

Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 13th April 2026** at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

Present: Councillors N Poole (Chair), A Clark, W Elsome, J England, C Scott, P Skelton, A Tasker.

In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

30 members of the public were present.

2 representatives from TG Sowerby Developments Ltd.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

256. Absence – Apologies received: Cllrs J Briggs, SA Cowley, J Fenwick, T Foster, J McKellarMain, J Oatridge, S Shaw, P Wright.

257. Declarations of Interest

Cllr P Skelton – Clerks Report - Personal & Prejudicial interest as elected officer of MJFC.

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

Cllr P Skelton – Receipt ref. 93 – Personal & Prejudicial interest as elected officer of MMPFA.

258. Public Forum

The Council voted to suspend the meeting to allow the public to speak

a) Resident – damage to pavements on Darnholme Crescent, caused by KCOM.

b) TG Sowerby Developments Ltd. – Two representatives of TG Sowerby Developments, gave a presentation on a proposed development to the north of Egton Drive. The proposal is for a small scheme of nine bungalows. Visualisations were shown.

All members of the public left the meeting at 19:19.

The meeting reconvened.

259. Minutes of the previous meeting

a) To resolve to approve and adopt the minutes of the Allotment Advisory Committee held on Monday 9th March 2026.

Note: the financial recommendations of the committee were adopted by Full Council on 9th March 2026 minute ref. 1933 232a)

Resolved: To approve the minutes to be adopted by Full Council and signed by the Chair.

b) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026.

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

c) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026.

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

d) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation committee on Monday 30th March 2026.

Resolved: To approve the minutes to be adopted by Full Council and signed by the Chair.

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

i) Allotment min. A178 719i) – Allotment 1 – to receive update.

The Clerk reported the allotment had been tidied and the tenant had paid the rent for 2026/27.

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- ii) Min.195iii) – Well Street-damaged verge o/s no.52 Well Street – to receive response from Ongo Homes. Ongo had been informed by the residents, the deterioration of the verge had been caused by commercial vehicles carrying out foundation work to the nearby new-build properties. They had informed NLC. No further action to be taken by Ongo.

The Clerk reported evidence had been provided to Ongo, of the tenant's own vehicle parked on the verge.

Resolved: to provide evidence to the Clerk of parked vehicles on the verge to provide to Ongo Homes.

- iii) Min. 229b) – Flower beds outside Co-op and Ongo Homes – to receive any response re. proposal of planters.

The Clerk reported both Ongo Homes and the Co-operative store had been contacted to discuss ideas to improve the flower display, which is currently provided by beds on their perimeter and maintained by the Parish Council. Noting the current battle of the shallow soil and seeking permission to install raised flower beds on the grassed areas. No response had been received to date.

Cllr P Skelton left the meeting prior to discussion of the following item

- iv) a) Min. 231c) – MJFC – to receive response re. key safe.

The Chair & Clerk had met with the Chair & Secretary of MJFC to discuss their needs and a workable solution.

Resolved: to allow a key safe to be secured within the metal box, which houses the external tap. MJFC to circulate to their coaches responsible for the key, the Parish Council Terms & Conditions of keys.

The following item was brought fwd. from Min. 265a to discuss while Cllr Skelton stayed out of the room.

- b) **To receive the response from MJFC re. their affiliation and accountability with the village senior and u17's teams.**

The Chair & Clerk had met with the Chair & Secretary of MJFC to determine MJFC affiliation and accountability with the village senior and u17's teams (see minute 255a).

MJFC advised that the u17's and two adult teams, being Messingham Utd. and Messingham Trinity, are administratively separate from MJFC. These teams only use Holme Meadow field infrequently, when games remain, usually due to weather cancellations, when the field is taken back in hand at Northfield Road for the cricket season. The u17 team is presently folded. MJFC to provide the Clerk with the contact details of both of the adult teams.

Resolved: to update the recommendation of Scale of Charges for Football Pitch & Changing facility;

Village Adult Teams - £30

Village Junior Teams (u17's) - £25

- c) **to consider adoption of the recommendations to the amended Scale of Charges for Holme Meadow Recreation Field.**

Resolved: to adopt the recommendations and updates as agreed on minute 260iv)a).

Cllr P Skelton returned to the room

- v) Min. 250 – Leisure & Recreation – application to hire Holme Meadow Recreation field.

The Clerk reported the applicant had found a more suitable venue for their purpose.

261. **Planning**

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

- i) PA/2026/352 – L Kelly, Millfield House, Scotter Road – to erect two metre wall to front of property.

Resolved: to Object due to the detrimental effect on the street scene.

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

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

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- ii) PA/2026/157 – Northern Powergrid, 2 West View – to relocate pole mounted transformer – NLC had no comments.

262. Finance

a) Payments - To approve the payments listed.

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
304	5/3/26	Signet Industrial Distribution	Padlock – Holme Meadow new gate	4.88	29.29	d.card
305	15/3/26	Smartest Energy	Electric – MUGA	1.28	28.01	Dd
306	17/3/26	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	12.66	Dd
307	24/3/26	Edf	Gas – Community Hub	4.45	93.38	Dd
1	9/4/26	Yu Energy	Electric – Community Hub	2.34	49.20	Dd
2	13/4/26	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.14	6.84	Dd
3	14/4/26	Smartest energy	Electric – MUGA	0.92	19.39	Dd
4	14/4/26	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	11.43	Dd
5	15/4/26	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	85.00	online
6	15/4/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	42.00	252.00	online
7	15/4/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Building H/Meadow	8.40	50.40	online
8	15/4/26	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	494.44	online
9	15/4/26	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	840.00	online
10	15/4/26	Rick's Grass & Tree Care	Contract village grass cutting (March)	108.00	648.00	online
11	15/4/26	Rick's Grass & Tree Care	Contract verge cutting (March)	104.00	624.00	Online
12	15/4/26	Rick's Grass & Tree Care	Contract village grass cutting (April)	98.00	588.00	online
13	15/4/26	Rick's Grass & Tree Care	Contract verge cutting (April)	104.00	624.00	Online
14	15/4/26	ERNLLCA	Annual subscription fee	0	1122.84	Online
15	15/4/26	No Worries Cleaning	Window cleaning – Community Hub	3.33	20.00	Online
16	15/4/26	North Lincolnshire Council	Business Rates – Holme Meadow	0	839.80	Online
17	15/4/26	HMRC	Quarterly PAYE/NI	0	1675.33	Online
18	15/4/26	Humber Merchants Ltd.	Padlock-MUGA gate	3.63	21.79	Online
19	15/4/26	Chubb Fire & Security Ltd.	Fire extinguisher service/1no replace	39.98	239.87	Online
20	15/4/26	North Lincolnshire Council	Annual PAT Testing – Community Hub	8.00	48.00	Online
21	22/4/26	Edf energy	Gas – Community Hub	4.16	87.44	Dd
22	15/4/26	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1706.41	online
23	30/4/26					

Resolved: to approve the above listed payments.

b) Receipts – To note receipt of income.

Ref.	Date	Received from	Details	Amount	Method
89	3/3/26	Virgin Money	Debit card cashback	0.03	Online
90	3/3/26	Wave	REFUND – Water Allotments	214.03	Online
91	3/3/26	Wave	REFUNF – Water Allotments	27.45	cash
92	17/3/26	HMRC	VAT 1Feb-28Feb 2026	1214.72	Online
93	23/3/26	Messingham Memorial Playing Field Assoc.	Community Hub Hire	5.00	Online
94	31/3/26	Oatridge Coaching Ltd.	Community Hub Hire	65.00	Online
95	31/3/26	Virgin Money	Gross credit interest	1.91	Online
96	31/3/26	Charity Bank	Gross Credit Interest	300.39	Online

c) Transfers – To note bank transfers – There were no transfers.

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d) Bank Reconciliation –to approve the year end bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2026, circulated prior to the meeting.

The bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The bank balances were verified to the bank statements.

Current Account - £14,305.22.

Cash Management Savings Account - £624.08.

Charity Bank Savings Account - £32,831.58.

Resolved: to approve the bank reconciliation.

e) Budget Summary – to approve the year end summary as at 31 March 2026 and note any variances.

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

Resolved: to accept the budget summary.

f) Reserves summary – to receive the reserves summary to 31 March 2026.

The reserves summary as at 31 March 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved:

i) Item 4 – to include cleaners sink / exterior tap / path extension £2,351.90

ii) Item 7 – Kissing Gate – unspent - to transfer £500 balance back to General Reserves, as NLC had not raised a charge for this.

iii) Project budget 2025/26 – to include Parish Council contribution of; Gym equipment / Hardcore Track, Holme Meadow / Palisade Fencing and gate, Holme Meadow / Fencing & rabbit mesh, Northfield Road.

g) Reserves Policy – to review and approve the Reserves Policy.

Resolved: to update the policy as follows;

i) Section 6.1 – General Reserves – with the figures agreed at the Precept meeting;

The 2026/27 Precept of £78,000 was agreed at the Annual Precept meeting against a budget of £83,216 with the shortfall to be met by accumulated reserves.

ii) Section 6.2 – Earmarked Reserves – update with the table of figures as at 1/4/26 circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Devolved Grass Cutting 2025/26 – Surplus of £7,058.20, to purchase looped fencing & gate for west perimeter of new children’s play equipment to prevent access by dogs; benches for this area; work to open the existing area to access both areas.

h) Internal Independent Auditor – to consider and approve to note, ‘this council is satisfied that its appointed internal auditor, Richard Dixon – Public Sector Audit, is fully independent of this council’s financial management and has no relationship or interest, financial or otherwise, with any member or officer of this council’ – Assertion 6 of the Audit Review / Intermediate review.

The Clerk explained that the requirement for the Intermediate level review of this year’s external audit, was to provide a signed minute, to record consideration had been given, to the independence of the internal auditor at the time the auditor had first been appointed. The current internal auditor had been appointed on 11th April 2013 and the independence had not been evidenced. It was noted the statement produced by the internal auditor, stating their independence, is read out by the Clerk annually when the internal audit is provided to council.

Resolved: to minute, the independence of the internal auditor had been considered and the Parish Council is satisfied of their independence as stated above.

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263. General Items of Business

- a) **Flower beds outside Co-op & Ongo Homes -Min 229b) – to receive any response from the Co-operative or Ongo Homes.**

See minute 260iii).

- b) **Oak tree – Min. 146a) to be notified of the purchase of an English Oak tree from the CPRE gift vouchers and consider the spend of the remaining balance of vouchers.**

The Clerk reported the new English Oak tree had been planted, close to but away from, the other trees near the wet area on Holme Meadow Recreation field as a specimen tree.

Resolved: the balance in vouchers of £120 to be spent as a need arises.

- c) **NLC In Bloom Grant Scheme 2025/26 – Funding available towards the cost of providing attractive planting and planters – to consider submitting an application.**

Resolved: to submit an application for a grant to purchase planters outside the Co-operative & Ongo.

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

The Clerk provided the statistics from the SID for the period 2nd February – 11th April 2026, located on Scotter Road.

- e) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) location – to agree the next location for SID speed monitoring.**

Resolved: to transfer the speed monitoring device to the post on Brigg Road to monitor vehicles travelling out of the village.

264. Community Hub – to receive updates

- a) **Lego Club – Min. 231 – to receive response from ERNLLCA and consider decision.**

The Clerk reported ERNLLCA had provided advice and comments in terms of the necessity of the hirers requiring a safeguarding policy/training; DBS checks if no parental supervision; risk assessments; adequately trained first aider; public liability insurance. The person making the enquiry, had been advised of this and had responded the suggestion had been in mind for the volunteers to run and would not be in a position to facilitate running the club their self.

Resolved: The Parish Council has a duty of care for user groups to be run in a legal manner. A lego group would not be set up at the present time.

- b) **Baby Changing Facilities – Min. 147 - to receive response from NLC Property Services of any requirement to provide baby changing facilities.**

NLC had reiterated that under the terms of the lease agreement, it would be the responsibility of the Parish Council to initiate any changes. The Clerk had spoken to a NLC officer who had been involved with the build, who advised that the provision of baby changing facilities in existing buildings is termed 'desirable' rather than a legal requirement. In new builds it is a recommendation only. The refurbishment carried out by NLC endeavoured to maximise provision and met all legal requirements at the time.

Resolved: to note - the Community Hub was compliant with legal requirements when the building was handed over by NLC to the Parish Council and presently remains compliant. No further action.

- c) **Enquiry from Philip Burrluck - for pop-up business to attend during Library opening times – to consider request.**

Resolved: not to allow attendance for this purpose during library sessions, but to advise the Hub can be hired for commercial use.

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265. Leisure & Recreation items

a) **Scale of Charges for Holme Meadow Recreation field – see Min. 260 iv)b)&c).**

b) **Palisade Fencing & Gate on Holme Meadow field –Min 233a) – to receive update following site meeting with Cadent Gas.**

The Clerk and Handyman had met with the technician from Cadent Gas who had traced and marked out the ST HP pipeline. Cadent reported the two gateposts will require removal and reinstating at least one metre laterally from the traced line of the pipeline, to remove risk of corrosion to the pipeline. They advised the new posts could be installed either side of the pipeline, a fence panel could span across the pipeline. All works within 3 metres of Cadent HP/IP pipelines must be attended by a Cadent representative.

The Clerk had provided a copy of the report to Tony Cook Group, who had installed the fencing/gates. Tony Cook Group had advised they could carry out the work and would invoice the Parish Council.

The Clerk had responded it is the responsibility of contractors to adhere to the rules of Cadent Gas and HSE guidance, as such it is the responsibility of Tony Cook Group to make good and at their own expense. Tony Cook Group has subsequently offered to move the posts Free of Charge in appreciation of work.

c) **Render on Changing Building – to receive update following site visit of the building contractor.**

The Chair and Clerk had met with John Martin Hoyes Ltd, builders, to inspect the render and discuss the most appropriate remedial works. The building appeared to have settled and no new cracks had appeared. The builders proposed to cut channels where the cracks had appeared, apply a base coat/fit ties/skim, then repaint all of the building. This work would be carried out by the original rendering contractors. Presently awaiting a start date.

266. Allotments

a) **Rabbit population – to consider request for permission to control rabbit numbers at the allotment by use of firearms.**

The Clerk reported past advice from ERNLLA had been that permitting shooting on land that is open to the public could amount to a breach of the council's duty of care.

Resolved: to remain consistent – for the safety of the public the Parish Council does not support the use of firearms to shoot rabbits on its public open spaces.

It was noted land owners must control rabbit numbers on their land.

Resolved: to place on the next meeting agenda to consider alternative methods of rabbit control.

267. Projects

a) **New Children's Play equipment – Northfield Road paying field extension.**

i) **To receive the offers of Grant funding from NLC and resolve acceptance.**

The Clerk reported the following offers of funding;

- £25,000 - North Lincolnshire Council – SSE-Sustainable Development Fund.
- £20,000 – North Lincolnshire Council – Community Grant Fund.

The cost of the play equipment and installation quoted by Caloo Ltd. is £50,500 which would require a contribution by the Parish Council of £5,500.

Resolved: to accept the Grant offers.

ii) **To agree to place the order for the new play equipment.**

Resolved: to place the order with Caloo Ltd. The Clerk advised the lead time is 6-8 weeks.

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

- i) Road resurfacing requested – A159 Bottesford - Messingham & Butterwick Road Hill.
- ii) Air fryers / one cup kettles / Slow Cookers – 272 appliances have been handed out to residents in Messingham Ward.

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

- i) A Police 'drop in' had taken place in the Community Hub on 8/4/2026.

270. Councillor / Clerk Reports on meetings attended

- a) NLC Town & Parish Liaison Meeting for Clerks – Thursday 19th March 2026 – attended by the Clerk.
- b) MMPFA Committee meeting—it was noted the representatives were not in attendance to provide a report.

271. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision - no correspondence.**272. a) Correspondence for Information**

- i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – placed on the notice board.
- ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter, circulated on receipt.
- iii) NLC – Community Hub Small Business Rate Relief - £3,182.40 – Balance due Nil – Noted.
- iv) NLC – North Lincolnshire Workers Memorial Day – Tuesday 28/4/26 10:30am at Connect Church, Ashby Road – Noted.
- v) CPRE – Newsletter March 2026 – circulated on receipt.

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

- i) Messingham Memorial Playing Field Association – vandalism to the playing field – holes being dug on the field to create cycle jumps. MMPFA had reported this to the police.

273. Village complaints/compliments - To receive and consider any Village complaints and compliments.

- i) Compliment – to flower display at the War Memorial, presently looking effective.

274. Date/Time/Venue of Next Meeting

- a) To confirm the date and time of the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm.
Resolved: to hold the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm.
- b) To remind the date and time of the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7pm.
Resolved: to note the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7pm.
Meetings to be held in the Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

275. 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.**276. Cleaning Contract at Community Hub – to consider acceptance of the notification price increase with effect from 1st April 2026.**

Resolved: to accept the increase to £43.60 per clean.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The meeting closed at 20:35.

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