

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026** 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, J McKellarMain, J Oatridge, C Scott, S Shaw, P Skelton, A Tasker, P Wright.

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

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

**222. Absence – Apologies received:** Cllrs A Clark

**223. Declarations of Interest**

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

Cllr P Skelton – Receipt ref. 85 – Personal interest as payer.

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

**225. Minutes of the previous meeting**

a) **To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

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

**226. Clerks update** – no items to report that are not on the agenda.

**227. Planning**

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

i) PA/2025/291 – M Skarbalius, land east of Priesthows, Butterwick Road – outline permission for development of horse - riding school, including construction of a stable block, indoor & outdoor riding arenas, hay & feed barn, vehicle & machinery shed, equipment storage, business owners house, student accommodation and access with scale, layout and landscape reserved for subsequent consideration.

**Resolved: Object** for the following reasons:

- The proposed development is in open countryside and outside of the current development boundary for Messingham.
- A need is not proved for the development of two residential dwellings on the site.
- The proposal would result in overdevelopment of the site.

ii) PA/2026/157 – Northern Powergrid, opp. 2 West View – to relocate a pole mounted transformer as part of a diversion scheme.

**Resolved:** No Objections.

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

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

ii) PA/2025/1225 – Messingham Lakes, Butterwick Road – change use of land for the siting of 52 holiday lodges with associated landscaping and access works – Granted.

iii) PA/2025/1583 – M Staniland, 98 Brigg Road – to erect a new detached garage – Granted.

Signature

Date

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

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
286	12/2/26	Chopper cost (Morrisons)	Toilet Rolls – Community Hub	0.67	4.00	d.card
287	16/2/26	Smartest Energy	Electric – MUGA	1.74	35.43	Dd
288	23/2/26	Smartest Energy	Electric – Holme Meadow <b>REFUND</b> of credit balance Includes credit £40 credit re. engineer missed smart meter appointment	-18.55	-429.54	online
289	24/2/26	Edf Energy	Gas – Community Hub	5.15	108.16	Dd
290	9/3/26	Yu Energy	Electric – Community Hub	2.89	60.74	Dd
291	11/3/26	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	85.00	online
292	11/3/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	33.60	201.60	online
293	11/3/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Building H/Meadow	8.40	50.40	online
294	11/3/26	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	494.44	online
295	11/3/26	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	532.50	online
296	11/3/26	CPRE	Best Kept Village Entry	0	35.00	
297	11/3/26	Oswin Electrical Ltd.	To replace 3no. solar lights & boards – Play Area fencing	59.60	357.58	Online
298	11/3/26	Kole Architectural Glazing	Auto door service – Community Hub	38.40	230.40	Online
299	11/3/26	Office Friends	Envelopes	0.16	0.95	Online
300	11/3/26	Tony Cook Group	Palisade Fencing & Rabbit mesh (phase 1) – Northfield Road	1081.19	6487.13	Online
301	16/3/26	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.14	6.84	Dd
302	11/3/26	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1662.87	online
303	31/3/26					

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

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

Ref.	Date	Received from	Details	Amount	Method
82	3/2/26	Virgin Money	Debit card cashback	0.41	Online
83	9/2/26	Messingham Horse & Foal Show	Community Hub hire	5.00	Online
84	11/2/26	Craft Club	Use of Community Hub – 3 weeks	8.00	cash
85	12/2/26	Messingham Junior Football Club	Community Hub hire	5.00	Online
86	18/2/26	Scunthorpe Water Management Board	Community Hub hire / refreshments	40.00	Online
87	18/2/26	HMRC	VAT 1 January – 31 January 2026	163.71	Online
88	23/2/26	Messingham Community Choir	Community Hub hire	50.00	Online

**c) Transfers – To note bank transfers**

Ref.	Date	Account from	Account to	Amount	Method
T2	12/2/26	Charity Bank	Virgin Money current account	20000.00	Online

**d) Scale of Charges – Miscellaneous – to review and approve the Scale of Charges.**

**Resolved:** to increase the postage of History Books to £3.50. All other charges to remain the same.

Signature

Date

**229. General Items of Business****a) Grass cutting – Min. 207b);**

The Clerk confirmed the initial contractor had withdrawn, prior to commencement, of both the Village grass cutting contract and the Village verge cutting contract.

**i. Village cutting – to be notified of contractor acceptance of the contract and ratify.**

The Clerk reported Ricks Grass & Tree Care had accepted the contract.

**Resolved:** to ratify Ricks Grass & Tree as the contractor for the village grass cutting.

**ii. Verge cutting – to be notified of contractor acceptance and ratify.**

The Clerk reported Ricks Grass & Tree Care had accepted the contract.

**Resolved:** to ratify Ricks Grass & Tree as the contractor for the grass cutting of the village verges.

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

Following the initial suggestion of wild flower seed, which the Council believed would not be a suitable in this location, the gardening contractor, had liaised with the plant supplier again and suggested perennial plants such as salvias and grasses.

**Resolved:** reservations of the planting conditions being suitable for larger plants and lack of flower. To investigate the suggestion of placing planters in these areas. It was noted permission would be required from both the Co-operative Store and Ongo Homes.

**c) Risk Management Annual review – to review the circulated risk assessments and consider the proposed amendments and receive any further amendments for approval.**

The Clerk had circulated the following Risk Assessments prior to the meeting – General; Car Park; Community Hub; Parish Clerk / Home Office; Speed Indicator Device (SID); draft proposed Holme Meadow Recreation Field.

Proposed amendments;

- Employment of Staff section – in case of long-term illness to amend to ‘to seek a locum Clerk from North Lincolnshire Council’
- Allotment section – to add additional risks to cover – security of site; condition allotments left and kept in; hazardous substances; bonfires; water use.
- Playing field section – to include outdoor gym equipment.
- Holme Meadow Recreation field section – to add to existing controls; checks to new building of Fire safety; water hygiene; maintenance schedule. Hirers to complete booking form and sign Declaration of acceptance of T&C’s.
- Holme Meadow Recreation Field – proposed new separate risk assessment.

**Resolved:** to approve the above amendments and additions to the listed Risk Assessments.

**d) Asset Register Annual review – to review and approve updates to the asset register.**

The Clerk had circulated the Asset Register prior to the meeting.

Items under the value of £125 are not recorded on the Asset register in line with the amount of the Insurances excess.

**Resolved:** Additions - Ref. 059 to 071.

Deletions – Ref. 036 & 011.

**e) Website – Accessibility Regulations – to be notified of update by website host to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA.**

The Clerk reported as part of the new Assertion 10 of Section 1 of the 2025/26 AGAR, all websites must meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA. Kyanite had updated the Accessibility statement on the website. **Resolved:** to note.

Signature

Date

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

- a) **Lego Club – Min. 208a – to receive proposal details to hold a Lego Club on Saturday mornings and to consider approval.**

The Clerk had circulated the proposal of details provided by the resident, prior to the meeting.

The proposal was discussed and issues raised of impact on library provision; lack of storage facilities for equipment; responsibility for ensuring adequate supervision & safeguarding; Insurance; First Aid; closing.

**Resolved:** to determine with ERNLLCA the legal responsibility of a parent group and what the Parish Council must ensure is in place.

**231. Leisure & Recreation items**

- a) **Receipts & Payments Summary for Holme Meadow – to receive year to date spend and predicted year-end figures.**

The Clerk had circulated the Receipts & Payments summary prior to the meeting, showing the figures for the previous 3 years and the estimated totals to 31/3/26. No matters were raised.

- b) **Scale of Charges for Holme Meadow Recreation field – to review and agree the Scale of Charges.**

**Resolved:** to arrange a meeting of the Leisure & Recreation Committee to review the charging structure bearing in mind the new changing facilities and the manpower cost involved to open / close the building.

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

- c) **MJFC – to consider request for a key safe.**

It was noted that this request had been received from the Chairman of MJFC and not the committee as previously requested.

**Resolved:** not to allow a key safe to be installed on the building at the present time. To allow the issue of up to four additional keys to named key holders, who must sign the keyholder declaration of acceptance of the terms of issue.

- d) **MJFC – to receive parking issues and consider suggestions of MJFC to resolve.**

MJFC had notified of parking issues on a match day. Difficulty parking on the west side of track, due to low hanging branches on trees and a wet area on the south of the track. They asked if the new access on the east side of the field could be used.

**Resolved:** to arrange removal of the low hanging branches of the trees.

*Cllr P Skelton returned to the meeting room.*

**232. Allotments**

*Cllr C Scott declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest and left the meeting room prior to discussion of the following item*

- a) **Allotment - to resolve to accept the financial recommendations of the Allotment Advisory Committee.**

**Resolved:** to adopt the financial recommendations;

- i) tenant expenses for 2026/27 to set at £5 / quarter.
- ii) deposit payments for 2026/27 to remain the same at £30 / plot.
- iii) rent payments for 2027/28 to increase to £8 / quarter.

*Cllr C Scott returned to the meeting*

**233. Projects**

- a) Tony Cook Group contractors – Cadent Gas request to excavate around fence posts installed over the gas pipe on Holme Meadow field for investigation.

Signature

Date

The Clerk reported the underground Gas pipeline on Holme Meadow Recreation field, had been brought to the attention of contractors when quoting for the work and also the installers. The contractors had not informed Cadent Gas prior to carrying out the work.

Tony Cook Group had advised a cost would be incurred to carry out the work to excavate for inspection by Cadent Gas.

**Resolved:** to seek to arrange for the Handyman to carry out the excavation work in conjunction with an Inspector on site from Cadent Gas.

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

- Work to repair pot holes on Holme Lane had been carried out.
- M181 link road – work to commence, with an estimated completion date of March 2027.

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

- a) NAT meeting – held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- Police officers in attendance had been called away on an emergency.
  - Crime rates in Messingham & Ridge Wards remain comparatively low.
  - A new Inspector has been appointed.

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

- a) Messingham Village Hall Committee meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.  
Discussions had taken place regarding, the purchase of some new tables / purchase of a new external fire door / volunteers required for a bingo caller on Friday evenings.

**237. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

- a) **Metal detecting – Min. 214a - to receive further details and consider request to metal detect on Parish Council land.**

The Clerk reported the two applicants had advised they hold a current membership of the National Council of Metal Detecting (NCMD), with £10m public liability insurance.

**Resolved:** to allow the two applicants to carry out metal detecting on Holme Meadow Recreation field and the Sand Pit on Black Bank. It was agreed Messingham Parish Council to receive 50% of the value or rewards arising from the recovery of any property or objects found over the value of £1. Permission would be for 6 months. The Clerk to meet the detectorists on site and to sign a permission agreement of NCMD.

- b) **NLC – Public Footpath 185 – at Tripling Hows – to consider diversion from across the middle of field to the headland.**

**Resolved:** No objections.

**238. a) Correspondence for Information**

- i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – placed on notice board.
- ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter, circulated on receipt.
- iii) H2East Pipeline: Humber to Nottinghamshire – first phase consultation 3 April – 14 April 2026.  
Consultation dates/venues/times, including Messingham Village Hall Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1:30-4:30pm at the Village Hall – noted.
- iv) NLC – Greater Lincolnshire Local Government Reorganisation – Have Your Say – consultation ends 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – noted.
- v) Resident reported electric fencing on Public Footpath FP203 from Briggate Farm track – reported to NLC for inspection.  
The Clerk reported this had been reported to NLC Public Rights of Way officer, who would attend to inspect.

Signature

Date

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

- i) Virgin Money – Business Cash Management Account – interest rate to change from 1.25% Gross/AER to 1.10% wef. 30 March 2026.

**239. Village complaints/compliments - To receive and consider any Village complaints and compliments.**

- i) Eastfield Road – pothole outside No.2.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to report to NLC.
- ii) Butterwick Road Hill – verge encroaching on to the path.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to chase with NLC.
- iii) Community Hub – kitchen sinks blocking up and require clearing.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to arrange to clear.
- iv) Scunthorpe Half Marathon – held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 – it was noted that the traffic management company were allowing vehicles to pass through at Catchwater crossroads, prior to the all the runners having passed through.  
**Resolved:** to bring to the attention of the organisers.

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

- a) **To confirm the date and time of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm.**  
**Resolved:** to hold the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm.
- b) **To confirm date, time and arrangements of the Annual Parish meeting.**  
**Resolved:** to hold the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm. Clerk to invite the organisations that had received a grant from the precept.  
Meetings to be held in the Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

**241. 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.****242. Solicitor Min.158 – to receive update and resolve response.**

Awaiting official notification from the Land Registry of an application of Prescriptive Easement.

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

**Resolved:** to accept the tender from A Sissons Gardening Services.

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

**Resolved:** to accept the quotation from The Samuel Headstone Company of £240 + VAT.

**245. HMRC – Employment Rights Act 2025 – changes to legislation wef April 2026 relating to;**

- Family leave: Paternity and unpaid parental leave available from first day of employment.
  - SSP: payable from the first day of sickness absence; lower earnings limit removed.
  - Launch of Fair Work Agency – to bring employment rights enforcement into one place.
- To resolve to update employee contracts to comply with legislation.

**Resolved:** to update the employee contracts as applicable.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The meeting closed at 20:32.

Signature

Date