

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025** at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

**Present:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Briggs, SA Cowley, W Elsome, J England, J Fenwick, T Foster (19:04), J McKellarMain, J Oatridge, S Shaw, P Skelton, A Tasker, P Wright (19:04).

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

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

**159. Absence – Apologies received:** Cllr A Clark

**160. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Skelton – Agenda item 10a – Leisure & Recreation - Personal & Prejudicial as elected officer of MJFC.

Cllr Skelton – Receipt no. 62 – declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest as an elected officer of MMPFA.

Cllr Skelton – Receipt no. 67 – declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest as an elected officer of MJFC.

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

**162. Minutes of the previous meeting**

a) **To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

**Resolved:** To approve the minutes to be signed by the Chair.

b) **To resolve to approve the minutes of the Precept meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

**Resolved:** To approve the minutes to be signed by the Chair.

**163. Clerks update**

a) Min. 148a) – Caloo Outdoor Gym equipment site signage.

The Clerk reported Caloo had advised they will provide the required signage but on timber posts, free of charge.

b) Min. 149a) – Holme Meadow Recreation field – Palisade Fencing and gate.

The Clerk reported work had been completed, to install the palisade fencing and gate, to access the new hardcore track at the east side of the field.

**164. Planning**

a) **To receive planning applications from NLC and resolve a response**

i) PA/2025/1133 – L White, 14 Leaburn Road – to erect extension and internal refurbishment – Amended Plans.

**Resolved:** Object due to overdevelopment of the site and the proposal having an overbearing impact.

ii) PA/2025/1443 – Moss, Cross Tree Cottage, Cross Tree Lane – to erect a rear extension.

**Resolved:** No Objections.

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

i) PA/2025/719 – Cyden Homes, land at Brigg Road – Application to vary approved plans – granted.

ii) PA/2025/1122 – S Cook, Compressor Station, Butterwick Road – permission to change use of Nat. Grid Compressor Station and surrounding land to Airsoft outdoor activity centre, inc. 3no. storage trailers and 2no. caravans – Refused.

iii) PA/2025/1208 – K Cooper, 4 Maple Close – to demolish existing single-storey extension and erect new single-storey rear extension – Granted.

iv) PA/2025/1213 – D Smith, Wellholme House, Holme Lane – to vary cond. 2 PA/2025/539 – Granted.

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**165. Finance****a) Payments - To approve the payments listed.**

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
222	17/11/25	Smartest Energy	Electric – War Memorial	0.76	16.07	Dd
223	17/11/25	Wave	Water – Holme Meadow	0	104.27	Dd
224	17/11/25	Wave	Water – Allotments	0	106.78	Dd
225	18/11/25	Wave	Water – Allotments	0	270.76	Dd
226	10/11/25	Public Works Loan Board	Half yearly loan repayment	0	1464.61	Dd
227	21/11/25	Edf	Gas – Community Hub	1.32	27.66	Dd
228	2/12/25	British Gas	Electricity – MUGA - FINAL	1.36	28.56	Dd
229	8/12/25	Yu Energy	Electric – Community Hub	3.05	64.10	Dd
230	10/12/25	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	85.00	online
231	10/12/25	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	33.60	201.60	online
232	10/12/25	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Building H/Meadow	8.40	50.40	Online
233	10/12/25	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	494.44	online
234	10/12/25	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	376.25	online
235	10/12/25	LA Slingsby	Contract Village Grass Cutting	0	172.00	Online
236	10/12/25	Mill View Fencing & Countryside	PROW's - Mess. & Holme (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> cut)	0	1816.80	Online
237			PROW's – Manton (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> cut)	0	939.60	
238			PROW's-East Butterwick (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> cut)	0	388.80	
239			Verges – East Butterwick (Cut 7,8,9)	0	255.00	
240	10/12/25	Tony Cook Group	Palisade fencing & gate-Holme Meadow	758.00	4548.00	online
241	10/12/25	NLC	Rate demand-change to valuation band -Holme Meadow building	0	518.74	online
242	12/12/25	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.14	6.84	Dd
243	15/12/25	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	12.70	Dd
244	10/12/25	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1663.07	online
245	31/12/25					

**Resolved:** to approve the above listed payments.**b) Receipts – To note receipt of income.**

Ref.	Date	Received from	Details	Amount	Method
62	3/11/25	Memorial Playing Field Association	Community Hub Hire – 29/10/25	5.00	Online
63	3/11/25	Messingham Cricket Club	Community Hub Hire – 19/11/25	5.00	Online
64	5/11/25	HMRC	VAT repayment – 1Sept-30 Sept. 2025	199.21	Online
65	10/11/25	Scunthorpe Athletic Harriers	Holme Meadow Hire – 4/11/18/25 Nov.	200.00	Online
66	10/11/25	D Fox Agricultural Contractors Ltd.	Annual Small Holding Rent	1594.00	online
67	19/11/25	Mess. Junior Football Club	Community Hub Hire – 12/11/25	5.00	Online
68	19/11/25	HMRC	VAT 1Oct-31Oct 2025	5092.89	online
69	25/11/25	Mess Horse & Foal Show	Community Hub Hire	5.00	Online
70	25/11/25	NLC UKSPF Grant	Holme Meadow – Hardcore track install	11753.73	online
71	27/11/25	Scun. & Gains. Water Management Board	Community Hub Hire	40.00	Online

**c) Transfers – To note bank transfers – it was noted there were no bank transfers in November.**

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**166. General Items of Business****a) NLC – Devolved grass cutting arrangements for 2026 – to agree acceptance.**

The Clerk reported the terms of the NLC devolved grass cutting had been received;

- The scheme will be for 1 year with the view to extending assuming no changes to the structure of local government.
- Uplift of 3.8% in the financial offer to recognise inflation.
- To include weed clearance of roads and pathways, within the 30mph speed limits.

The Clerk had emailed NLC to determine the specification of weed control and was awaiting a response.

**Resolved:** to accept the terms in principle.

**167. Community Hub – to receive updates****a) Library opening times– to consider suggestion of volunteers to close earlier at 4:30pm from 1 November -31 March.**

**Resolved:** to amend the winter closing time to 4:30pm to coincide when the clocks change, to take immediate effect.

**b) Automatic door – the Clerk reported the fitter of the auto door had inspected the erratic working of the door and informed a service was required by a specialist. This had been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

*Cllr Skelton left the room prior to the following item*

**168. Leisure & Recreation items****a) MJFC – to consider request to transfer responsibility of grass cutting at Holme Meadow recreation field to MJFC.**

**Resolved:** to thank MJFC for the offer but the Parish Council wished to retain the responsibility of the grass cutting and a contract for 2026-28 had already been agreed.

*Cllr Skelton returned to the room.*

**b) MUGA fencing post – to consider quotation to replace one post.**

**Resolved:** Clerk to ascertain the quote from Quibell Fabrication includes an application of green paint and to accept the quotation of £389.

**c) Holme Meadow Building – to receive update from the building contractors regarding the render.**

The building contractors have informed discussions have taken place between the rendering contractor and the rendering manufacturer, who is putting together a specification proposal. It is proposed that remedial works take place after the winter, to avoid any potential impact by the cold weather.

**Resolved:** to note and await details of the proposed remedial works.

**169. Projects****a) Palisade fencing and rabbit mesh at Northfield Road – to receive response of grant applied from Police and Crime Commissioner, Community Safety Fund.**

The Clerk reported a grant had been approved in principle, however, the rabbit mesh is not eligible and clarification required on the specification of the palisade fencing to meet their criteria. The Clerk was waiting a response from the fencing contractor with details of the specification to submit to PCC.

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

- NLC Community Grants are available to apply for.
- Report given on winter weather highway gritting.

**171. Police matters/Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT)/Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)****a) NAT meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025. It was noted this meeting had been poorly attended. Crime levels in Messingham & Ridge Wards were comparably low.**

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**172. Councillor / Clerk Reports on meetings attended - no reports.****173. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

- i) Resident – concerns of pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the fuel station. To consider any action.

**Resolved:** Clerk to request consideration by NLC Highways for hatched 'no waiting' lines for vehicles on the footpath.

- ii) Resident – concerns of parking issues for residents of Ongo Homes on Church Street. To consider any action including request for permit parking.

**Resolved:** there was no support for permit parking on Church Street.

**174. a) Correspondence for Information**

- i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – placed on notice board.

- ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter, circulated on receipt.

- iii) Royal British Legion – Thank you for support of wreath donation £200. Messingham Community total was £2,421.40 – noted.

- iv) NLC – Democratic Services – Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities - Government has released results of the 2024 consultation. NLC will monitor as it progresses through Parliament – noted.

- v) Friends of Bottesford Beck – letter of updates with recent work carried out – noted.

**b) To note any correspondence received after the agenda had been posted**

- i) Little Imps – request to site a modular garden room 4 x 3 metres, in the enclosed area at the Village Hall, to be used for quiet time and observing the natural environment.

**Resolved:** Clerk to determine the location and place on the next Agenda for consideration.

- ii) NLC Taxbase and grant figures for 2026/27.

The Clerk reported, due to an increase of Band D properties the Parish Council would not be eligible for the precept support grant.

- iii) Sibelco – copy of leaflet they intend to distribute to nearby residents, informing of proposed quarry extension.

**175. Village Complaints/Compliments**

- i) Cross Tree Lane – potholes - NLC had carried out repairs to come but not all the potholes.

- ii) Holme Lane – lamppost 2 not working – Clerk to report to NLC.

- iii) Butterwick Road – Sunken drain previously reported had becoming worse – Clerk to chase with NLC.

**176. Date/Time/Venue of Next Meeting**

- b) **To confirm the date and time of Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm.**

**Resolved:** to hold the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting to be held in the Community Hub, Messingham.

**177. 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 present.**

**178. Solicitor Min.158 – to receive any update.**

The solicitors are awaiting formal papers.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The meeting closed at 20:14.

Signature

Date