

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **8th August 2011** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Mountain, Mrs G Sherwood, J McKellar-Main, M Proctor, Mrs B Todd, J R Walker, G Day, T Foster, P Wright, J Briggs & M Caley, Pete Scott of North Lincolnshire Council, 3 members of the public and the Clerk.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors W Elsome, J England and R Nixon

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None Received

62. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Mr Scott addressed the meeting, acknowledging the various areas of concern for speeding problems. He advised that only those areas in the top fifty of problem areas throughout the region would be considered for speed awareness signs and that currently only Scotter Road (A159) at 45th with 1000 offenders per day recorded would qualify in Messingham. He also commented that Brigg Road had dropped down the priority list and that re-monitoring would not be done within three years unless a significant change of circumstances occurred. He did, however, advise that the highest profile continues to be Catchwater Crossroads and that whilst the measures already taken have had a positive impact there are still significant speeding issues – further improvements include traffic signal control and improvements to the approaches from the side roads.

Councillors raised concerns for the following areas:

Northfield Road – speeding particularly in the early hours of the morning and concern that the closure of the school may affect natural traffic calming.

Northfield Road – mis-use of the mini roundabout. Noted that all incidents of mis-use should be reported.

High Street – request for traffic calming measures. Mr Scott advised that there is a natural 20mph traffic calming due to parked cars etc and that parking restrictions would adversely affect businesses. Noted that traffic wardens are infrequent in Messingham as the system has been set up to be minimalist as most problems are in the larger communities (Scunthorpe, Brigg, Ashby and Barton on Humber).

Butterwick Road Junction with High Street – visibility issues due to parked cars near the junction on High Street particularly when the fish & chip shop is open. Mr Scott commented that this is a common problem near fish & chip shops in rural areas.

Holme Lane – request for weight limit to deter heavy vehicles.

Holme Lane – slippery road surface near the woods in winter as the wood is north facing and sun does not melt frost and ice.

Park Street – short notice of street closure by YEDL on 19th August with no communication to residents.

63. POLICE MATTERS

- a) Crime statistics reported received from PC Teal and circulated to all members. Noted.
- b) Complaint received from Mr & Mrs Bowden regarding recent unruly behaviour on High Street. The Chairman agreed to talk to Mr & Mrs Bowden and ask them to report the incident to the Police.

64. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 11TH July 2011

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

65. MATTERS ARISING**a) Min 46b Risk Assessments**

Draft risk assessments were circulated to all members. The risk assessments for the Third Party Contractors, the Handyman and the Play Area Attendant were approved; the risk assessment for Employees agreed to be revised to include risks to the Clerk.

b) Min 49g Skate Park Request

Response from Street Sport advising that whilst they do have some skate ramps available they would only supply them if there was demand plus a suitable hard-standing area to place them. It was agreed that there isn't a suitable place available. Copy of the response to be sent to Mr. Goodyear for his information.

c) Min 50a/6 Wroot Water

The Clerk advised that she had heard nothing further from Wroot Water with regard to the reduction taken on the invoice. It was agreed to assume that the complaint had been accepted.

d) Min 51a Well Street

Councillor Foster reported that the footpath had been cleared but that damage to the slabs has become evident and may be a trip hazard. Report to highways.

e) Min 52a Open Space Footpath Project

Response received from the solicitors advising that the deed of easement prepared by Mr Price's solicitors would not be appropriate as the Parish Council do not own land adjoining the area. The suggestion therefore is to have the land transferred directly into the name of Messingham Parish Council so that the Parish Council would become the legal owner of the footpath. The Chairman agreed to make enquiries with the NLC legal department before acceptance of this proposal.

f) Min 52c Northfield Road School

Acknowledgement of interest by the Parish Council in the future of the building and the site received from NLC.

Councillor Proctor commented that he had spoken Paul Nicholson of NLC Estates who had offered the opinion that the whole site should be sold off.

After discussion it was agreed that a public meeting be called as soon as possible to assess the feeling of Messingham residents. Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm was agreed.

65. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 18TH July 2011.

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

Matters Arising**a) Min 56b Floodlights**

The Clerk advised that the replacement lights for the existing floodlights have now been fitted. It was also noted that the planning application has been amended as requested and submitted.

b) Min 56c Abandoned Car

It was noted that the car was removed and no damage reported on the car park.

c) Min 56e Soil Heap on Holme Meadow

Response received from MJFC advising that the soil is for filling in rabbit holes and will be removed as soon as possible

d) Min 57 Play Area Vandalism

It was noted that the repair to the surfacing has been completed satisfactorily. Cllr. Walker reported that whilst the area was closed weed killer had been applied to the safety tiles.

The Clerk reported that damage to the steering wheel on the play unit had been discovered by the play area attendant, so the wheel had been removed and new fixings ordered

e) Min 59a Little Imps Request for Extension to Fencing at Village Hall

Further information received. Agreed that the request be approved.

66. PLANNING**a) Full Permission Granted by NLC:**

1. 2011/0726 Simpson, Helford, Park View – first floor extension
2. 2011/0749 Gorman, The Chestnuts, Chestnut Drive – conservatory

b) Appeal Decision

2010/1381 Trade Windows Direct, land rear of 64 Butterwick Road – display of advertisement.
APPEAL DISMISSED.

67. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) ERNLLCA
1. Newsletter
 2. Code of Conduct – NALC Legal Briefing. Noted that a review is currently in place
 3. Community Emergency Plan – information noted
- b) ZURICH INSURANCE – Renewal information. The Clerk reported that she had not received the play area assessment from Digley Associates to date so had been unable to obtain alternative quotations. In view of the imminent expiry of the current insurance policy it was agreed to renew with Zurich Insurance for one year and review.
- c) HPFA
1. Newsletter
 2. Playground Inspection Training. Agreed to offer same to the handyman.
- d) BEELINE ORGANISATION – Lincs Fest on Tour – opportunity to apply to have the event in Messingham. Agreed.
- e) MR J COX – Complaint regarding the recent circular letter sent to all allotment residents about the allotment road. Noted. Cllr. Walker advised that the price of slag dust is excessive but that Mr Ross has a quantity of tarmac planings available for £5 per ton and that approximately three tons would be needed. Agreed to go ahead. It was noted that the road signs for the allotments had been received free of charge from NLC Highways department and had now been erected.
- f) MESSINGHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB – Request to book Holme Meadow on 17th June 2012 for the summer tournament. Approved.

68. ACCOUNTS**a) Passed for Payment:**

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| 1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk's Salary & Allowance (1 st September) | £904.83 |
| 2. Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant wages | 107.25 |
| 3. G East – handyman | 105.18 |
| 4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control | 72.00 |
| 5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent | 200.00 |
| 6. NLC – summer bedding plants | 1227.98 |
| 7. Siemens Financial – photocopier lease | 113.85 |
| 8. Audit Commission – Audit fee | 480.00 |
| 9. Anglian Water – Allotments | 205.97 |

10. Anglian Water – Holme Meadow	27.21
11. Hemswell Surfacing Ltd – play area surface repairs	354.00
12. Tradelight (Pinnacle Lighting) – floodlights	1920.00
13. Office Friends – stationery/print cartridges	123.30
14. Veolia ES – grass cutting	801.06
15. Mrs J Walker – Repay clerk for plans from Print & Copy Centre	27.50
16. H Simpson & Son – compost	69.53
17. BT – telephone/broadband account	103.85
18. Messingham FC – Repaid key deposit	30.00 cash

b) Monies Received:
North Lincolnshire Council – half year precept 22,500.00

c) Annual Audit
The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit had been returned from the Audit Commission with no comments or recommendations.

69. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a)** GUIDES TREE – Cllr Walker reported that the tree has died and the plaque is damaged. Guides to be advised.
- b)** HIGH STREET – Cllr Wright reported that the roadside between Well Street and Park Street has not been swept recently. Neighbourhood Services to be notified.
- c)** MOTORCYCLE PARK – Cllr. Proctor reported that further complaints have been received about the noise. It was noted that NLC Environmental Health team are aware and that noise is being monitored by residents who have previously complained. It was further noted that the owners have made every effort to reduce the noise from the bikes included noise testing the bikes and building straw banks to deflect the noise. Agreed to write to Mr Starbuck for the current position.
- d)** SCHOOL DRIVE – Cllr. Mrs Sherwood reported that the road surface opposite No's 3 & 4 is damaged following the building works at the school. Report to Highways.
- e)** ASHLIN COURT HEDGE – Cllr. Mrs Briggs asked that a reminder be given to NLC for the hedge to be cut as agreed.
- f)** BRIGG ROAD – Cllr. Mountain reported the following:
1. A willow tree is overhanging the footpath at No. 107.
 2. Grass verge is encroaching the footpath beyond No. 107.
 3. Hedge needs cutting back on the bend.

70. OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Mrs Briggs advised that the Trinity Suite in the Village Hall is to be decorated in the near future but that a wall will be left blank that can be used as a screen for a projector.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING