

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **10<sup>th</sup> December 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs B Todd, J R Walker, J England, M Proctor, R Nixon, J McKellar Main, W Elsome, Mrs J Briggs, T Foster, M Caley and P Wright; Simon Leonard of Scunthorpe Telegraph, 4 members of the public and the Clerk.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Brown addressed the members present to explain her concerns with regard to parking on Spencers Garage forecourt when the garage is closed and also the continued parking on double yellow lines around the Butterwick Road junction with High Street. Mr Lewis reiterated these concerns and added that additional parking problems were caused by the lack of parking provided for the residents in the properties at the rear of Pooleys Tea Room. *The Chairman declared his personal and prejudicial interest and left the room prior to the comments by Mrs Brown and Mr Lewis.*

Mr Radford referred to the dog fouling problems in the village particularly on the West Green snicket to High Street and suggested that warning signs be erected at either end of the snicket. He also referred to the recent article by the vicar in the village magazine with regard to dog fouling in the churchyard. He also made comment regarding the speeding issues on Brigg Road.

#### **115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors Mrs G Sherwood and G Day.

#### **116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor N Poole – Min 99a Pooleys Tea Room. Personal and prejudicial as the owner.

#### **117. POLICE MATTERS**

Crime statistics received from PC Teale for the months of October and November and circulated to all member. 5 incidents in October and 13 incidents in November were reported but it was noted that 3 of the November incidents related to the thefts at the allotments.

#### **118. MINUTES OF LAST METING 12<sup>TH</sup> November 2012**

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. Following the amendment of a typing error on Page 104 to correct the Bowls Club grant to £1000, the minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **119. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **a) Min 99a Pooley's Tea Room**

*The Chairman left the room prior to discussions.*

Response received from NLC advising that investigations are continuing. It was agreed to copy this letter and forward to Mr & Mrs Brown. It was agreed that the length of time taken by NLC to resolve this matter is unsatisfactory and it was agreed to keep pursuing the matter until the results of the investigations are known.

Correspondence from Mrs Brown was also noted with regard to the parking issues already explained in the Public Forum. It was agreed that the parking problems are at their worst when the fish and chip shop is open and it was agreed to refer the matter to Parking Enforcement at NLC and the police.

The Clerk explained, for the benefit of the members of the public, that the parish council report in the village magazine is only a brief summary of the monthly meeting and that the village complaints included are only new issues rather than continuing issues. She also commented that all the village complaints are fully reported in the minutes which are available for inspection in the village library and on the parish council website.

**119b) Min 99b Veolia Account**

The Clerk reported that two credit notes had been received in respect of weed spraying at the churchyard and Holme Meadow. She further commented that Veolia are adamant that weed spraying was carried out twice at the churchyard but that due to wet conditions following the spraying it may not have been obvious. Cllr. Elsome disputed the second spraying but agreed that the credit notes be accepted and the account cleared.

**c) Min 99f Wendover Road Speed Monitoring**

Speed data received from Roy Hindmarsh which clearly indicates an 85%ile speed of 27.3 mph so no further action to be taken.

The clerk reported that the speedwatch sign is available for Brigg Road at a cost of £139.73 per month. The Chairman commented that the priority threshold is to be increased to the top 90 which would include Brigg Road for targeting by the Road Safety Partnership Speed Management Strategy at no cost to the parish council. It was agreed to make enquiries when this change is to take place.

**d) Min 103a Play Area**

Quotation received from NLC to remove the tree sap from the safety tiles at a cost of £659 + VAT for the safety surfacing only; or ££439 + VAT for the pathways only. It was agreed to accept the £659 quote for the safety surfacing and to arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible but excluding the school holidays as the play area will need to be closed for 3 days.

**e) Min 103c Wendover Road Pot Hole**

It was noted that the hole has not been repaired to date. Email correspondence received from Mr K Mason advising of vehicle damage as a result of driving over the pot hole. The clerk confirmed that she had forwarded this email to Highways and the Ward members. The Ward members present agreed to pursue this matter.

**f) Min 103e Crown Inn**

Response received from NLC advising that the areas around the Crown Inn and Green Tree have been inspected and the problem of cigarette ends noted with the public house owners informed of their responsibilities.

**g) Min 104b Old School Northfield Road**

Response from John Kidner advising that permission is awaited from the Secretary of State to sell off the school but that a number of enquiries have already been received. The parish council to be kept informed of developments.

**h) Min 103b Dog Fouling West Green**

Response received from Neighbourhood Services advising that the snicket is cleansed weekly. It was suggested that signage is already in place but this to be confirmed. It was noted that the only way to stop the regular dog fouling is for witnesses to come forward so that action can be taken. It was agreed to report the issue to the dog wardens and to ask Neighbourhood Services to monitor the area regularly.

The issue of the dog fouling at the churchyard was discussed and it was noted that when the dog control orders for Messingham were being formalised five years ago the churchyard were asked to be included but declined – it was agreed to remind the PCC of this fact. It was noted that there is a dog waste bin at the church gate.

**i) Min 103I Discarded Branches rear of Nisa Store**

It was noted that nothing has been done to date. The clerk confirmed that the matter has been reported to North Lincolnshire Homes twice so it was agreed to contact them again.

**120. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 19<sup>th</sup> November 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 107a Holme Meadow Drainage**

The clerk reported that the work is scheduled to be carried out before Christmas provided the land is not too wet. It was agreed that Mr Foster-Thornton be contacted to obtain his permission as the owner of the dyke.

**b) Min 110b Play Area Litter Bins**

Response from Neighbourhood Services advising that the bins are emptied weekly, usually on Tuesdays, and noted that they are always 100% full.

**121. MINUTES OF PRECEPT MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> November 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 113e 2013/14 Precept**

The Clerk reported that in view of Government changes to the council tax base, it would be prudent to delay the precept request to NLC until the changes affecting Parish Councils are known. The Chairman advised that NLC have agreed that provided there is no change between the 2012/13 and 2013/14 precept requests a grant will be awarded to retain the Band D rate of council tax. It was therefore agreed to reduce the 2013/14 precept request to £47,000 keeping it the same as last year.

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

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s salary and allowance (Cheque 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec)	£966.12
2.	Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	111.25
3.	G East – Handyman (including annual holiday pay )	265.67
4.	D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	206.00
6.	North Lincolnshire Council – spring bedding plants	775.72
7.	Veolia ES – grass cutting (including credit notes)	756.09
8.	M J Bray – Drainage work at churchyard (phase 2)	310.00

**b) Monies Received:**

Mystery Benefactory – donation towards Christmas tree 60.00 cash  
It was agreed that mention be made in the village magazine of this generous donation.

**123. PLANNING****a) Applications before NLC:**

2012/1364 W Smith, Field NE of Bridge Farm, Butterwick Road – new vehicular access to provide access to a certified touring caravan site. NO OBJECTIONS

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

**b) Planning Decisions by NLC:**

- 2012/1140 Poole, 8 Brigg Road – crown reduce a yew tree. APPROVED. *Councillor Poole declared his personal interest as a relative of the applicant.*
- 2012/1238 Potterton, 2 Northfield Road – erect detached dwelling. APPROVED

**124. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC – Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Dispensations. Information and advice. After discussion and explanation it was formally agreed that the power to grant dispensations be delegated to the Clerk.
- b) ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Advisory Note 53 (Dispensations); Changes to council tax base information.
- c) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re. 1) Benson Close bin collection; 2) School route – Messingham; 3) Asbestos dumped at Black Bank and Twigmoor Side Road.
- d) HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – Thanks for drainage work to the churchyard.
- e) MRS POPPLE – Complaint regarding the pedestrian crossing on High Street. Various comments were made in support of Mrs Popple’s complaint and it was agreed to forward the matter to Neil Norvock for his suggestions for improvements.
- f) B BATTY – Complaint re. footpaths overgrown by verges on Northfield Road and Butterwick Road. It was noted that a large van parks on Northfield Road footpath/verge making damage to both. It was also noted that Butterwick Road is usually cleaned regularly but is particularly bad at the moment. It was also noted that the Brigg Road footpath beyond No. 107 is also overgrown.
- g) YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM – Invitation to enter the 2013 competition. Agreed to enter.
- h) J KENDRICK – ancestor enquiry – agreed to forward to the History Group

**125. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS**

- a) HIGH STREET – Advertising board on footpath outside Crown Inn obstructing vision for drivers from Park Street.
- b) NORTHFIELD ROAD FOOTPATH – No response from previous complaint – agreed to pursue with Highways.
- c) HOLME LANE – Flytipping reported just before Willow Farm Springs entrance. Flytipping also reported at the bottom of STATHER HILL – to be reported to Neighbourhood Services
- d) BRIGG ROAD – large number of mole hills appeared at the junction with Scotter Road/High Street – to be referred to Neighbourhood Services.
- e) STATHER HILL – Speed limit and warning signs obliterated by hedge. To be reported to NLC.
- f) MIDDLETON CLOSE – Sewage problems reported for the residents at the west end of the cul-de-sac. The Chairman reported that this problem is due to problems with surface water going into the foul sewer during heavy rainfall but that Severn Trent Water Authority have been informed. He also reported similar problems encountered on Holme Lane which have also been reported.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING