

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 23rd May 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs J Walker; and 15 members of the public (10 of whom are serving parish councillors).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Mr T Foster

2. MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes were circulated to those present and time was allowed for reading. The minutes passed as a true record – proposed by Mrs B Todd and seconded by Mr J McKellar Main – carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 3b – Publication of APM Minutes

The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish Meeting minutes are now available to view on the website.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

a) MESSINGHAM IN BLOOM

Messingham was again awarded a Silver Gilt award in the 2015 East Midlands in Bloom competition with the Holy Trinity Church being given a Judges Award for a beautifully maintained churchyard. Mr & Mrs Richardson of 27a Well Street were also given a Silver Gilt Award for the Best Residential Garden

b) ALLOTMENTS

There are currently a number of vacant allotments available. Allotments are let in halves or quarters as appropriate to the tenant and the rent remains at £8.00 per year, plus expenses for water, hedging and dyking, for full size allotments.

c) HOLME MEADOW

Holme Meadow continues to be well used by Junior Football and the Scunthorpe & District Pony Owners club and of course Messingham Show. Dog walkers use the field on a regular basis but dog fouling continues to be a problem – the Parish Council are investigating new signage from the Keep Britain Tidy Group.

d) VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

Regular complaints included flytipping, particularly on Twigmoor Side Road, Black Bank and Holme Lane; dog fouling in various areas; pot holes; school time parking; and speeding, particularly on Brigg Road.

d) ANNUAL PRECEPT

Slight increase to £55,000 mainly due to a provision for additional wages during the transition of a new clerk. Donations to local organisations included the Village Hall, Playing Field, Methodist Church, Junior Cricket Club, Junior Football Club and the Voluntary Car Service. The Chairman explained that these donations are in support of the work for the community by volunteers. The Parish Council continues to support Holy Trinity Church by paying for the maintenance of the churchyard and also the waste collection. The Chairman's Allowance made donations to the Royal British Legion and Messingham Supporter's Group for Lindsey Lodge Hospice.

e) PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Councillor Martyn Caley resigned due to personal commitments which leaves a vacancy on the council as yet unfilled.

f) PARISH CLERK RETIREMENT

The clerk is due to retire in December 2016 after 19 years service. Advertising will commence in July in the hope that a new clerk will be appointed by October.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the Clerk and all Parish Councillors for their diligence and commitment to the parish.

5. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2015.16

A financial statement was circulated to all those present. It was agreed to accept these accounts subject to annual audit. Proposed Mrs B Todd; seconded J McKellar Main. There were no questions.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Kealholme Road/Wendover Estate Roads – noted that various potholes and uneven surfaces on the footpaths need attention – to be referred to North Lincolnshire Council by the Parish Council.
- b) Grass Cutting – Agreed that the standard of the grass cutting of the verges this year has been appalling with some areas missed altogether. The Chairman commented that he had been involved in a recent meeting with Neighbourhood Services and advised that measures have been taken to improve the service henceforth.
- c) Others Issues to be referred to the Parish Council:
 - 1. Highgrove entrance road surface; and road sweeping
 - 2. Flytipping on Black Bank with possible asbestos contamination.
 - 3. Co-op Sign obscuring the view of the High Street. Noted that planning permission is required for this which is in hand.
- d) Appreciation for the dedication of the Clerk was noted.

The meeting closed at 7.26pm