

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

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, M Proctor, J McKellar-Main, Mrs G Sherwood, J Mountain, Mrs J Briggs, W Elsome, T Foster & J England; Ian Reekie (N. Lincs CCT); S Ringwood (Scunthorpe Telegraph); 4 members of the public and the clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr D Lewis referred to his correspondence and asked if a reply had been received from North Lincolnshire Council. He also complained that parish councillors had not communicated with him and disputed the rumours of a personal feud between himself and Mr & Mrs Poole. He declared that in his opinion Pooleys is an illegal bar and cannot understand what is taking NLC so long to come to the same view.

Mrs L Brown complained about the noise nuisance from Pooleys in the evenings and the dropping off of patrons on the double yellow lines outside her property. She also complained about the make from the chimney and the noise from cellar deliveries. She commented that there had been no discussion from Mr Poole and indifference from parish councillors.

Councillor Poole left the room prior to the comments by Mr Lewis and Mrs Brown.

Mr T Rands referred to the site visit by Colin Horton from NLC together with Councillors T Foster and J England. He noted that the outcome of this meeting was that there is no legislation to enforce the owner to trim the trees back but that the residents of Ashlin Court could pay for the work themselves, which they are prepared to contribute to.

149. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors P Wright, M Caley, G Day and R Nixon.

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) N Poole – Min 140a. Personal and prejudicial as owner of the business.
- b) Mrs B Todd – Min 140a – Personal as patron of the business
- c) Mrs J Briggs - Min 140a – Personal as patron of the business
- d) J England - Min 140a – Personal as patron of the business
- e) J McKellar-Main - Min 140a – Personal as patron of the business

151. POLICE MATTERS

Crime statistics and newsletter circulated and noted.

152. NHS CLINICAL COMMITTEE GROUP

Invited guest Mr Ian Reekie addressed members to explain the purpose of the Group. He explained that each GP practice has to join the group and that their input is vital for feedback regarding patient care. The Chairman commented that the group is scrutinised by the Health Scrutiny Panel. Mr Reekie was thanked for his attendance.

153. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 11TH February 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.

154. MATTERS ARISING**a) Min 140a Pooley's Tea Room**

The Chairman left the room prior to discussion

The correspondence from Mr Lewis was read out. The Clerk confirmed that no reply had been received to date from Mr Driver at NLC so it was agreed to write to him again to push for answers and to request that Mr Lewis is also informed. Mr Lewis's complaint about lack of communication from parish councillors was noted but that they were all fully aware of his concerns in this matter from his regular contribution in the public forum of the parish council meetings.

b) Min 140c Play Area

The Clerk advised that the work is scheduled to commence on 18th March. It was noted that the height barrier will need to be opened for them to gain access.

c) Min 140d Holme Meadow Drainage

Councillor Walker reported that the ground condition is still not suitable for the work to be carried out. The Clerk confirmed that the Aid to Communities grant had been received from NLC on the condition that the money would be used for purpose intended.

d) Min 140f East Midlands in Bloom

The Clerk reported that as first time entrants to this competition there is no entry fee payable, so the payment approved at the last meeting was cancelled.

e) Min 140j Ashlin Court Footpath

Mr Rands comments in the public forum were noted and confirmed by Cllr. Foster. *Standing Orders were agreed to lifted to allow Mr Rands to contribute to the discussion.* It was agreed to write to Mr Fisher to inform him of the concerns and to await his response. It was agreed to contact NLC for a price to remove/reduce the trees.

f) Min 140j Playing Field Perimeter Grass

The Clerk reported that the advice from ERNLLCA is that VAT would have to be charged for services provided by an employee of the Parish Council. The Clerk recommended that the Parish Council pay for the additional work but that it be taken into consideration when making an annual grant to the Playing Field. This was agreed. It was also agreed that the handyman would only take instruction from the Clerk.

g) Min 140l Wendover Road Verge

It was noted that recent work by BT has further damaged the verge but that it would be reinstated to its original status. The request for it to be tarmacked to be reiterated to Highways by the Ward Councillors. It was also noted that the new BT control box has been installed on the edge of the footpath reducing the width to make it difficult for mobility scooters etc – to be reported to Rob Beales.

h) Min 140p Rear of Nisa Store

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from North Lincolnshire Homes to date. Councillor Walker suggested that as this complaint refers to private land it is not the responsibility of the Parish council and should be referred back to the Nisa Store. This was agreed.

154. MATTERS ARISING continued**i) Min 140q Holme Meadow Dykes**

Further response received from Mr Fowler advising that this dyke would not be considered a priority for maintenance. There has been no response from Foster-Thornton. Councillor Walker reported that 15 yards of the east dyke needs digging out but that all outlets in the north dyke are at least 1ft above the level of the water in the dykes.

k) Min 144a Abandoned Car

It was noted that the car has now gone.

l) Min 145a Notice Boards

It was noted that the work to the notice boards has been completed satisfactorily.

m) Min 140b Brigg Road Speedwatch

Email received from Roy Hindmarsh with the results of the February speed data . Comments from Mr Radford made to Councillor Mountain were also noted.

n) Min 140k Northfield Road Verge

The Chairman reported that there are no funds available within the Highways budget at the present time for repairs to the verge.

155. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 18TH February 2013

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

Matters Arising**a) Min 397b Allotment 52a**

The Clerk reported that this allotment had been declined by Mr King and his application held until further notice.

b) Min 399d West View Entrance

The Clerk reported that hedge plants had been purchased from British Hardwood Nursery and that the handyman is scheduled to plant them before he goes on holiday at the end of March.

156. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE 4th March 2013

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.

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

1.	Mrs J Walker – clerk's salary and allowance (1 st April)	£966.12
2.	Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	111.25
3.	G East – handyman	68.97
4.	D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	206.00
6.	NLC – Speedwatch sign rental	503.03
7.	Greenbarnes – notice board pinboard	312.05
8.	RJWG Engravers – allotment signs	45.00
9.	HWRCC – membership renewal (approved)	25.00

b) Paid Between Meetings & Approved

British Hardwood Tree Nursery – hawthorn plants for allotments	126.00
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157. ACCOUNTS continued**c) Monies Received**

North Lincolnshire Council – Community Grant 2300.00

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

1. 2013/0196 Thew, 2 Gooseacre Lane – erect extension to roof, double garage & single storey side extension. NO OBJECTION
2. 2013/0030 Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Messingham Nature Reserve – retain a metal container for use as an agricultural tool store. NO OBJECTION

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

b) Planning Decisions by NLC:

2012/0545 W Smith, site of Priesthows, Butterwick Road – erect 3-bedroom detached replacement dwelling. APPROVED

159. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Information re. Section 137 update.
- b) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re. 1) Middleton Close sewerage complaints (NP); Wendover Road verge (JE)
- c) JOANNA MCLEAN – Enquiry for memorial tree planting. Agreed to offer Holme Meadow but to remind that maintenance and watering is not provided.
- d) 6TH SCUNTHORPE (MESSINGHAM) SCOUTS - Approval required for extension to brick store off West View. Agreed to support this request but to insist that the gap between the allotment shed and the brick store is retained.
- e) WISE OWL NURSERY – Invitation to Open Day on Saturday 6th April.
- f) NATIONAL GRID – Advice of routine maintenance 11th March.
- g) OLIVER BURROWS – Request for skate park at Holme Meadow. It was noted that a previous risk assessment undertaken at Holme Meadow had proved it to be an unsuitable venue. It was agreed to make further enquiries with Simon Seal at NLC. It was also agreed to send a copy to the Playing Field committee for their consideration. It was noted that Streetsport has a mobile skate park available and is in Messingham every Monday evening from 6-8pm.

160. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) DYKE BEYOND 107 BRIGG ROAD – requires cleaning out. it was noted that surface water from No. 99 to the dyke causes flooding in heavy rain. It was agreed to write to the landowner, Mr Foster Thornton.
- b) EAST/WEST GREEN ROUNDABOUT – pot holes reported . The Clerk advised that she had already reported these to Highways.
- c) HIGH STREET – traffic calming measures suggested by Mr Radford to Councillor Mountain were noted but agreed to be impractical.
- d) NORTHFIELD ROAD FOOTPATH – raised manhole cover outside No. 47 to be reported to Highways. The Chairman advised that there is funding available for the improvement of footpaths where identified and suggested that details of footpaths requiring attention be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING