

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 8th January 2024** at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

Present: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Briggs, SA Cowley, W Elsome, J England, J McKellarMain, C Scott, S Shaw, P Skelton, P Wright.

In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

181. Apologies of Absence: Cllrs A Clark, J Fenwick, T Foster, J Oatridge, A Tasker.

182. Declarations of Interest – none declared.

183. Public Forum - No public were present.

184. Minutes of the previous meeting

a) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th December 2023.

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

185. Clerks update

- i) Min 170 – The Clerk reported that Payment ref. 190 to British Gas, should read ‘Wave – Water at Allotments’ as per minutes. **Resolved:** agree the amendment on the January payment schedule.
- ii) Min 168i) Fairfield Drive – dropped kerb – The Chair reported that it appears that an illegal access had been created. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask NLC Highways to investigate their records to determine if the access had been agreed at any time.
- iii) Min. 179i) Holme Lane – The Clerk reported that NLC had reinstated the barrier.
- iv) Min. 179iii) High Street – The Clerk reported that the verge had been reinstated on inspection.
- v) Min. 179vi) – Walkers Court – NLC are to monitor road surface loss – Noted.

185. Planning

a) To resolve the planning applications

Cllr P Wright declared a personal and prejudicial interest prior to the following item and left the room.

- i) PA/2023/1957 – PA Smith, Bridge Farm, Butterwick Road – to determine if approval required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to create three single storey dwelling houses (use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion under Class Q.

Resolved: Object for the following reasons;

- The proposed development is outside of the development boundary
- The proposed development is in open countryside and in an unsustainable location.
- The applicant has not demonstrated a need for additional housing

Cllr P Wright returned to the room.

- ii) PA/2023/1972 – R Parkes, 22 Cross Tree Lane – to erect extensions and carryout alterations to existing dwelling.

Resolved: No Objections.

b) To receive decisions made by NLC

- i) PA/2023/1536 - S Brooks, 9 Northfield Road – to erect a single-storey extension – Granted.
- ii) PA/2023/781 – A Smith, land former site of Priesthows, Butterwick Road – to change the use and alteration/extension of accommodation building (PA/2022/341) for two residential mobile homes, two

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touring caravans and erection of an amenity block to a residential bungalow with one residential mobile home and space for two touring caravans – Refused.

c) To receive any Appeal Decisions

- i) PA/2022/2019 – L White, 14 Leaburn Road – to erect a bungalow with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent consideration – Appeal dismissed.

186. Finance

a) Payments - To approve the payments

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
209	27/12/23	British Gas	Electric – Holme Meadow recreation field	1.03	21.65	Dd
210	28/12/23	Edf energy	Gas – Community Hub	11.07	232.40	dd
211	10/1/24	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	15.77	online
212	10/1/24	nPower	Electric – Community Hub	3.86	81.03	online
213	10/1/24	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	80.00	online
214	10/1/24	No Worries Cleaning Services	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	22.80	136.80	online
215	10/1/24	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	474.44	online
216	10/1/24	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	290.50	online
217	10/1/24	HMRC	Quarterly PAYE/NI	0	1551.89	Online
218	10/1/24	Messingham Village Hall	Precept Grant	0	750.00	online
219	11/1/24	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.05	6.28	Dd
220	10/1/24	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1557.88	online
221	31/1/24					

The Clerk reported that an invoice had been received from Chubb Ltd for the annual monitoring and maintenance of the intruder alarm at the Hub. The amount had been disputed and placed on hold. As the due date is 20/2/23 it was agreed to remove the item from this schedule.

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
45	8/12/23	Oatridge Coaching	Community Hub hire	25.00	online

c) Debit Card Policy Min. 170c– to consider adoption of the Draft Debit Card Policy.

The Clerk had circulated a draft Debit card policy based on recommendations of the Internal Auditor and that of other councils.

Resolved: to adopt the Debit card policy. The completed application form for the debit card to be signed by two authorised signatories in accordance with the bank mandate.

d) NLC – In Bloom Sustainable Planting Scheme 2024/25 – to receive the conditions of the Scheme and consider an application for a grant – Closing date 22 January 2024.

The Clerk reported that the 2024/25 grant is available to apply for funding towards the cost of developing a sustainable planting scheme for communities.

Resolved: to create a Queen Elizabeth II Memorial garden in front of the Community Hub. Clerk to identify appropriate plants to include rose trees and submit a grant application.

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187. General Items of Business**a) Christmas Display Competition – to receive the results of each category.**

Best Residential display – 82 Kealholme Road

Best Commercial display – Hair by Kirby Blythe

Best Street display – The Meadows

The Clerk reported that certificates had been presented to the winners and the shields were presently with the engravers.

Resolved: to ratify the above results.

b) Parish Council Funding for Places of Worship – to receive update.

As part of the government Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023, which came into force on 26th December 2023, the government made an amendment in the form of section 19A to the Local Government Act 1894, with the aim of clarifying that there is nothing to prevent local Councils in England from funding repairs or improvements or property held for an ecclesiastical charity.

Section 82 of the Levelling-up Act states:

82. Powers of Parish Councils - After section 19 of the Local Government Act 1894 (provisions as to small parishes), insert;

“19A Powers under other enactments

(1) Nothing in this part affects any powers, duties or liabilities conferred on a parish council by or under any other enactment (whenever passed or made).

(2) This section does not apply in relation to community councils (see section 179(4) of the Local Government Act 1972).”

NALC & ERNLLCA recommend that Councils adopt the Government’s view when they receive requests for funding. It applies in the case of:

- Specific powers to fund works eg. repairs to clock fixed to church property (Section 2 of the Parish Councils Act 1957).
- General powers to fund works where works are not covered by a specific power – section 137 of the 1972 Act.

This means that councils can use their discretionary powers to fund works relating to Church property, including that of Christian denominations and non-Christian faiths.

The usual restrictions for the use of S137 will apply – this includes the direct benefit to the area or part of the area, or to some or all of the inhabitants.

NALC has reissued Legal Topic Note 31E - Local Council General Powers (England) – to remove the references to the prohibitions which will not apply further to section 19A coming into force.

Resolved: decision noted. Clerk to inform both Holy Trinity Church and the Methodist Church.

188. Community Hub – to receive updates**a) Min 179 viii) – Roof insulation - To consider the quotation for insulation in the roof of the Community Hub.** The Clerk reported that the quotation had been chased but not yet received.**b) Cambridge Avenue Medical Centre – to receive correspondence for consideration of white lining of designated car parking spaces, behind the surgery / Community Hub.**

Resolved: to respond that adequate parking is available at the adjacent recently constructed village car park and as such do not believe there is a need to spend public money on this car park at the present time.

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189. Leisure & Recreation items

- a) Footy 4 Kids - Min. 152d - The Clerk reported that Footy 4 Kids used the field on 7 occasions and had been invoiced. They had advised that due to the hire cost being more than anticipated they had secured another location in the village.

Resolved: to ascertain if the intention was to use the playing field extension, as no permission requested.

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

- NLC presently working towards setting the budget for 2024/25.
- Community grant funding available.

191. Police matters/Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT)/Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

- a) NAT meeting report – 20 December 2023.
- Neighbourhood Policing to view and monitor the parked vehicle on Wendover Road, obscuring the vision from Leaburn Road, and will take appropriate action.
 - Verge parking enforcement is being reviewed by NLC. It was noted the amount of damaged verges and paths caused by parked vehicles on Wendover Road.

192. Councillor / Clerk Reports on meetings attended

- a) Messingham Village Hall Committee
- Vacant Treasurer post being filled by committee member.
 - Proposed photovoltaic panels – application ongoing.

193. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

- a) **Scawby Parish Council – ERNLLCA Councillor Training – vacant places**
To consider invitation from Scawby PC for Councillors to fill any vacant places on their ‘Whole Council’ training provided by ERNLLCA on 22 February 2024, 6pm – 8:30pm in Scawby Village Hall. Cost max. £40/attende.

Resolved: attendance of members subject to the charge being proportionate. Any members wishing to attend to inform the Clerk as soon as possible.

194. a) Correspondence for Information

- i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – Clerk placed on notice boards.
- ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter - Clerk circulated on receipt.
- b) To note any correspondence received after the agenda had been posted.**
- i) Resident – I Robinson – missing sign on Ashlin Court – Clerk to report to NLC.
- ii) Resident – I Robinson – parked vehicles on High Street, blocking vision when emerging from Ashlin Court. Clerk to refer to NLC.
- iii) Resident – S Cox – near miss at junction of Butterwick Road and High Street due to parked vehicle on High Street blocking vision when emerging from Todds Court. Request for double yellow markings on north side of entrance to Todds Court.
- The Chairman also highlighted the traffic chaos on the A159 and Butterwick Road junction created on occasions by vehicles trying to access the fuel station forecourt.
- Resolved:** Clerk to request NLC Highways to view the location and recommend any changes needed to improve the situation.
- iv) Resident – J Cooper – path covered in moss on Park View. Clerk advised that despite having been reported several times since 2021 no action has been taken. Clerk has requested expected date for NLC to carry out the work.

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- v) Path on Park Street to West View – overhanging trees causing damage to residents garage. Clerk advised that the resident had been made aware previously that the Parish Council does not own the land and is not responsible.
Resolved: to arrange a meeting with NLC Highways Manager to determine ownership.
- vi) Allotment site – cycle course created by youths on the headland of the northern boundary hedge. It was noted that this land is rented out. **Resolved:** to request the tenant to level the area.

195. Village Complaints/Compliments

- i) Holme Meadow - standing water on the recreation field. It was noted that a sum had been placed in the 2024/25 budget to allow for drainage work. The Clerk reported that work could not take place until ground conditions allowed.
- ii) Cross Tree Lane – pot holes remain despite some being filled. Clerk to report to NLC.
- iii) Catchwater crossroads – pot holes and uneven road surface. Clerk reported that NLC monitors the condition.
Resolved: attention required. Clerk to report to NLC.

196. Date/Time/Venue Of Next Meeting

- a) **To confirm the date and time of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7pm.**
Resolved: to hold the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7pm.
Meeting to be held in the Community Hub, Messingham.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Meeting closed at 21:07.