

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

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

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

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

**200. Absence – Apologies received:** Cllrs A Clark, J England, A Tasker.

**201. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr P Skelton – Leisure & Recreation item - Personal & Prejudicial interest as elected officer of MJFC.

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

**203. Minutes of the previous meeting**

**a) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

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

**204. Clerks update**

i) Min. 183v) – Fuel Station traffic concerns

The Clerk reported NLC Highways officer had carried out a site visit. They reported road markings would not benefit vehicle and pedestrian movements to / from the site. Suggestions offered were:

- 'A' frames at key points to remind drivers to proceed carefully and be vigilant of pedestrians
- Relocation of the waste bins along the boundary of 3 Butterwick Road to improve visibility

**Resolved:** to ask Highways to liaise with the garage owner, as their responsibility.

Clerk to update resident of action taken.

ii) Min. 193 – EV Charger

Response from NLC to inform that a delivery partner, Believ, had been appointed to roll out EV charge points across North Lincolnshire and NLC would share information with them of the potential site.

**Resolved:** to note the response and update resident who raised the request.

iii) Min. 195iii) – Well Stret verge damage – Ongo to investigate and inform NLC, being the land owners.

The Clerk had also informed Ongo of the damaged verge outside the Ongo homes on Wendover Road.

**205. Planning**

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

i) PA/2026/121 – Taylor, 114 Brigg Road – to erect a single-storey side/rear extension.

**Resolved:** No Objections.

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

i) PA/2025/1280 – M Juggins, Dovedale, Northfield Road – to erect two storey extension – Granted.

ii) PA/2025/1558 – Northern Powergrid, north of Butterwick Road – to relocate mounted transformer and install on new 'H' pole to divert an overhead line – Granted.

iii) PA/2025/1527 – Mr & Mrs Stanworth, 11 Church Street – new self-contained living annex and workshop – Granted.

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**206. Finance**

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

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

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
264	13/1/26	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 – Laptop for Speed Device	14.16	84.99	d.card
265	14/1/26	Renshaw & Sons	Engraving Shields – Christmas comp.	0	30.47	d.card
266	19/1/26	Smartest Energy	Electric – MUGA	1.42	29.89	Dd
267	21/1/26	Edf	Gas – Community Hub	4.88	102.51	Dd
268	3/2/26	Co-operative Store	Refreshments for Hub booking-SGWMB	0	5.70	D.card
269	9/2/26	Yu Energy	Electric – Community Hub	3.22	67.57	Dd
270	11/2/26	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.14	6.84	Dd
271	11/2/26	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	85.00	online
272	11/2/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	33.60	201.60	online
273	11/2/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Building H/Meadow	8.40	50.40	online
274	11/2/26	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	494.44	online
275	11/2/26	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	387.50	online
276	11/2/26	Watson Lindsey Arboriculture Ltd	Tree survey	0	778.00	online
277	11/2/26	Chubb Fire & Security Ltd.	Fire alarm – annual maintenance - Hub	55.37	332.21	online
278	11/2/26	Chubb Fire & Security Ltd.	Emergency lighting-annual maintenance -Community Hub	34.09	204.53	online
279	11/2/26	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	Steering Wheel for multi-use & protective nut caps (2)	21.37	128.22	online
280	11/2/26	Donation for sleigh –	Lindsey Lodge Hospice	0	50.00	cheque
281		Christmas display at W. Memorial	Messingham Cricket Club	0	50.00	online
282		(from Chairmans Allowance)	Holy Trinity Church	0	50.00	online
283	14/2/26	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	12.66	Dd
284	14/2/26	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1663.07	online
285	27/2/26					

Cllr W Elsome abstained from voting on items 280,281,282.

**Resolved:** to approve the above listed payments.

*Cllr Skelton returned to the room*

**b) Receipts – To note receipt of income.**

Ref.	Date	Received from	Details	Amount	Method
77	31/12/25	Charity Bank	Credit Interest	382.50	online
78	5/1/26	Messingham Community Choir	Community Hub Hire	30.00	Online
79	12/1/26	North Lincolnshire Scouts	Community Hub Hire	5.00	Online
80	26/1/26	HMRC	VAT 1/11/25 – 31/12/25	986.92	Online
81	28/1/26	North Lincolnshire Scouts	Community Hub Hire	5.00	online

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

The Clerk reported it would be necessary to transfer a sum of £20,000 from Charity Bank, to enable payments to be made, prior to the receipt of the Precept grant due at the end of April 2026.

**Resolved:** to transfer £20,000 from Charity Bank to Virgin Money current account. Two signatories to sign the transfer form.

**d) Bank Reconciliation – to receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January 2026.**

**Resolved:** The bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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The bank balances were verified to the bank statements.

Current Account - £7,161,.45.

Cash Management Savings Account - £622.17.

Charity Bank Savings Account - £52,531.19.

**Resolved:** to approve the bank reconciliation.

- e) **Budget Summary – to receive and approve the cumulative summary as at 31 January 2026 and note any variances.**

The budget summary as at 31 January 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The variances were noted and no questions were raised.

**Resolved:** to accept the budget summary.

**207. General Items of Business**

- a) **IT Policy – to consider adoption of new IT Policy.**

The Clerk had reported at the previous meeting, a new Section 10 had been added to Section 1 of the 2025/26 AGAR. A part of this requires all smaller authorities to have an IT policy.

The Clerk had circulated a draft policy prior to the meeting, which had been adapted from the specimen policy commissioned by NALC for member councils.

**Resolved:** to adopt the IT Policy as circulated.

- b) **NLC Devolution grass cutting and weed spraying contract – to be notified of specification and confirm acceptance.**

The Clerk reported having received, shortly prior to the meeting, notification from MKS Groundcare of their withdrawal from the grass cutting contracts, which had been due to commence in March.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact the contractor, who had submitted the next best priced tender, to offer the contract and report to council.

**Devolved cutting:** The Clerk informed that NLC had offered to cover any minimal losses on the cutting of Manton Public Rights of Way.

**Resolved:** to accept the existing NLC grass devolution arrangement, with the addition of weed clearance, supported by a 3.8% uplift in NLC grant funding.

- c) **Tree Inspection – to receive the report and consider action.**

The Clerk reported a tree inspection had been completed of all sites owned by the Parish Council. The reported highlighted:

- 1 no. Prunus tree – War Memorial site – Comment: Ganoderma spp (fungi) bracket to base of tree, sounding indicates minor internal decay, healthy shoot structure in crown, low branching encroaching over a third-party driveway.

Recommendation – Discretionary - to lift the crown.

**Resolved:** it was noted no complaints had been received, no action at present time.

- 1 no. Common Ash tree – Holme Meadow recreation field – Comment: tree in late-stage terminal decline.

Recommendation - Fell. Priority - moderate.

The Clerk had met with the Handyman and would be able to remove the tree on Holme Meadow field.

**Resolved:** to fell the tree on Holme Meadow Recreation field and leave the logs stored in the rough area for natural habitats.

The report recommended all sites should be surveyed again in 5 years.

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**d) Flower beds outside Co-op & Ongo Homes -Min 114b) – to consider response re planting suggestions from contractor.**

The gardening contractor, A Sissons, had liaised with the plant supplier and they suggested sowing wild flower seed.

**Resolved:** the use of wildflowers would not be suitable in this location. To ask A. Sissons to investigate sustainable planting as originally suggested.

Clerk to ask Ongo for any contribution.

**e) CPRE Centenary Best Kept Village Competition – to receive details of the competition and consider an entry - £35.**

The Clerk informed prize money would be doubled for this year's competition along with a Centenary award of £250 for the best representation of CPRE's centenary.

**Resolved:** to submit an entry to the CPRE Best Kept Village competition.

**f) Memorial Bench – to be notified of a bench-installed and authorised by NLC at request of family on A159/Church Street.**

The Clerk had queried with NLC, a bench that had been installed, that the council were unaware of. NLC had subsequently informed that NLC had installed the bench on behalf of the family. Waivers had been completed by the family and the near neighbours had been consulted.

NLC confirmed the owner is responsible for the maintenance of the bench and NLC reserve the right to remove the bench should any issues arise of anti-social behaviour – Noted.

**g) MKS Groundcare – to consider request for contract to be paid by equal monthly amounts.**

The Clerk reported that as notification of withdrawal from the contract had been received - *see minute 207b)* - this item was no longer applicable.

**208. Community Hub – to receive updates**

**a) Lego Club – to consider request from resident to hold a Lego Club on Saturday mornings.**

**Resolved:** to ask the resident to submit details of how their proposal of a Lego Club would operate, to enable further consideration.

*Cllr J Oatridge, Cllr T Foster, Cllr SA Cowley, Cllr P Skelton, Cllr W Elsome all declared a prejudicial interest and left the room prior to discussion of the following item.*

**b) Scale of Charges – to consider an interim review of the Scale of Charges for the hire of Messingham Community Hub.**

**Resolved:** the following amendments;

- activities taking place during Library opening times – to remove charge and become Free of Charge.
- Messingham Volunteer Groups – to increase to £10 / session
- Commercial Hire – Messingham Residents – to increase to £15 / hour
- Non-village Hire – to increase to £20 / hour

All above changes to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

*Cllr J Oatridge, Cllr T Foster, Cllr SA Cowley, Cllr P Skelton and Cllr W Elsome returned to the room*

**209. Leisure & Recreation items**

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

**a) Messingham Junior Football Club – to be notified of hire request for the Annual Tournament on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Resolved:** to approve the booking.

*Cllr P Skelton returned to the room*

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*Cllr SA Cowley & Cllr T Foster declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting prior to the following item*

**b) Messingham Horse & Foal Society – to be notified of hire request for the Annual Show on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Resolved:** to approve the booking.

*Cllr SA Cowley & T Foster returned to the room*

**c) Scunthorpe & District Pony Club** – the Clerk reported booking dates had been received for 2026 events. SDPOC had been agreeable to move the May booking from 10<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026, to accommodate the risk of horse hoof indents prior to MJFC tournament. MHFS had no objections to this.

**Resolved:** to approve the bookings.

**210. Projects**

**a) Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner – Community Safety Fund Min. 183iv)**

**i. To be informed OPCC had accepted the specification of the palisade fencing and have confirmed a grant offer.**

The Clerk reported a grant had been offered of £4,620 against a cost to supply and install the palisade fencing of £6,600.

The rabbit mesh was not eligible for the grant and this would be a cost to council of £1,390.

**ii. To agree acceptance of grant and project commencement.**

**Resolved:** to accept the grant. To commence installation of the fence and rabbit mesh on the southern boundary. Due to a legal dispute on the eastern boundary, the fencing work would currently be put on hold.

**b) New Children’s Play Area equipment.**

The Clerk reported a grant application had been submitted.

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

NLC Highways are concentrating on pot-hole issues around North Lincolnshire.

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

**a) Speed Indicator Device (SID) – to receive the recent monitoring statistics.**

The Clerk reported the statistics from the SID, from 16 January 2026 – 2 February 2026 on Scotter Road.

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

**a) Messingham Memorial Playing Field Association** – Cllr J Oatridge, being a council representative on the committee, advised that he struggles to attend these meetings due to commitments.

**Resolved:** to elect Cllr S Shaw to replace Cllr J Oatridge. Clerk to inform MMPFA Secretary.

**b) Messingham Village Hall committee** – it was noted the Parish Council had not been informed of any meeting dates recently. Clerk to determine with MVH the date of any forthcoming meeting.

**214. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

**a) Metal detecting – to consider request to metal detect on Parish Council land.**

**Resolved:** to agree in principle. Clerk to seek information for further consideration.

**b) ERNLLCA – Nominations invited to attend Royal Garden Party on Tuesday 12 May 2026. To be informed of Parish Council draw result.**

The Clerk reported that a draw had been overseen by the Chair. The name pulled out was Cllr P Wright and had been duly nominated to ERNLLCA for inclusion in their draw.

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**215. a) Correspondence for Information**

- i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – placed on notice board.
- ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter, circulated on receipt.
- iii) Kirton Lindsey Town Council – Invitation to Chair and guest at Mayor’s Civic Charity Dinner – Saturday 14 March 2026 – Noted.
- iv) NLC – Town & Parish meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm – For Clerks only – Noted.
- v) NLC – recycling information for transition to new burgundy bins.
- vi) Flytipping – nr sewerage works and Bottesford Beck – reported to NLC for collection – Noted.
- vii) ERNLLCA – various courses – noted.

**b) To note any correspondence received after the agenda had been posted – none received.****216. Village complaints/compliments - To receive and consider any Village complaints and compliments.**

- i) Wendover Road – damaged verge post. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to NLC.
- ii) Butterwick Road / Wentworth Drive junction – pothole. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to NLC.
- iii) Wendover Road – potholes near Co-operative Store. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to NLC.
- iv) West View – deep hole opposite development site with access through Heras fencing.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to report to NLC.
- v) Northfield Road – lighting column no.6, light illuminated constantly. **Resolved:** Clerk to inform NLC.
- vii) Holme Lane – lighting column no.2 not working. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to NLC.

**217. Date/Time/Venue of Next Meeting****a) To agree the date and time of the Allotment Advisory Committee meeting.**

**Resolved:** to hold the Allotment Advisory Committee meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6:30pm.

**b) To confirm the date and time of Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm.**

**Resolved:** to hold the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm.

Meetings to be held in the Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

**218. 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.****219. Solicitor Min.158 – to receive any update.**

The Solicitors are awaiting correspondence.

**Resolved:** to determine with the Solicitors, a reasonable time for a response and act accordingly.

**220. Weed Spraying contract – see *Agenda item 8b*) – to consider quotations.**

The Clerk reported only one quotation had been received, due to the withdrawal of the contractor – see *minute 207b*). The price was quoted in p / metre, it was agreed to offer the contractor the option to submit a day rate price, to ensure the contract is viable to them.

**221. War Memorial – 5-year Safety Inspection & Assessment – to consider quotation.**

The Clerk reported there had been a delay in receiving the quotation, this item would therefore be considered at the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The meeting closed at 20:44.

Signature

Date