

Minutes of the **Precept** meeting held on **Monday 24th November 2025** at 7.00pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

Present: Cllrs. N Poole (Chairman), J Briggs, A Clark, SA Cowley, W Elsome, T Foster, J McKellarMain, J Oatridge, S Shaw, P Skelton, P Wright.

In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

Also Present: No members of the public were present

159. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. J England, J Fenwick, A Tasker.

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

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

Cllr P Wright – Messingham Memorial Playing Field Association application for grant aid – Personal interest as Parish Council representative.

Cllr J Oatridge – Messingham Memorial Playing Field Association application for grant aid – Personal interest as Parish Council representative.

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

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

Cllr J McKellarMain – Holy Trinity Church grant aid application – Prejudicial interest as an elected member of Parochial Church Council.

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

161. To consider the exclusion of the press and public for Agenda items 7 in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

Resolved: to exclude the press and public from the meeting. There were no press or public present.

162. 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 10th November 2025.**

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

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

Resolved: to adopt the recommendations of the Personnel & Finance committee by Full Council.

Min. 143 – Person to carry out jobs to include cleaning pavements, signs, bus shelter, litter collection.

Suggested to determine if the contractor, who is awarded the grass cutting contract, can supply this service.

163. To consider the tenders for Messingham Village grass cutting and agree the contractor on a 3-year contract.

The Clerk circulated the tenders received from four contractors.

Resolved: to accept the quotation from MKS Groundcare Ltd.

Prior to discussion of the following items, the Clerk reported notification of the terms of the 2026/2027/2028 grant funding had not been received from NLC to date.

164. To consider the tenders for Messingham Verge cutting and agree the contractor on a 3-year contract.
The Clerk circulated the tenders received from five contractors.
Resolved: to accept the quotation from MKS Groundcare Ltd. in principle, subject to a minimum grant increase of 3.8% from NLC.

165. To consider the tenders for Messingham & Holme Public Rights of Way and agree the contractor on a 3-year contract.
The Clerk circulated the tenders received from three contractors.
Resolved: to accept the quotation from Mill View Fencing in principle, subject to a minimum grant increase of 3.8% from NLC.

166. To consider the tenders for East Butterwick Public Rights of Way & Manton Public Rights of Way and agree the contractor on a 3-year contract.
The Clerk circulated the tenders received from three contractors.
It was noted that a loss is forecast on the 2025 contract for Manton.
Resolved: to accept the quotation from Mill View Fencing in principle, subject to an acceptable additional offer of payment from NLC for Manton parish, over and above a minimum grant increase of 3.8%.

167. To consider the tenders for East Butterwick Verge cutting and agree the contractor on a 3-year contract.
The Clerk circulated the tenders received from six contractors.
Resolved: to accept the quotation from Mill View Fencing in principle, subject to a minimum grant increase of 3.8% from NLC.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting to the public

168. Annual Precept

a) Budget summary update - To approve the budget summary for 2025/26 against year to date and projected values and note any variances
The budget summary as at 18th November 2025 and the earmarked reserves summary, had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The variances were noted. There were no questions.
Resolved: to approve the summary as a basis to agree the 2026/27 budget.
Resolved: to reduce the balance of ear marked reserves 'Projects – ref.6' with the cost of the benches and hooks for the changing room.

b) Bank Reconciliation – to approve the Bank reconciliation as at 18 November 2025 and projected balance as at 31 March 2025.
The Bank reconciliation had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The Chairman had been provided with the bank statements of all accounts to agree the balance as at 18th November 2025. The Clerk explained the breakdown of figures and the estimated projected balance at 31 March 2026.
Resolved: to approve the Bank reconciliation as at 18th November 2025.

c) **2026/27 Budget - To consider and agree the budget requirements for 2026/27.**

1. Salaries & Wages

Resolved: Budget of £27,437.

2. Administration

Resolved: Budget of £5,100.

3. Election Cost

Resolved: Budget £0.

4. Play Area/MUGA

Resolved: Budget of £1,000.

5. Holme Meadow

Resolved: Budget £4,000.

6. Handyman

Resolved: Budget of £6,000.

7. Grass Cutting

Resolved: Budget of £8,000.

8. Pest Control

Resolved: Budget of £1,000.

9. War Memorial

Resolved: Budget £1,250.

10. In Bloom

Resolved: Budget of £9,000.

11. Chairman's Allowance

Resolved: Budget of £250.

12. Public Works Loan

Resolved: Budget of £2,929.

13. Miscellaneous

Resolved: Budget of £2,500

14. Future projects/developments

Resolved: Budget of £6,000.

15. Car Park

Resolved: Budget of £500

16. Messingham Community Hub

Resolved: Budget of £5,300.

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

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

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 Cricket Club - £2,000 requested towards hire of equipment and materials to improve the cricket square and outfield, to facilitate the newly formed women's team.
Resolved: a grant of £200, pending submission of the adopted financial accounts for 2024/25, was agreed unanimously.

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

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2. Messingham Playing Field Association - £1,900 requested for vermin control on field and surrounding area.
Resolved: a grant of £950 was agreed unanimously.
Cllr W Elsome returned to the room.
3. Messingham Junior Football Club - £2,592 requested towards portable rechargeable floodlighting system to allow (due to growth of the club) additional training at night at Northfield Road and Holme Lane, covering additional areas and supplementing the existing lighting.
Resolved: No grant was agreed by a majority vote.
Cllr P Skelton returned to the room.
4. Village Hall Committee - £6,072 requested towards the cost of full refurbishment of the main hall floor to include re. painting of the badminton lines.
Resolved: No grant was agreed unanimously.

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

6. Messingham Horse & Foal Show Ltd - £2,000 requested towards provision of activities and facilities at MHFS on 6th June 2026.
The Clerk reported no accounts had been submitted with the application. The application clearly states that the application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts.
Resolved: No grant was agreed unanimously.

Cllr T Foster returned to the room.

7. Friends of Messingham School - £2,500 requested towards improving the outdoor facilities for children to use during lunch and break times, to provide a safe and nurturing space to facilitate play and imagination, develop motor skills and allow friendship to flourish.
Resolved: a grant of £250 was agreed unanimously.
Cllr SA Cowley returned to the room.

Cllr J Mc Kellar Main left the room prior to discussion of the following item.

8. Holy Trinity Church - £2,500 requested towards the annual cutting of grass in the churchyard including weedkiller around headstones and the bases of buildings; Mole control; Tree condition reports to meet insurance requirements.
Resolved: a grant of £1,250 was agreed by a majority vote.
Cllr J McKellar Main returned to the room.

e) Donations (s.137)

Donations to registered Charities should be identified in S.137 expenditure.

1. HWRCC Community Transport – Donation towards running costs of the community transport service.
Resolved: Donation of £100.
2. Royal British Legion – Donation towards the Royal British Legion Wreath.
Resolved: to include an amount in the budget for a donation to the Royal British Legion of £200.

f) 2026/27 Precept to NLC

Total Budget = £83,216.

It was resolved to Precept £78,000 from North Lincolnshire Council with shortfall to be met from reserves.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the meeting closed at 20:27.

Signature

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