

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

PRESENT: N Poole (chair), J R Walker, W Elsome, M Proctor, R Nixon, M Caley, A Clark, J McKellar Main, J England, Mrs G Sherwood, G Foster, Mrs J Briggs, J Mountain & P Wright; Ian Jickells and Gareth Denovan from NLC Road Safety Partnership; the Clerk and two members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Radford addressed the members present with regard to speeding on the Wendover Estate; the need for parking restrictions within the area of the school; and the length of time taken to activate the speed limit posts which were started in July and still not completed.

Mr Reed addressed the members present with regard to parking on grass verges. He noted that signs relating to fines for parking on verges are in place but do not appear to be enforced.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Received from Councillor Mrs B Todd

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

90. INVITED GUESTS – IAN JICKELLS & GARETH DENOVAN

Mr Jickells addressed the meeting on the subject of school time parking in Messingham. He gave a brief history of the scheme and explained that the first round of consultation regarding parking restrictions had met with opposition from residents who did not wish to be inconvenienced outside their own homes. It was noted that the 20mph limit zone is now in place and the speed flashes are ready to activate.

He advised that a meeting has been scheduled with the School and a School Travel Agreement, currently on trial at Gunness & Burringham, school will be discussed. He noted that the culture of parents using vehicles to take children to school needs to change and that they need to be made aware of the problems of inconsiderate parking outside other people's homes.

Councillor Mountain suggested making Benson Close into a through road-but it was advised that this would not be considered as it would encourage parents to drive in and drop off and would not be acceptable to the residents of Benson Close.

The pedestrian crossing was agreed by all members to need converting to a pelican crossing for improved safety for pedestrians. It was noted that the location of the bus stops is not satisfactory and can impede visibility of the crossing for oncoming motorists; it was also noted that the railings outside the Co-op store also hinder visibility of waiting pedestrians. The Chairman reported that the Ward Councillors are lobbying hard to move the crossing up the priority list. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to support this action.

It was noted that other villages and towns have similar issues and data is needed to corroborate the problems – it was suggested that the near-miss facility on the NLC website is a useful tool for this.

Mr Jickells responded to Mr Radford's complaint regarding speeding on the Wendover Estate and advised that the last speed data reported an average 23mph speed on Wendover Road with 8 offenders over 30mph per day.

Mr Jickells responded to Mr Reeds complaint regarding parking on grass verges and advised that as this is a by-law, NLC needs to use court action to prosecute offenders so the action usually taken is to write to the offenders only.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jickells and Mr Denovan for attending.

91. POLICE MATTERS

- a) The monthly crime statistics received from PC Teale were circulated to all members and noted.
- b) The Chairman reported that a number of vehicles have been targeted on the Wendover Estate but that the Police are aware. He commented that the public needs to be vigilant in keeping their vehicles secure and belongings out of sight.
- c) It was noted that PCSO Rob Straker has left the Police Force. It was agreed that he had been an asset to the Ridge Ward Neighbourhood Policing team and would be greatly missed. It was agreed to write to Chief Superintendent Forbes to commend PCSO Straker and to ask for his support in replacing him on the team.

92. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 14th October 2013

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. Following an amendment to Min. 80a to reads: Councillor *Foster* reiterated his suggestion....., the minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

93. MATTERS ARISING**a) Min 79b Mrs Brown Complaint**

The Clerk advised that a draft report had been received from the investigating officer, Gareth Roberts, but that a meeting with him has been arranged to discuss it further. His account to date was received and passed for payment.

b) Min 79d Play Area Tiles

A quotation was received from Hemswell Contracting for wet pour surfacing for £4,455, plus advice that relaying the existing tiles should not be considered for safety reasons. It was suggested that given the high cost of replacing or relaying the tiles, consideration should be given in the 2014/5 budget for replacement equipment instead. It was noted that the annual inspection of the play area is due to be carried out and may make recommendations that need to be considered.

c) Min 70h Floodlight Damage

The Clerk reported that a brief response had been received from Lytec to advised that a response would be forthcoming but had not been received to date. It was agreed to let the matter rest until a response is received.

d) Min 81d Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that Richard Dixon has offered his services at a cost of £375 + 40p per mile, which is comparable to previous auditor, Alan Johnson. It was agreed to accept his services from 2014.

e) Min 85b Churchyard Drainage

The Clerk advised that there would ample funds from the 2013/14 budget to go ahead with Phase 3 of the churchyard drainage project, estimated to cost approximately £2000 so it was agreed that it should be implemented as soon as possible.

f) Min 80a Most Improved/Best Newcomer Allotment Prize

Councillor Foster asked if the prize had been delivered to Mrs Simpson. The Clerk confirmed that she had delivered it personally.

94. MINUTES OF THE LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 28th October 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.

a) Matter Arising - Min 87 MUGA Project

The Clerk reported that she is awaiting revised quotations. Councillor Elsome commented that a scale site plan will be needed when a supplier is chosen.

95. ACCOUNTS**a) Passed for Payment**

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s salary & allowance (cheque 1 st Dec)	£992.30
2. Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	130.05
3. G East – handyman	82.66
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	282.50
6. Veolia ES – grass cutting Sept/Oct *	1699.91
7. Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day wreath/donation	50.00
8. B W Ross – ground maintenance/hedging & dyking	537.58
9. North Lincolnshire Council – flowerbed maintenance	1574.62
10. G W Roberts – complaint investigation fee	576.90
11. Messingham Playing Field – 2013/4 precept grant	1000.00
12. BT – telephone/broadband account	110.31 direct debit

* Noted that grass cutting was carried out in the first week of November – agreed to confirm with Veolia that no further cuts are required this year.

b) Monies Received

Messingham Playing Field – dogs on leads sign 25.00

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

- 2013/1344 Wood, Goosewood, Scotter Road – erect single storey rear extension. NO OBJECTION
- 2013/1389 Severn Trent Water, Sewage Work – demolition of flare stack. NO OBJECTION
- 2013/1366 Dannatt, 17 Northfield Road – prior approval for household extension. NOTED

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

b) Planning Decisions by NLC:

- 2013/1142 North Lincolnshire Homes, 56 & 58 Butterwick Road – ext wall insulation. APPROVED
- 2013/1125 North Lincolnshire Homes, 91 Brigg Road – external wall insulation. APPROVED
- 2013/1123 North Lincolnshire Homes, 79 & 81 Brigg Road – external wall insulation. APPROVED
- 2013/1043 Cody, 11 Calder Green – two storey extension. APPROVED
- 2013/1006 Smith, land adjacent to Priesthows, Butterwick Road – detached dwelling. APPROVED

97. CORRESPONDENCE

- NLC
 - Play Area Inspection Agreement. The Clerk reported that she had agreed to the new price of £75 per annum. This action was approved.
 - Market Consent – Messingham Village Hall – noted
 - Community Emergency Planning Speed Training Event – Feb 2014. noted
 - Budget & Council Tax Consultation. Noted
- ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Granting of dispensations information. Noted
- PRINCEBUILD LTD – Water regulations compliance inspection required for Holme Meadow.
- HWRCC – Postponement of AGM to 9th December. Noted
- NEIL PATTISON – North Lincolnshire Marathon 2015 information. Noted
- MESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD – Response re. playing field closure times. It was commented that the daylight closing of the playing field is unsatisfactory but Councillor Elsome reported that damage to the pavilion had been caused recently by the group of boys, who had been moved on from the village hall, who had just want to kick the ball against the only available wall. It was agreed that consultation will be needed with the Playing Field committee and the MUGA

committee with regard to pedestrian access after dark. Councillor Walker commented that a sign is needed at the playing field entrance with Playing Field committee contact details and opening/closing times.

- g) NORTH LINCS YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE – Indoor projects required for offenders. Noted

98. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) HOLME MEADOW DYKES – require cleaning by the respective landowners. Agreed to write to Messrs. Fowler and Foster-Thornton.
- b) CHRISTMAS TREE – Agreed to order 20ft tree from Greens for delivery on Saturday 7th December.
- c) HEDGE TRIMMING – Noted the excellent job recently carried out by Barry Ross.
- d) CHURCH STREET – Footpath opposite the Chapel reported to be in poor condition. Also two street lights out.
- e) TRINITY COURT – tree overhanging the footpath. To be reported to North Lincolnshire Homes.
- f) BUTTERWICK ROAD – White lining faded badly from Catchwater Crossroads into Messingham .
- g) BLACK BANK – Noted the excellent job recently carried out on the road surface by North Lincolnshire Council.
- h) HOLME MEADOW DRAINAGE TRENCHES – require top soil and grass seed. Noted that the top soil and levelling is to be carried out during the forthcoming week but that grass seed could not be applied until Spring.
- i) WEST GREEN/SCHOOL DRIVE SNICKET – footpath holding standing water across its width. Noted that this has already been reported.
- j) WENDOVER ROAD – Streetlights 1 & 2 out.
- k) BRIGG ROAD – hedge from No 107 requires cutting back.
- l) BLOCKED GULLIES – reported in Brigg Road and Ashberry Drive.
- m) VILLAGE COMPLIMENTS – Councillor Wright commented that as well as Village Complaints there should be an item on the agenda for Village Compliments as there are many positive aspects in the village. This was agreed.

99. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman commented on the very successful Remembrance Day Service with an excellent turnout of over 300. It was noted that the frame for the wreaths looks particularly well. Councillor Walker thanked Councillor Caley for his assistance in putting the wreaths on the frame after the service.

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