

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025 at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub.

PRESENT: Chair of the Parish Council – Cllr. N Poole
Clerk to the Parish Council – Tracey Black
12 members of the public (7 of whom are serving Parish Councillors).

1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from; J England, T Foster, A Tasker.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 20th May 2024.

The draft minutes were circulated to those present and a copy had been placed on the website. The minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters were raised from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

• **COUNCILLORS**

There have been no changes to Councillors during 2024-25, there are currently 15 serving members and no vacancies.

Following the NLC Community Governance Review, the number of serving members on Messingham Parish Council will be reduced to 11 members, with effect from the next ordinary elections in May 2027.

• **IN BLOOM**

The Parish Council has continued to sponsor the 'Best Kept Front Garden' competition in the Village and the 'Best Kept Allotments' competition. Prizes of Garden centre vouchers were presented to the winners at the annual Village Horticultural Show held on 31st August 2024.

The Parish Council created a Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden in front of the Community Hub, which was achieved by a 'Sustainable Planting' grant from NLC. The flower bed had been planted with 7 rose trees and 20 perennial plants, nearly all of which have a royal connection or meaning to the late Queen.

Messingham Parish Council was awarded a Highly Commended award in the Large Village category of the 2024 CPRE Best Kept Village competition.

• **GRASS CUTTING**

The cutting of the Highway verges in Messingham and Public footpaths in both Messingham and Holme, along with the grass cutting in East Butterwick and Manton, had continued to be managed by the Parish Council on the NLC devolved grass cutting scheme. Grants / reimbursements had been received from NLC for all of this work. The scheme allows the Parish Council to have more control and provides flexibility to react to seasonal growth.

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- REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 There had been a good attendance at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday in 2024 and 29 wreaths were laid by Village organisations.
 The Parish Council had placed a Remembrance display in the telephone box, across the road from the War Memorial. The information was a touching reminder and recognition, of the young men of Messingham who left to serve their country but sadly never returned home.
 Work took place to remove the moss from the grass area at the War Memorial.
- ALLOTMENTS
 44 plots are currently rented with new and established plots available for rent.
 The small holding land of 15.14 acres is let on a 3-year Farm Business Tenancy.
- CHRISTMAS COMPETITION
 There were many decorated properties and shops in Messingham and Holme during the Christmas season. Certificates and shields had been presented to the winners of the Best Residential, Commercial and Street display competitions.
 The winners of the 2024 Christmas Display competition were;
 Best Residential Display – 49 Northfield Road
 Best Commercial Display – Chrloumia Hair & Beauty
 Best Street Display – Kealholme Road
- HORTICULTURAL SHOW
 The Parish Council had organised the annual Horticultural Show which took place on 31 August 2024.
 Profits of £172.06 had been donated to Scunthorpe Hospice.
- COMMUNITY HUB
 Library facilities continue to be available in the Community Hub on two sessions a week. These are provided by volunteers and the Library is managed by NLC library services. There is a craft group which continues to meet during the Wednesday afternoon library sessions.
 Drinks and cakes provided by the WI ladies are available while the Library is open.
 The Hub is available to hire for meetings; group activities; workshops; events etc.
- HOLME MEADOW RECREATION FIELD
 Work took place in 2024/25 to improve the condition of Holme Meadow Recreation field, including 4 new land drains, verti-draining and the treatment of chafer grub. The dyke on the east side of the field had also been cleaned out by the riparian owner. The field grass is due to be treated with herbicide and liquid feed in May 2025.
 The Parish Council had been successful in its application for free tree saplings from the Woodland Trust. Two packs of 105 saplings consisting of trees to provide all year round colour and trees for wildlife, were received and planted on Holme Meadow recreation field.
- **Changing room / Toilets / Storage facility**
 Messingham Parish Council had been successful in applying for grant funding towards a new changing facility on Holme Meadow Recreation field on Holme Lane.
 The existing unit was just over 20 years old and had reached its end of life.
 The new building consists of two changing rooms, a toilet block and a store room and will be available for the use of organisations who hire the field.
 Construction of the new facility was made possible by grant money towards the cost, from North Lincolnshire Council totaling £156,000 from various funding groups.

- ANNUAL PRECEPT

2024/25 - The Precept for 2024/25 was £71,000 against a budget of £79,742 with the shortfall being met from Accumulated Reserves.

Donations to local organisations totalled £6,803.93

Grants were received from NLC of;

- In Bloom – Sustainable Planting Grant - £209.60
- Speed Indicator Device £1,913.17
- Building grants to date, of £110,701.00

2025/26 - The Precept for 2025/26 is £75,000 against a budget of £86,087 with the shortfall to be met from Accumulated Reserves.

Grants to local organisations for 2025/26 are predicted to amount to £9,050.

6. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025.

A financial statement showing Receipts & Payments and the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2025, had been circulated to those present prior to commencement of the meeting.

There were no questions raised.

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATION REPORTS

MESSINGHAM HORSE & FOAL SHOW

Sally-Anne Cowling (MHFS Chair) reported that Messingham Show Committee are hoping for good weather for the 2025 Show, which will be the 118th Show. A profit of £3,000 was made from the 2024 Show. Research has taken place to seek the views of what people would like to see changed. The 2025 Show will include – free admission for the children of Messingham Primary School; Falconry display plus other additional events; Fairground rides.

The Parish Council was thanked for the grant given towards the cost of providing activities and facilities at Messingham Show.

MESSINGHAM MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Stuart Langford (MMPFA Chair) reported the hard work of volunteers to keep the field in good condition. A request had been submitted to the Parish Council for consideration to amend the purpose of the Precept Grant applied for.

MESSINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

Stuart Langford (Cricket Club Chair) reported that the 1st Team had been promoted to the Premier League. Activities at the Club include Dynamos training and are presently ascertaining interest for a women's team. Last year a successful GP's vs Hospital Doctors cricket match had been held and was attended by the Leader of NLC and N. Dakin MP.

MESSINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Andrew Clark (Bowls Secretary) thanked the Parish Council for their continued financial assistance. The Precept grant money had enabled the completion of the replacement timbers around the edges of the bowling green, both underneath the playing surface and the sides of the bank. After receiving larger than anticipated quotations for the work, a small dedicated team had worked hard to carry out the work themselves. Membership had increased slightly over the past two seasons.

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MESSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Sharon Ladlow (Chair) reported the committee was doing well financially. Fundraising activities included the popular 'Munchers' events. The Parish Council was thanked for the Precept Grant towards repairs to the roof of the Village Hall. The committee are in the process of obtaining quotations for this work.

MESSINGHAM WOMENS INSTITUTE

Jill Fenwick (WI Chair) reported a stable membership of approx. 30 ladies. A range of monthly meetings and activities had been held, often evolving around food. Fundraising included Messingham Show and also by providing refreshments throughout the year, at the Community Hub during the library sessions, the Parish Council was thanked for this. Money raised had enabled the WI to pay for the coach on their summer trip and to subsidise the members annual subscriptions.

The Chair thanked all the representatives for attending the Annual Parish meeting and for all the good work that takes place in the village by volunteers, who freely give their time and support.

8. ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS

No matters were raised by the public.

The Chair reported that the Parish Council is presently exploring the provision of outdoor gym equipment and additional play equipment for under 8-year-olds.

9. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 19:29.