

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **14th February 2011** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, M Proctor, R Nixon, M Caley, J McKellar-Main, J England, G Day, Mrs J Briggs, Mrs G Sherwood, T Foster & P Wright, Mrs H DeBoer – Neighbourhood Services, the Clerk and three members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr D Brown read out an email he had sent to Neighbourhood Services objecting to the proposal to create flowerbeds on the open space on Elm Way and also the lack of leisure provision by the Parish Council.

Mr Neary of Hazel Close gave his views objecting to the playing of organised ball games on the open space on Elm Way.

It was noted that this subject would be dealt with under Matters Arising and that Mrs DeBoer would contribute to the debate.

168. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor J Mountain

169. POLICE MATTERS

The monthly crime statistics had been received from PC Teal and circulated to all members and duly noted. The Chairman reported that regular patrols on Friday nights are taking place.

170. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 10th January 2011

The minutes had been circulated to all members prior to this meeting - were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

171. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 151a Elm Way Open Space

Mrs DeBoer addressed the meeting and gave an overview of the situation to date and a definition of public open space. It was noted that the proposal for the creation of shrub beds on large open spaces is to break up the area leaving small informal play areas in conformance with planning recommendations but is dependent on funding from the Parish Council for maintenance of them. The Chairman advised that there had been no S106 funding given to the parish when the McLean Homes development was built.

A great deal of discussion took place with various points raised in support of the Parish Council's continuing commitment to provide leisure facilities for the young people of the village and the amount of money spent at Holme Meadow for the benefit of the junior football club and more recently to improve the childrens play area.

In conclusion it was agreed that a directive from North Lincolnshire Council is required with regard to public open space and that a survey should also be taken by North Lincolnshire Council. Any recommendations to be considered at a future meeting.

b) Min 151b Kealholme Road Open Space

It was noted that written confirmation has been received from Mr R Price agreeing to dedicate a piece of his land for use as a footpath.

Councillor Walker advised that further quotes have been sought but are still awaited.

The Chairman reported that he had taken advice from the NLC legal department who had agreed that the Parish Council can undertake the project. It was agreed to make arrangements with the solicitor to draw up a conveyance in conjunction with Mr Price. Councillors Nixon and Elsome requested that their vote against the proposal be recorded.

c) Min 152a Allotment Road

Councillor Walker reported on the recent site visit and advised that some repairs are needed but not the full road. It was noted that approx. 20 tons of slag will be required at approx. £11 per ton making a project cost of £300 - £400. It was agreed to go ahead with the project but wait for better weather. It was noted that Mr B Ross has agreed to assist.

d) Min 152b Skip Hire for Allotments

The Clerk reported that the tenants had made their own arrangements to remove the polythene sheets so the skip had not been required.

e) Min 157b Wendover Road Lay-by

A anonymous letter was received objecting to the regular parking of a resident on the lay-by. It was agreed that letters without a name, address or signature would not be considered so the letter was noted.

f) Min 158c Lawnmower

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received from Scunthorpe Lawnmowers for an appropriate mower at a cost of £429.99 including VAT. She further advised that she done an internet price comparison and that this price is very competitive. It was therefore agreed to go ahead with the purchase from Scunthorpe Lawnmowers.

172. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 17TH January 2011

The minutes had been circulated to all members prior to this meeting - were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

- a) Floodlights** - Councillor Caley reported that enquiries are ongoing with Lytec but that initial costings to replace the 6 bulb units with 12 bulb units would be approximately £1500 for materials + £200 for fitting. It was noted that this would make the light brighter but would not significantly extend the area of light for football training. Councillor Caley agreed to continue with his enquiries and will forward same to Messingham Junior Football Club.

173. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE 24TH January 2011

The minutes had been circulated to all members prior to this meeting - were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

174. PLANNING

a) Full Permission Granted by NLC:

1. 2010/1305 Scunthorpe Pisces Angling Club, Black Bank Road, Suswoth – commercial fishing Pond
2. 2010/1451 Walden, 16 Northfield Road – erect detached dwelling
3. 2011.0017 Lloyd, 5 Aysgarth Ave – minor material amendment to change roof layout

b) Refusal of Consent for the Display of Advertisements

2010/1381 McLaren, land rear of 64 Butterwick Road – application to retain sign refused

c) Planning Applications before NLC:

1. 2011/0067 Dobson, Ivy Cottage, 39 Butterwick Road – single storey extension & detached garage. NO OBJECTIONS
2. 2011/0113 North Lincolnshire Homes, 58 Butterwick Road – install a dropped kerb. NO OBJECTIONS.

Councillor England took no part in discussion or voting on the above applications.

175. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NLC**
1. S Coulman – Dog Control Order Review & Transmitter Trial. It was agreed request the transmitter for Holme Meadow but it was noted that as the changing facility is made from metal it may not be suitable.
 2. Environmental Health – Noise nuisance from Keiraden Park advising that monitoring is taking place. The Chairman reported that both he and Cllr. England had recently visited the site and had discussions with the owner who is now making regular noise checks on the bikes and is looking at creating a sound barrier. It was agreed that the noise is still an issue for Messingham residents when the wind is in the wrong direction.
 3. Tree Preservation Order – 34 Church Street, Messingham. Noted.
 4. Town & Parish Councils Liaison Meeting – The Chairman reported that fibre optic broadband had been discussed but that Messingham is unlikely to be up to speed before 2018. It was noted that NLC are trying to get funding to improve the broadband network.
 5. Neighbourhood Services – Service Agreement for Flowerbed Maintenance. Options of 1, 3 or 5 year agreements were given but it was agreed to accept the One Year contract. It was noted that that cost is slightly less than for 2010.
- b) ERNLLCA**
1. Newsletter – noted
 2. Yorkshire & Humber Localism Bill events. Noted
 3. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. Agreed to obtain more information and an application form if appropriate.
- c) MESSINGHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB** – request to book Holme Meadow for summer tournament on 19th June 2011 and thereafter on Fathers Day each year. It was noted that in the absence of a prior booking from MJFC the Clerk had accepted a booking from SDPOC for 19th June, and in communicating this information to the Secretary of MJFC a barrage of unpleasant emails from parents and members of the football club had been received by the Clerk and councillors, which resulted in a meeting between MJFC officials and the Chairman and Cllrs. England, Foster & McKellar Main to discuss the issue. It was noted that SDPOC were contacted by the Clerk and that they had subsequently agreed to move their date to 12th June. It was therefore agreed that the booking for 19th June be confirmed and that the booking for Father’s Day in **2012 only** be accepted but that the date be confirmed with the Clerk as soon as it has been approved by the MJFC AGM. Councillors made clear that they were aggrieved and offended by the tone of the emails received and expressed their disappointment that MJFC members had so little regard for the support given to them by the Parish Council.
- d) NIC DAKIN MP** – Ref. Localism Bill and offer of guidance if required.
- e) MESSINGHAM BOWLS CLUB** – Letter of thanks for the precept grant towards the pavilion refurbishments.
- f) MESSINGHAM SUNBEAMS** – Letter of thanks for the precept grant offer.
- g) MESSINGHAM HORSE & FOAL SHOW** – Information re. 2011 Show.

176. ACCOUNTS**a) Passed For Payment:**

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s Salary & Allowance (standing order)	£950.98
2.	Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	92.80
3.	Mrs J Walker – broadband account	16.40
4.	G East – handyman	72.40
5.	D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
6.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	200.00
7.	B W Ross – ground maintenance	123.68
8.	Scunthorpe Lawnmowers – Brushcutter service	43.98
9.	J G Green & Sons – Christmas tree	50.00
10.	H Simpson & Son – compost	10.00
11.	Wicksteed Leisure – spare part for play equipment	51.60
12.	Anglian Water – Holme Meadow water	27.12
13.	Anglian Water – Butterwick Road allotments	195.80
14.	Siemens Financial – photocopier lease	87.98
15.	BT – telephone account (direct debit)	45.13
16.	Npower – Memorial electricity (direct debit)	64.67

177. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) POT HOLES – East/West Green roundabout; Briggate Drive/School Drive; Wendover Road opposite Orchard Close entrance. Refer to Highways
- b) WEST GREEN – Electricity pole replaced but hole in footpath considered to be dangerous. Refer to Highways
- c) BUTTERWICK ROAD – Spar lorry reported to have contravened the weight limit area and subsequently created traffic congestion on 14th February at 9.05am. Agreed to report to Pete Scott of Road Safety unit.
- d) ORCHARD CLOSE – Spar lorry reported to be regularly churning up the grassed area close to the village hall entrance as it manoeuvres to reverse into the service road. Agreed to refer to Highways.
- e) SCHOOL DRIVE – Car reported to be parking on the grass verge at school times. More details required

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING