

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **10th October 2011** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, M Proctor, R Nixon, G Day, Mrs G Sherwood, J Mckellar-Main, Mrs J Briggs, T Foster, J England, M Caley & P Wright and the Clerk.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors W Elsome and J Mountain

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Sherwood – Planning Application 2011/1137 – Personal friend of the applicant.

90. POLICE MATTERS

The monthly crime statistics had been received from PC Teale and circulated to all members. It was noted that the reported crimes were considerably lower than the previous month.

91. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 12th September 2011

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

92. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 75c Northfield Road School

Response noted from Cllr. Redfern advising that a meeting is to be arranged between NLC and Messingham Parish Council. It was agreed to request that the meeting take place before the precept meeting at the end of November. As the Ward councillors would already be attending it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk should attend. Councillor Mrs Sherwood offered to attend if available. It was noted that the building still belongs to the school until the end of October and that engineers had been on site to survey immediate maintenance issues.

b) Min 75g Kealholme Road Open Space Footpath

Further information received from solicitor and noted that work can commence imminently. Contractors to be contacted for a start date.

93. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 19th September 2011

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

a) Matters Arising

1. Min 336c Allotment 51a

The Clerk advised that Mr Eaton had declined the allocation of this allotment due to work commitments but a new applicant, Mr Richard Cross, had been allocated it instead. This action was approved.

2. Untidy Allotments

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a neighbouring tenant regarding allotment 49a and had subsequently asked Mick Walker to inspect same who had confirmed that it is in an unsatisfactory condition. It was noted that the tenant has received warnings on two previous occasions and it was agreed to send a final warning letter.

3. Min 336d Allotments 2b/4b

Councillor Foster advised that the tenant wishes to retain both allotments

94. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 26th September 2011

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting and agreed to be a true record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

a) Matters Arising**1. Min 83 Floodlights**

The Clerk advised that she is still waiting for a revised quote from Lytec for the installation of a single floodlight.

2. Min 87a Play Area Inspection Training

The Clerk advised that the handyman attended the course.

3. Min 87b Memorial

Councillor Walker reported that he had obtained and planted additional hedge plants. He also reported that NLC had damaged the irrigation pipes when preparing the flowerbeds but that the handyman had repaired them.

4. Min 87c Remembrance Sunday

It was noted that the service will be at Holy Trinity Church.

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

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s Salary & Allowance (1 st November)	£904.83
2. Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant	107.05
3. E G East – handyman	86.56
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	200.00
6. Owen Bowness & Son – PAT testing office equipment	42.00
7. J R Walker – repay for hedge plants	23.49
8. Veolia ES – grass cutting – June	1204.47
9. HMRC – quarterly PAYE	678.86
10. Sunbeams Pre-School – precept grant	200.00
11. HPFA – Playground inspection training fee	10.00

b) Monies Received:

1. NLC – Business rates relief	77.74
2. Allotment Rents	2.00 cash
3. Village Hall – annual rent	1.00
4. Yorkshire Bank – deposit account interest	4.99

c) Deposit Accounts

The Clerk reported that due to the poor interest rates applied to the existing deposit account (0.08%), she had made enquiries with Yorkshire Bank for alternatives. Fixed term deposits are currently attracting the best interest rates, so after consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk had activated the following accounts on 23rd September which were signed by herself and Councillor Mrs Briggs:

12 month fixed term: £10,000 at 2.4% *this being slightly less than the average annual reserve*
6 month fixed term: £5,000 at 1.75% *this being the amount least likely to be needed at short notice*

3 month fixed term: £10,000 at 0.80% *this being an amount needed to top up the current account from January 2012.*

The balance of £5224.85 to remain in the Business deposit account to top up the current account as necessary before December 2011.

The Clerk reported that the fixed term accounts can either be continued or amended as appropriate after the term. This action was approved.

96. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications before NLC:

1. 2011/1113 Murtagh, 42 Holme Lane – erect replacement conservatory. NO OBJECTION
2. 2011/1130 Lings, 7 Gelderbeck Road – erect two storey extension, NO OBJECTION
3. 2011/1137 Horner, 64 The Meadows – erect conservatory. NO OBJECTION

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

b) Full Permission Granted by NLC:

1. 2011/0925 Laws, 47 Northfield Road – two storey extension & replacement porch and flat roof
2. 2011/0879 Cottam, 124 Brigg Road – retain alterations to existing outbuilding.

97. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NLC
 1. Local Development Framework – consultation documents. Noted that there is to be no extension to the Messingham development boundary.
 2. Flora Harding – Advice of removal of trees on Brigg Road. Agreed to ask that the trees be replaced with appropriate species.
 3. Planning for Renewable Energy Development – draft supplementary planning document. Noted
 4. Review of Passenger Transport – consultation/questionnaire. Clerk to complete.
 5. Planning Handbook – for information
 6. Safer Neighbourhoods – information re. NAT meetings.
 7. Winter Service Information. Agreed to request salt bins at Church Street junction with High Street, Wendover Road near library, and Ashberry Drive junction with Brigg Road; plus salt to be stored in Mr Raddish’s barn at the rear of the Gondola Restaurant on Brigg Road if possible. Further agreed to compile register of tractor owners for emergency snow clearance.
- b) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re. fallen branch on Holme Lane.
- c) ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Use of IT questionnaire (completed and returned by Clerk)
- d) HPFA – Notice of AGM on 13th October.
- e) CPRE – How to respond to planning applications booklet; Best Kept Village results – disappointing result.
- f) YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM – Competition results – Silver Award. The judges commented on the lack of local business involvement. It was agreed to re-consider our entry to this competition next year – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- g) BOUNDARY COMMISSION – 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies.

98. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) ASHLIN COURT – Hedge still not done. Remind Neighbourhood Services and suggest that this is done at same time as the removal of the trees on Brigg Road.
- b) SCHOOL DRIVE/BRIGGATE DRIVE – Damage to road surface during school construction works. To be reported to Highways.
- c) MESSINGHAM SCHOOL – Noted that school hedge is to be cut during October. Also noted that arrangements have been made for the car park barrier to be lifted when the school is in use for the Guides/Brownies.
- d) ORCHARD CLOSE – Litter and weeds on snicket between Orchard Close and High Street. To be referred to Neighbourhood Services.

- e) WELL STREET – Agreed to send thanks to Neighbourhood Services for an excellent job on the footpath.
- f) WENDOVER ROAD – Cllr. Proctor commented that the footpath outside the Chinese restaurant and takeaway shops is littered with cigarette ends and vomit early on Sunday mornings. It was noted that the shop owners do clear this area regularly as no other complaints have been received.
- g) HOLME LANE – Advertising sign for Trade Direct on grass verge. To be referred to Planning.
- h) MARKET FRESH SHOP (*Cllr. Day declared his interest as the spouse of an employee at the shop and took no part in discussions or voting*) Sign reported to be displayed on kerb which could be a potential hazard. Also reported that the van is still parking for long periods outside the shop. To be referred to highways.

99. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **EMERGENCY PLAN** – The Clerk reported that she had recently had a meeting with Pam Dudson of NLC to progress the Emergency Plan which had proved beneficial. It was agreed that the designated flood warden, Cllr. England will also be the designated snow warden.
- b) **PRECEPT MEETING** – Agreed to hold on Monday 28th November commencing at 7.30pm. To be advertised in the usual way – notice board and village magazine.
- c) **FUNDING** – Cllr. Walker commented that he had been made aware of Jessica Funding opportunities by Mr Roy Matthews, which may be available for the school project if needed. It was agreed to ask Mr Matthews to give a presentation at the November meeting if possible but it was also agreed that no charge should be paid for this.