Minutes of **Messingham Parish Council** meeting held on **Monday 12th October 2026** at 7pm in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

Present: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Briggs, A Clark, W Elsome, T Foster, J McKellarMain, C Scott, S Shaw, P Skelton, P Wright.
In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

121. **Absence – Apologies received from**: Cllrs SA Cowley, J Fenwick, J Oatridge, A Tasker.

122. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr P Skelton – Payment ref. 168 declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest as elected officer of MMPFA.
Cllr P Skelton – Receipt no. 45 declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest as elected officer of MJFC.
Cllr P Skelton – Receipt no. 48, declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest as elected officer of MMPFA.

123. **Public Forum -** no members of the public present.

124. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
a) To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026.
Resolved: To approve the minutes to be signed by the Chair.

125. **Clerks update**
i) Min. 120 – Rabbit control
The Clerk reported the pest control contractor is in the process of pricing for Heras fencing and signage. The contractor had responded that 8-10 visits may be required in quick succession and following an initial inspection with infra-red night vision equipment, suggested an initial ½ - ¾ day of ferreting towards eliminating areas of habitation.
It was noted there is an amount of Heras fencing stored nearby.
Resolved: to contact the building developers to enquiry about the loan of the fencing.
Resolved: to proceed with ferreting.

126. **Planning**
a) **To receive planning applications from NLC and resolve a response**
No applications had been received prior to the agenda.
The Clerk reported the following application had been received and circulated after the agenda was posted.
PA/2026/1030 – Mr & Mrs Houssein, The Stables 70 High Street – to erect single-storey extension to restaurant – AMENDED plans.
It was noted this was to reduce the pitch on the extension roof and to install the roof lights flush with the tiles. It was agreed to note, no comments or meeting required.

b) **To receive decisions made by NLC –** there were no decisions to note.

c) **To receive Appeal Decisions**
i) PA/2026/265 – C Brown, 2 Russell Walk – to erect 6ft high boundary wall and fence – Appeal dismissed.

d) **<u>Government changes to Planning legislation wef. 31 October 2026</u> – to be notified of changes that will affect the way planning applications are determined.**

The Government National Scheme of Delegation will come in to effect on 31 October 2026 and will affect the way planning applications are determined. The changes arise from the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025, the Town and Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) Regulations 2026 and associated statutory guidance. More decision making to be taken by planning officers with less referrals allowed to planning committees.

e) **Briggate Drive** – it was noted a brick boundary wall had been constructed.

Resolved: to refer to NLC Planning Enforcement to investigate.

127. **<u>Finance</u>**

Cllr P Skelton left the room prior to consideration of the following payments

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

Ref	Date	Payee	Details	Vat	Total	Method
150	1/9/26	Virgin money – Cash withdrawal	Horticultural Show - prize money	0	105.00	Cash
151	7/9/26	M&S	Horticultural Show – gifts for judges	0	19.50	d.card
152	7/9/26	Silica Lodge	Best Kept Allotment – vouchers	0	100.00	d.card
153	6/10/26	Co-operative Store	Toilet rolls – Holme Meadow	1.33	8.00	d.card
154	8/10/26	Yu Energy	Electricity – Community Hub	2.07	43.65	Dd
155	12/10/26	Three.co.uk	Clerk mobile	1.44	8.64	Dd
156	14/10/26	Gainsborough Pest & Environ.	Mole control contract	0	85.00	online
157	14/10/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning – Community Hub	45.60	273.60	online
158	14/10/26	No Worries Commercial Cleaning	Contract Cleaning-Building H/Meadow	12.72	76.32	online
159	14/10/26	Sissons Gardening Services	Gardening contract	0	494.44	online
160	14/10/26	N Drinkall	Handyman services	0	1495.00	online
161	14/10/26	HMRC	Quarterly PAYE/NI	0.00	1917.16	Online
162	14/10/26	Ricks Tree & Grass Care	Contract village grass cutting	152.00	912.00	Online
163			Contract village grass cutting	108.00	648.00	
164	14/10/26	Ricks Tree & Grass Care	Contract Village Verge cutting	104.00	624.00	online
165			Contract village verge cutting	104.00	624.00	
166	14/10/26	ERNLLCA	Conference attendance	10.00	60.00	Online
167	14/10/26	Lindsey Lodge Hospice	Donation-Horticultural Show profits	0	246.90	cheque
168	14/10/26	Messingham Memorial Playing Field Assoc.	Precept Grant	0	950.00	Online
169	15/10/26	Wave	Water – Community Hub	0	15.82	Dd
170	16/10/26	Wave	Water – War Memorial	0	37.27	Dd
171	14/10/26	Salaries & wages	See separate schedule	0	1854.08	online
172	30/10/26					

Resolved: to approve the above listed payments.

Cllr P Skelton returned to the meeting room

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

Ref.	Date	Received from	Details	Amount	Method
41	1/9/26	Scunthorpe Pony Club	Holme Meadow hire	75.00	Online
42	4/9/26	Virgin money	Debit card cash back	0.41	Online
43	8/9/26	Horticultural Show	Horticultural Show - Unused prize money	18.70	Cash

44	8/9/26	Horticultural Show	Total of receipts less raffle prizes	377.70	Cash
45	9/9/26	Messingham Junior FC	Community Hub hire	10.00	Online
46	9/9/26	A Whitbread	Allot. 12E – Deposit/rent/expenses	42.50	Online
47	11/9/26	NL Scouts	Community Hub hire	30.00	Online
48	23/9/26	Messingham Memorial Playing Field Association	Community Hub Hire	10.00	Online
49	24/9/26	HMRC	VAT reclaim 1/8/26 – 31/8/26	254.23	Online
50	30/9/26	Virgin Money	Gross credit interest	1.74	Online
51	30/9/26	Charity Bank	Gross credit interest	242.56	online

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

d) Bank Reconciliation – to receive and approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 September 2026.

The bank reconciliation as at 30th September 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk provided copies of the bank statements to verify the balances.

Virgin current account – £46,313.28 credit

Virgin Money Cash Management Savings Account – £627.53 credit

Charity Bank Ethical Easy Access Account – £33,312.34

Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation. The Chair signed the reconciliation and the bank statements were signed by a Councillor to confirm agreement to the Bank Reconciliation.

e) Budget & Earmarked Reserves Summary – to receive and approve the cumulative budget summary as at 30th September 2026 and note any variances.

The budget summary and the earmarked reserves summary as at 30th September 2026, had been circulated prior to the meeting. The notable variations were noted and no questions were raised.

Resolved: to accept the budget and earmarked reserves summary.

128. <u>General Items of Business</u>

a) Remembrance Sunday – 8th November 2026.

i) **to be notified of arrangements**

The Clerk reported the service will take place at the Methodist Church led by Rev. Bailey. NLC had confirmed the road closure. The bugler had confirmed attendance. The frame and soldiers, had been collected from being resprayed at Jack Tighe Ltd.

Resolved: to send a letter of thanks to Jack Tighe Ltd. for carrying out the respray free of charge.

ii) to review the Risk Assessment

The Clerk had circulated the risk assessment for Remembrance Sunday, prior to the meeting.

It was noted the defibrillator located at the Pavillion on Northfield Road is not accessible to the public and to add the defibrillator located at the Old School, Northfield Road.

Resolved: to update with above amendments and adopt the reviewed Risk Assessment.

iii) to agree a donation to the Royal British Legion for a wreath from the Parish Council

Resolved: to make a donation to the Royal British Legion for the wreath of £200.

iv) to agree a fee for the bugler

Resolved: a fee to the bugler of £70.

v) to consider any Remembrance display

Resolved: Clerk to place the display of information in the telephone kiosk, of the names of those on the War Memorial.

b) Christmas Display competition – to consider a competition for 2026 and resolve categories and arrangements.

Resolved: competition categories to remain the same – Best Residential display; Best Commercial display; Best Street display. The competitions cannot be won by the winners of the previous 2 years.

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

Resolved: Clerk to circulate the statistics from the SID located on Brigg Road of vehicles travelling west.

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

To move the SID to the post on Northfield Road, to monitor vehicles travelling south.

129. Community Hub – to receive updates

a) Library Christmas & New Year Opening times – to confirm opening times.

Resolved: Library to be closed on Saturday 26th December 2026; Wednesday 30th December 2026; Saturday 2nd January 2026. Clerk to advertise the Christmas and New Year Library Opening times.

b) New volunteers

The Clerk reported two new young volunteers had been trained by NLC library services and would be commencing attendance.

Resolved: to inform NLC Library services, it is now felt now there are sufficient volunteers at the present time.

130. Leisure & Recreation items

a) Survey – Min. 110a) - To consider questions for a survey to residents of recreational facilities.

The Chair read out some suggested questions and options of recreational provision.

Resolved: to use these to conduct an online survey, with hard copies to be placed in the Community Hub.

b) Holme Meadow Changing Building – to receive update

The Clerk reported the masonry contractors appointed by the building contractors, had undertaken the work to install the movement joints, as per the engineers report.

The Clerk is awaiting a date for commencement for the rendering work.

131. Horticultural Show 2027

a) To agree date to book Messingham Village Hall for the Horticultural Show in 2027.

Resolved: to apply to the Village Hall to book Saturday 21st August 2027 and if this is booked then 4th September 2027.

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

- NLC request to use Community Hub to hold a community pop up event on Wednesday 11th November 2026 – stalls and activities providing information, advice and guidance by NLC & partners.
- Re-surfacing work of paths continues across North Lincolnshire including Messingham. Path to Scotter requested for future consideration.

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

No matters.

134. Councillor / Clerk Reports on meetings attended

i) NLC Town & Parish meeting – Thursday 17th September 2026.
Speakers on Planning Committee reform; Neighbourhood Watch & Safer Neighbourhoods.

ii) Messingham Village Hall AGM – Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – It was noted this meeting had been attended by Cllr SA Cowley, a report to be given at the next meeting.

iii) ERNLLCA Annual Conference – 29th September 2026.
The Clerk had attended the Conference and the Chair had also attended in a NLC capacity. This had been held in the format of talking tables and 5 sessions had been attended.

135. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision – no correspondence.

136. a) Correspondence for Information

i) NLC – Forthcoming meetings – placed on notice board.
ii) ERNLLCA – newsletter - circulated on receipt.
iii) Nic Dakin MP – to inform have been in contact with Anglian Water following recent water supply issues. The Chair reported a meeting had been held with Anglian Water officials with reps. of NLC in attendance.
iv) ERNLLCA – AGM Thursday 22nd October 2026 7pm at Worlaby Village Hall – Cllr Poole & Cllr Foster to attend as representatives.
v) CPRE – AGM of Northern branch – Saturday 17th October 2026 at St. John's Hall, Brigg 2:30pm – Noted.
vi) Environment Agency – to notify of letter to all residents to inform of EA free flood warning service-noted.

b) To note any correspondence received after the agenda had been posted – no correspondence.

138. Village complaints/compliments - To receive and consider any Village complaints and compliments.
Complaints**:**
i) Park Street – poor condition of road surface – report to NLC.
ii) Northfield Road – damaged highway sign at mini roundabout – NLC had advised ticket already raised. It was noted this had been ongoing since Feb 2025. Chair to report to NLC Highways as Ward Councillor.
Compliments:
i) Compliment – to the new diversion of the Public Footpath at Belle Vue Farm. It was noted for safety, regular maintenance would be required to keep the emergence point onto Brigg Road clear.

139. Date/Time/Venue of Next Meeting

a) To confirm the date and time of the Personnel Committee meeting on 9th November 2026 6:15pm.
Resolved: to hold the Personnel Committee meeting on Monday 9th November 2026 at 6:15pm.

b) To confirm the date and time of the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th November 2026 at 7pm.
Resolved: to hold the Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th November 2026 at 7pm.

c) To confirm the date and time of the Precept meeting on Monday 23rd November 2026 at 7pm.
Resolved: to hold the Precept meeting on Monday 23rd November 2026 at 7pm.
Meetings to be held in the Community Hub, Messingham.
Meetings to be held in the Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

140. 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.
Resolved: to exclude any public from the meeting – there were no members of the public present.

141. Community Hub LED light fitting - Min. 108a) – to consider quotations to replace LED light units.
The Clerk had received a comparative quotation as agreed, to replace 2 LED units and presently waiting a revised quotation for 2 units from the first contractor.
Resolved: Clerk to have delegated authority to give the work to the lowest priced contractor.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The meeting closed at 20:26.

Signature Date