

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **16th April 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

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

207. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None Received

208. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None Received

209. POLICE MATTERS

a) Monthly crime statistics and Ridge Ward newsletter received and circulated to all members.

b) Noted that the Village Hall are still experiencing problems with youths causing nuisance but that the police are active and that some identifications have been made.

210. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 12TH March 2012.

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

211. MATTERS ARISING

a) **Min 193c Open Space Dog Bin**

The Clerk reported that the bin had been installed but that there had been a delay in emptying it which has now been resolved.

b) **Min 193d Christmas Tree**

Noted that the tree has been planted. The Chairman thanked all those who helped to plant it.

c) **Min 193e Flower Delivery Lorry**

Response received from PC Gardner advising that no action is to be taken by the Police at the present time. Copy correspondence was also received from Mr & Mrs Reed and the editor of the Village Magazine which was noted.

d) **Min 194b/c Old School**

The Clerk reported that the results of the North Lindsey College questionnaire had been disappointing and that subsequently the college could not provide classes in Messingham. Further costings had also been received from North Lincolnshire Council which indicate costs in excess of £80,000 to bring the building into good repair. It was agreed that this issue be placed on the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting so that the public can be given the information received to date. It was noted that there has been no encouragement or support for this project from North Lincolnshire Council. It was also agreed that if the public decide not to pursue the refurbishment of the school that NLC should be asked to impose a restriction to protect the building façade in order to protect the street scene.

e) **Min 1971/4 Street Sports**

Councillor Sherwood confirmed that Street Sports are using the playing field on Monday evenings.

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- f) **Min 197a/2 Catchwater Crossroads**
It was noted that the traffic lights are now installed and operational. It was agreed that the lighting sequence is excellent for optimum flow of traffic.
- g) **Min 198a Wendover Road Verge**
Acknowledgement from Highways that the request is being considered but no further information to date.
- i) **Min 198b Public Footpath 205 Holme Lane**
Response from Anita Greener advising that the construction of the new ponds will not impede the public footpath.
- j) **Min 198f Middleton Close**
Letter received from the owner of the motorhome which was noted. It was further noted that the motorhome has now been moved.

212. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 19th March 2012

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

Matters Arising

- a) **Min 357b Annual Meeting of Allotment Tenants**
The Chairman reported that the meeting had been attended by 13 tenants with only two reported issues for attention – a pot hole in the allotment road; and the noise from the motorcycle park.

213. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 2nd April 2012

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

214. ACCOUNTS

a) Passed for Payment:

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s salary & allowance (1 st May)	£966.12
2. Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant wages	111.25
3. E G East – Handyman	71.17
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	200.00
6. North Lincolnshire Council – Waste collection – Church	332.80
7. North Lincolnshire Council – dog bin	126.50
8. HMRC – Quarterly PAYE	644.86
9. ERNLLCA – Annual subscription	775.49
10. Owen Bowness & Son – Memorial light repair	18.00
11. Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society – donation	50.00
12. Npower – Electricity – Memorial	60.78 d/d
13. Npower – Electricity – Holme Meadow	153.16 d/d
14. Siemens Financial Service – Photocopier Lease	89.85

b) Monies Received

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| 1. Allotment Rents – Spring collection | 1013.25 |
| 2. HMRC – VAT repayment | 4574.95 |

c) Annual Audit

The Clerk advised that the annual audit is to take place on 24th May and that the accounts had been completed and sent to Mr Johnson for internal audit. Approval of accounts to be done at May meeting.

215. PLANNING**a) Planning Decisions**

1. 2012/0243 Fields, Millfield House, Scotter Road – tractor shed, polytunnels & retain steel container. APPROVED
2. 2012/1406 Boyko, 6 Hall Rise – increase height of existing fence to 1.5m. REFUSED

b) Planning Applications

2012/1406 Smith, 106 Brigg Road – loft conversion and alterations. NO OBJECTIONS.

Councillor J England took no part in debate or voting on the above application.

216. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NLC
 1. Localism Act 2011 – Standards. Chairman reported that the LGA Model Code of Conduct is awaited before Town and Parish Councils are invited to accept it.
 2. Neighbourhood Services – Service Level Agreement for flowerbed maintenance.
 3. North Lincolnshire Markets Policy – Agreed to forward copies to Messingham Village Hall committee and Playing Field committee.
 4. Environmental Protection – Kieradan Park – notification of abatement notice served.
- b) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re. flytipping at Black Bank.
- c) ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Code of Conduct advisory note; Notice of planning workshop.
- d) ANGLIAN WATER – Drought situation and hosepipe ban information.
- e) SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT RUNNING CLUB – Request to book Holme Meadow for evening meeting in June. Agreed to accept the booking for 14th June on condition that a responsible person is a key holder for the evening so that the gates can be locked when the field is unattended and that cars are parked on left between the trees. Agreed to make no charge for use of the field but charge a refundable deposit for the key.
- f) LCAS – Risk Assessment Seminar. Clerk agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

217. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) MIDDLETON CLOSE – Vehicles parking on kerbs.
- b) ASHLIN COURT – Tree opposite No. 1 needs cutting back.
- c) SCHOOL DRIVE/WEST GREEN – Footpath in snicket has standing water – already reported but to be followed up with Highways.
- d) WENDOVER ROAD – Complaint that vehicles parked in the layby outside the shops have their doors impeded by the bollards.

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- e) BRIGG ROAD – Vehicles parking on the grass verge by the village sign.
- f) BLACK WALK NOOK – Entrance blocked preventing the parking of cars. To be forwarded to Anita Greener.
- g) HOLME MEADOW – Issues reported by MJFC:
 - 1. Floodlights – new floodlights have had lights pushed skywards and possibly broken. Cllr. Caley agreed to investigate and report to Lytec Ltd.
 - 2. Grass Cutting – only partially cut. Noted that this was probably due to weather conditions but Veolia to be informed.
 - 3. Damage due to horses – concern for ground condition for football tournament. Agreed to remind MJFC that the field is multi-purpose but that SDPOC be reminded to keep to their own area.
 - 4. Pitch 1 – needs levelling and re-seeding before next season. MJFC to be in advised that no further matches to take place after end of April.
 - 5. Dog Fouling – continued problem of dog fouling on pitches etc. Agreed that everything possible has been done to inform and assist dog owners and that a complete dog ban would be impossible to enforce.

218. OTHER BUSINESS

a) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reported that the only available evenings for the main hall are the last two Mondays in May. Monday 28th May agreed with a start time of 7.00pm. Posters to placed in the notice boards and advertising in the Scunthorpe Telegraph.

- b) Councillor Mountain asked that congratulations be sent from the Parish Council to Miss Audrey Harris for her success in the recent School Chef of the Year competition.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 8.45pm.