

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **11th February 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, M Proctor, J Mountain, G Day, J Mckellar-Main, J England, T Foster, Mrs J Briggs & P Wright;; S Ringwood (Scunthorpe Telegraph), 7 members of the public and the clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr T Rands of Ashlin Court re-iterated his concerns regarding the overhanging trees from a property on Wendover Road and emphasised that his concerns are for health and safety reasons. He reported that the roots are lifting the footpath creating an uneven surface and also advised that the trees are 20-25ft high and potentially nearing the end of their natural lifespan which may make them vulnerable.

Mr D Lewis referred to his correspondence and requested that copies of any correspondence received from North Lincolnshire Council in respect of his complaint be forwarded to him. (*Councillor Poole left the room prior to the comments by Mr Lewis*).

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors R Nixon and Mrs G Sherwood

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) N Poole – Min 130a. Personal and prejudicial as owner of the business
- b) Mrs B Todd – Min 130a – Personal as patron of the business
- c) J England - Min 130a – Personal as patron on the business
- d) Mrs J Briggs - Min 130a – Personal as patron on the business
- e) J McKellar-Main - Min 130a – Personal as patron on the business

138. POLICE MATTERS

- a) Crime statistics circulated and noted
- b) Councillor Mountain reported two vehicles speeding around the East/West Green roundabout in the wrong direction on 9th February but no details were obtained.

139. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 14TH January 2013

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

140. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 130a Pooleys Tea Room

The Chairman left the room prior to discussion.

The correspondence from Mr Lewis was read out. Councillor England commented that he had not reported the Wednesday evening parking to Mr Metcalfe as suggested in the letter. Councillor Mrs Todd commented that parish councillors are elected to look after the interests of ALL residents. The Clerk confirmed that no response had been received from North Lincolnshire Council to the last two letters but it was agreed that copies of any responses will be forwarded to Mr Lewis as requested.

b) Min 130b Brigg Road Speedwatch

The Clerk informed members that Brigg Road was not scheduled to receive the Speedwatch sign until December 2013 so she had actioned the sign to be installed for a three month period from February to May at Parish Council expense. This action was approved.

c) Min 130c Play Area

The Clerk reported that no date had been given yet to start the cleaning work. It was agreed to chase this up.

140 MATTERS ARISING continued**d) Min 130f Holme Meadow Drainage**

The Clerk reported that the work has been delayed due to the continued wet ground conditions. She advised that the Community Grant Claim is due to be presented by 22nd February but that she had negotiated an extension of this to the second week of March. In the event of the work not being carried out in time it was agreed to make enquiries with regard to delaying the grant.

e) Min 130i Dog Fouling

Response received from S Coulman advising that CCTV on the snicket would not be an option but asking if any neighbours overlooking the area could be approached to record regular incidents. It was noted that there are no overlooking properties.

f) Min 132a/12 Yorkshire in Bloom

The Clerk reported that she had been advised that Messingham no longer came within the Yorkshire Region and the entry fee had been returned with a suggestion to enter the East Midlands in Bloom competition. This was agreed.

g) Min 134d Dog Agility Show

The Clerk reported that Mrs Chapman had made alternative arrangements due to the football commitments of Holme Meadow.

h) Min 134e Ian Reekie

It was noted that Mr Reekie of CCG had been unable to attend this meeting and would attend the March meeting instead.

i) Min 134f Ashlin Court

Response received from Anita Greener advising that the public footpath was not obstructed. Councillor Foster reported that Colin Horton is to visit the site on 15th February and will be advised of the residents' concerns for health and safety.

j) Min 134g Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the handyman has indicated his willingness to undertake additional grass cutting duties and is to discuss the matter further with Playing Field representatives. It was noted that a record of additional hours spent should not be included in the holiday pay entitlement. It was also agreed to make enquiries with regard to charging VAT for work on behalf of the playing field.

k) Min 135b Northfield Road

Response received from Highways advising that an inspection had been made and would be monitored in 90 days. Councillor Poole agreed to follow this matter up.

l) Min 135c Wendover Road Verge

No response received from Highways to date. The Ward Councillors agreed to follow this up.

m) Min 135f Twigmoor Side Road

Response received from Neighbourhood Services advising that any flytipping in the dyke is the responsibility of the landowner. It was noted that Twigmoor Side Road receives regular visits and flytipping is removed as appropriate.

n) Min 135g Brigg Road Refuse Collection

The clerk advised that Neighbourhood Services had forwarded this complaint to Refuse Collection. Councillor Mountain confirmed that the problem had been resolved.

o) Min 135e Crown Inn Advertising Board

Councillor Foster reported that the A-Frame has been downsized which has resolved the problem.

140 MATTERS ARISING continued**p) Min 130e Rear of Nisa Store**

No response from North Lincolnshire Homes to date. Councillor Poole agreed to follow this matter up.

q) Min 135a Holme Meadow Dykes

The Clerk reported that she had written to both of the adjoining landowners to ask them to clean out their respective dykes to help alleviate the problem. It was noted that no response had been received from Mr Foster-Thornton but that Mr Fowler had responded to advise that this dyke was not scheduled for maintenance. The Clerk advised that she had reminded him that it is three years since the last cleaning and was awaiting his further reply.

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

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk's Salary (cheque 1 st March)	£966.12
2.	Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	111.25
3.	G East – handyman	92.90
4.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	257.50
5.	D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
6.	Owen Bowness & Son – Holme Meadow electrical repair	54.00
7.	J G Green & Sons – Christmas tree	96.00
8.	Anglian Water – Butterwick Road allotments	132.46
9.	Anglian Water – Holme Meadow	72.75
10.	BT – phone/broadband	103.23 direct debit
11.	Lytec Limited – floodlight repair	174.00

142. PLANNING**a) Planning Applications before NLC:**

- 2013/0147 Wise Owl Farm Nursery, 68 High Street – Advertising consent to display an illuminated sign. It was agreed to OBJECT as an illuminated sign would not be in keeping with street scene but to comment that uplighting and/or downlighting would be acceptable.

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

b) Planning Decisions by NLC:

- 2012/1464 Bawden, 82 Kealholme Road – erect first floor extension. APPROVED
- 2012/1364 W Smith, Field NE of Bridge Farm, Butterwick Road – new vehicular access. APPROVED

143. CORRESPONDENCE

- NLC
 - S Coulman – Information re. cigarette/gum waste bins. Noted
 - S Cowlbeck – Council tax base/Grant confirmation. Noted
 - Local Heritage Listing – Good Practice Guide. Noted
 - John Kidner – Sales information regarding the Old School. Noted that the sales criteria is as requested by the parish council.
 - Street Numbering – Gooseacre. noted
 - North Lincolnshire Markets policy. Noted
- ERNLLCA
 - Newsletter; 2) Invitation to Spring Conference. Noted
- RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – copy correspondence for information re. School parking restrictions consultation.
- NORTH LINCS PCT – Community Public Health Improvement Grant information; Consultation.

143 CORRESPONDENCE continued

- e) MRS G SHERWOOD/MESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD – Ref. gate opening when ground covered in snow. It was noted that the play area attendant is not expected to open the play area in snow conditions and it was felt to be unreasonable to expect the playing field gate and church gates to be opened in this conditions also. The Clerk advised that the play area attendant has given notice to the playing field to make alternative arrangements but that she is also considering her position with the parish council.
- f) MESSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL – Thanks for the precept grant.
- g) MRS D FAINT – complaint in reference to the pavement graffiti surrounding dog fouling. It was agreed to report the graffiti to S Coulman and to request it's removal. It was also agreed to comment in the village magazine that graffiti of any kind is an offence and costs public money to remove.

144. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) ABANDONED CAR WENDOVER ROAD – Police to be made aware.
- b) DAMAGED GRAVESTONE IN CHURCHYARD – The Chairman reported that the Church has this in hand.

145. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) NOTICE BOARD
The clerk reported that the pin board on the public notice board at the side of Co-op store needs to be replaced and requested that the pin board on the parish council notice board be replaced at the same time. She advised that she had got a price from Greenbarnes Ltd for the self-healing pin board which will cost £260 excluding VAT. It was agreed to go ahead.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING