

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **12<sup>th</sup> September 2011** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J D Mountain, J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, J McKellar-Main, G Day, Mrs J Briggs, R Nixon, P Wright, M Caley, J England & T Foster, Shaun Ringwood – Scunthorpe Telegraph reporter, six members of the public and the Clerk.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – Prior to commencement of the meeting, the following members of the public addressed the members present:

Mr S Coulman – Northfield Road School Building – request that the building be retained for community use and that the land to the rear, if developed for housing, should be affordable housing but in keeping with the surrounding properties (i.e. bungalows). Also stated that the village drainage is to be taken over by Severn Trent Water Authority in October so any issues arising from a new housing development can be resolved with them.

Mr M Fisher – Northfield Road School Building – Agreement with the sentiments of Mr Coulman but also stated that money should be made available for the village for this project.

Mrs J Short – Northfield Road School Building – Agreement with the sentiments of Mr Coulman but also stated that the Alvingham Road Day Centre needs to expand it's facilities and may be interested in taking space if the building is converted for community use.

**71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors M Proctor and Mrs G Sherwood.

**72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None Received**

**73. POLICE MATTERS**

a) Monthly crime statistics had been received from PC Teale and circulated to all members. .  
Noted.

b) Playing Field/Play Area – it was reported that a member of the public had noticed a smell of an unusual substance, possibly cannabis, from around a car full of youths in the car park. To be forwarded to PC Teale.

**74. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 8<sup>TH</sup> August 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.

**75. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 65a Risk Assessments**

The Clerk advised of the amendments and additions to the risk assessments and these were approved.

**b) Min 65c Wroot Water Invoice**

A letter had been received from Wroot Water insisting that payment is due in full. It was agreed to pay the balance of £50 + VAT but to advise that the content of the letter is disputed. It was agreed that no further work would be given to Wroot Water unless absolutely necessary.

**75. MATTERS ARISING continued****c) Min 65f Northfield Road School**

Lengthy discussion took place and the following comments made:

*“Views of the public should be passed to North Lincolnshire Council”*

*“Where would the money come from to make the building fit for purpose?”*

*“Messingham not the prettiest village with very few buildings of interest”*

*“Further consultation needed ... suggest using Scunthorpe Telegraph.”*

*“Concentrate on building rather than land to the rear”*

*“Keep land to the rear as open space ... aware of elderly residents surrounding”*

By a unanimous vote it was agreed to support the views of the public meeting and to write to the leader of the Council to request that the building be retained for community use.

**d) Min 67b Play Area Annual Inspection Report**

The Clerk reported that the is very comprehensive with a few minor issues to be actioned by the handyman.

**e) Min 69a Guides Tree at Holme Meadow**

The Clerk reported that the Guide Leader has expressed a wish to replace the dead tree. It was agreed that unless a new tree is watered frequently in the early stages it will also die.

**f) Min 69c Keiraden Motorcycle Park**

Response received from Mr Starbuck at NLC advising that monitoring of the park is continuing. Cllr. Main expressed the view that it is a good facility and well used and any issues should be resolved by mediation rather than by closing it down. Cllr Caley agreed that it is a good facility but feels it is in the wrong place.

**g) Min 65e Kealholme Road Open Space Footpath**

Further information received from solicitors. Agreed to get estimate of legal costs to complete the first stage of the land transfer, but to go ahead anyway.

**h) Min 65d Well Street Footpath**

Cllr. Foster reported that the damaged slabs have been replaced with tarmac.

**i) Min 56b Floodlights – Holme Meadow**

Cllr. Caley reported that he had inspected the floodlights when in use and noted that the land dips at the northern end so has concluded that an additional light fitting at the north end would be useless. It was agreed to refer this issue to the Leisure & Recreation committee and to invite a representative of MJFC to discuss same.

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

1. 2011/0609 W A Armstrong & Sons, Fieldside Bungalow, Butterwick Road – removal of agricultural occupancy condition.
2. 2011/0738 Krajnik, 68 High Street – change use to day nursery with extensions and alterations.
3. 2011/0746 Bennett, 20 Northfield Road – erect detached domestic garage.

**b) Planning Applications before NLC:**

1. 2011/0925 Laws, 47 Northfield Road – erect two storey rear extension, replacement front porch with canopy and replacement flat roof to rear. NO OBJECTION

2. 2011/0955 Steel, 20 Cross Tree Road – raise roof height and erect a porch. NO OBJECTION
3. 2011/0833 Messingham Parish Council, Holme Meadow Recreation Field – erect two additional floodlights. No comments had been received from the public. NO OBJECTION
4. 2011/1059 Whitehead, Land rear of 55 Butterwick Road – erect detached two-storey dwelling with access from Gooseacre. NO OBJECTION
5. 2011/1057 Cooper, The Chestnuts, Park View – erect new boundary wall. As no details of the height of the wall had been given in was agreed that provided the height was not in excess of 2m there were NO OBJECTION.

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

## **77. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC – Spatial Planning – Draft Renewables Energy SPC. Noted
- b) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information ref. damaged kerb on Northfield Road.
- c) ERNLLCA:
  1. Newsletter
  2. AGM invitation – 17<sup>th</sup> September
  3. Code of Conduct information – noted.

## **78. ACCOUNTS**

### **a) Passed for Payment:**

1. Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant wages	£107.05
2. G East – handyman	156.27
3. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
4. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	200.00
5. Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – play area equipment spares	10.46
6. Lytec Ltd – floodlight replacements	1673.72
7. Builders Merchant Co. – fence posts	60.53
8. Kyanite Consulting Ltd – annual web host fee	114.00
9. Digley Associates – play are inspection fee	54.00
10. Zurich Insurance – annual premium	901.20
11. Wroot Water – memorial irrigation repairs – balance	60.00
12. Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s salary & allowance (1 <sup>st</sup> October2011)	904.83
13. Cash - Best Kept Garden/Allotment Prizes	200.00

### **b) Monies Received:**

1. SDPOC – Holme Meadow hire	215.00
2. Armed Forces Day Event Committee – Holme Meadow Hire	1.00 cash

## **79. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS**

- a) GREEN TREE HEDGE reported to be overhanging the footpath .
- b) WENDOVER ROAD – Hedge at Allerton Lodge reported to be overhanging the footpath.
- c) BRIGG ROAD – Grass verge beyond no. 107 reported not to have been cut back to date.
- d) VILLAGE HALL – Ramp barrier reported to be loose. Cllr. Mrs Briggs advised that this is in hand.

**80. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) MERCHANT NAVY DAY – Councillor Mountain requested permission to fly the red ensign at the Memorial on Merchant Navy Day. Approved.
  
- b) WIND TURBINE APPLICATION – CLEATHAM – The Chairman reported that the chicken farm at Cleatham has applied for a wind turbine. For information only.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.