior approval required for a proposed agricultural grain and machine storage building – Prior approval for siting & appearance is not required.

iii) PA/2021/1034 – AE & DM Swaby, Land north of Thistle Downe, Scotter Road – application for approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline application PA/2017/392 for 6 four-bedroomed detached dwellings and integral garages – Refused.

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- iv) PA/2023/1670 – Mr & Mrs Nelthorpe, Twigmoor Hall, Twigmoor – listed building consent for internal alterations to existing dwelling – Granted.

## 170. Finance

### a) Payments - To approve the payments

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
190	17/11/23	Wave	Water-Allotments	0	77.11	Dd
191	17/11/23	Gee Tee Bulb Company	6 x 25kg nets daffodil bulbs	32.40	194.40	online
192	21/11/23	British Gas	Electric – War Memorial	1.14	24.12	dd
193	21/11/23	British Gas	Electric – Holme Meadow recreation field	1.06	22.36	Dd
194	27/11/23	Edf energy	Gas – Community Hub (1 <sup>st</sup> payment – 56 days)	6.88	144.38	dd
195	12/12/23	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.05	6.28	Dd
196	13/12/23	nPower	Electric – Community Hub	3.38	71.00	online
197	13/12/23	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	80.00	online
198	13/12/23	No Worries Cleaning Services	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	30.40	182.40	online
199	13/12/23	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	474.44	online
200	13/12/23	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	357.50	online
201	13/12/23	Bowness Electrical Ltd	3 no. Electric condition reports	74.00	444.00	online
202	13/12/23	Budget Maintenance	Hedge cutting Car park at Village Hall	0	850.00	Online
203	13/12/23	Carr Lane Nurseries	Winter bedding plants	0	1334.00	Online
204	13/12/23	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1558.08	online
205	29/12/23					
206	15/12/23	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	19.22	online
207	15/12/23	British Gas	Electric – MUGA	3.38	71.02	Dd
208	19/12/23	British Gas	Electric -War Memorial	1.22	25.77	Dd

**Item ref.202**-The Clerk reported that £850 was for payment of that part of hedge maintenance under the responsibility of the Parish Council only. The amount for the work under the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee for reimbursement by MVH, had been removed from the invoice due to a dispute owing to that part of the work not being completed as quoted. Agreed with the contractor payment would be made by MVH when resolved.

**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
42	17/11/23	Craft Club	Community Hub use – 7 weeks	39.00	cash
43	19/11/23	Messingham Junior Football Club	Community Hub hire	5.00	online
44	28/11/23	Scunthorpe Conservatives	Community Hub hire	15.00	cheque

- c) **Virgin Money – Debit Card – to receive updated notification of the withdrawal of the facility to deposit cash at a Post Office without a debit card. To consider application for a debit card for the Clerk to pay in and for sundry expenses.**

ERNLLCA had advised that cards were becoming more common in Town & Parish Councils and suggested speaking with the Internal Auditor regarding policy, procedures and practicalities. The Internal auditor had offered advice and rules to be included in the Parish Council conditions.

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**Resolved:** to apply for a debit card for the Clerk use. Maximum transaction value of £200 unless authorised in advance by the Parish Council as per adopted Financial Regulations. Clerk to draft a policy for consideration at the next meeting.

**171. General Items of Business**

- a) **War Memorial Electric condition report – to receive the unsatisfactory result of the report and ratify the action taken by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman in accordance with Financial regulations.**

**Resolved:** to ratify the decision for Bowness Electrical Ltd to carry out the work to replace the consumer unit at a cost of £165 + VAT.

- 172. Community Hub – to receive updates – no updates.**

**173. Leisure & Recreation items**

*Cllrs J England & T Foster declared a personal interest prior to the following item*

- a) **Messingham Horse & Foal Society – to consider request for use of Holme Meadow recreation field to hold Messingham Show on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**Resolved:** to allow the use of the field as requested and this would be Free of Charge.

- b) **Holme Meadow recreation field – to consider prices for 5mph signage.**

The Clerk reported that NLC do not use 5mph signs and therefore could not supply. On-line signage is expensive due to the cost of the fixings.

**Resolved:** to purchase from Scunthorpe Signs 1no. 3mm PVC sign £20 + VAT to attach to the changing container and 4no. signs £25 + VAT with fixing slots to attach in both directions to the lighting columns.

**174. Messingham Ward Councillor report – To receive a report on NLC activities.**

- Projects for solar photovoltaic panels progressing for Messingham Village Hall and East Butterwick Village Hall.
- Butterwick Road – NLC aware of potential unauthorised work to connect to sewerage system.
- An explanation was asked of the proposed Greater Lincolnshire Devolution deal approved by NLC. A county-wide consultation of residents will now take place.
- Questions were raised of the recent British Steel proposal to close down the blast furnaces and replace with 2 electric arc furnaces.

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

**176. Councillor / Clerk Reports on meetings attended**

- a) Messingham Village Hall Committee meeting

- Treasurer had resigned and the committee are looking to fill the post.
- Wi-Fi now installed by Quickline Communications - Free of Charge for 2 years.

- b) Messingham Memorial Playing Field Association meeting

- damage sustained to the field on Northfield Road by nuisance ebike activity.
- Rabbit activity on the bowling green. The Clerk and Chair reported that control measures had taken place recently and are on-going.

**177. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision – no items**

**178. a) Correspondence for Information**

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

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- iii) Royal British Legion, Poppy appeal organiser, Scunthorpe – Thank you for the Parish Council donation of £200. The total raised in Messingham community was £2,060.73 – Noted.  
The Chairman suggested creating an information board of the names on the War Memorial to display in the redundant telephone kiosk opposite the War Memorial. It was agreed to investigate and report to a future meeting.

**179. Village Complaints/Compliments**

- i) Holme Lane, north of motorway bridge – damage to supporting posts of the Armco barrier – Clerk to report to NLC.
- ii) Pensioner Christmas Party - **Compliments** to the well-attended and well received Pensioner party held on Friday 8 December 2023 in the Community Hub.
- iii) High Street – Verge damage caused by building work. Clerk to inspect and report to NLC.
- iv) Briggate Drive – path parking – as reported in November, NLC Officers to attend NAT meeting 20/12/23.
- v) Wendover Road – considerable verge damage caused by parked vehicles – see iv).
- vi) Walkers Court – condition of the road surface at the entrance from High Street – Clerk to report to NLC.
- vii) Community Hub - The Clerk reported that when work was carried out to install the remote thermostat in the Hub, the plumber reported the lack of insulation in the roof and unlagged cold water pipes. NLC had been asked if these works should have been carried out prior to transfer of the building and their responsibilities.  
NLC responded that all works specified in the schedule of agreed works were carried out prior to transfer and in accordance with the lease there is no obligation on NLC as landlord to carry out the insulation and pipe lagging.  
**Resolved:** as the pipe lagging is deemed priority over the winter, Clerk to arrange for this work to be carried out.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to seek quotation for insulation work and report to the next meeting.

**180. Date/Time/Venue Of Next Meeting**

- a) **To confirm the date and time of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm.**  
**Resolved:** to hold the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm.  
**Meeting to be held in the Community Hub, Messingham.**

This concluded the business of the meeting. Meeting closed at 20:09 .

Signature

Date