

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> **December 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, J McKellar Main, J England, Mrs G Sherwood, M Proctor, P Wright, T Foster, Mrs J Briggs and J Mountain; one member of the public and the Clerk.

**103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors W Elsome, A Clark, M Caley and R Nixon

**104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor N Poole – Matters Arising - Minute 93a – personal.

**105. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) The crime statistics and the Ridge Ward newsletter had been received and circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Noted.
- b) Min 91c – Response from Chief Superintendent Forbes advising that recruitment of Special Constables is in hand. Response also received from PC Teale acknowledging the praise for PCSO Straker.

**106. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> November 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.

**107. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 93a Mrs Brown Complaint**

The report of the investigation carried out by Gareth Roberts was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The conclusion of the report is that the Parish Council has acted correctly and legitimately in dealing with the complaints put by Mrs Brown and Mr & Mrs Lewis. Councillor England commented that the advice that the complainant could contact the Ombudsman was given in good faith and relevant to North Lincolnshire Council actions. It was noted that the Ombudsman has no jurisdiction with Town & Parish Councils. Councillor England also took issue with having been named in the report but with no right of reply. The Clerk reported that she had clarified all aspects relating to individual councillors with Mr Roberts prior to the final report. It was noted that Mr Roberts had also sought advice from the Monitoring Officer before completion of his report. It was agreed that the complaint is not upheld and to write to Mrs Brown to advise her of this and that the matter is now closed. The Clerk reported that she has included the result of the investigation in the January issue of the Village Magazine.

**b) Min 93e Churchyard Drainage Project**

Accounts received for expenditure to date for Phase 3 were approved. It was agreed to write to Councillor Elsome to thank him for his time and commitment to the project during the last two years.

**c) Min 94a MUGA Project**

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to finalise the MUGA requirements prior to making a funding application to NLC. It was agreed that all interested persons be invited despite the poor attendance at previous meetings.

**d) Min 98I Blocked Gullies**

It was noted that the gully cleaning programme has started.

**108. MINUTES OF PRECEPT MEETING 25<sup>TH</sup> November 2013****a)** The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. The following amendments to the minutes were agreed:

Min 101/5 - Councillor Mrs Sherwood advised that she is not a member of the bowls club but had declared her interest as Treasurer of the Playing Field committee in relation to the bowls club. The minute was amended to read : *....personal in relation to the bowls club.*

Min 101/1 – Councillor Poole advised that his declaration of interest was personal *and prejudicial* and was amended accordingly.

Following the above amendments the minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**b)** Correspondence was noted from ERNLLCA/NALC and Kirton Town Council with regard to the Council Tax Benefit Support Grant. Councillors Poole, England and Foster gave their views as Ward Councillors in respect of the decision made by NLC. They also commented that not all town and parish councils manage their budgets as well as Messingham.**109. ACCOUNTS****a) Passed for Payment:**

1. Mrs J Walker – clerk’s salary & allowance (cheque 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec)	£992.10
2. Mrs K Hall – play area attendant salary	130.05
3. G East – handyman wages + holiday pay	294.05
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	226.00
6. Builders Merchant Co – timber posts for Holme Meadow	9.65
7. Gareth Roberts – investigation fee (balance)	175.95
8. North Lincs Council – bedding plants	1997.39
9. H Simpson – compost	10.00
10. M J Bray Building Services – churchyard drainage work	274.50
11. W Elsome – churchyard drainage expenses	1376.64

**110. PLANNING****Planning Decisions by NLC:**

- a) 2013/1259 Sword, Greystones, Northfield Road – single storey extension & detached garage.  
APPROVED
- b) 2013/1379 Severn Trent Water, Sewage Works – demolition of flare stack structure.  
APPROVED

**111. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC**
1. Kimberley Kenyon – North Lincs Broadband Project Roadshow 2014. Agreed to forward contact details for the Village Hall and the Co-op as potential venues for the roadshow vehicle.
  2. Highways – Proposed speed limit change Northfield Road/Messingham Road A159. Following comments it was agreed to ask for clarification of the proposed

section of road and to ask for all proposals from Yaddlethorpe Crossroads to Holme Lane.

- b) **ERNLLCA** Newsletter – noted
- c) **RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS** – copy correspondence for information re. Sunday Bus Service (Cllr. England) It was agreed that this be an item for the Annual Parish Meeting agenda.

**112. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) HOLME LANE flytipped mattress and tyres. Noted that these have been reported but not action to date. Clerk to follow up.
- b) WENDOVER ROAD streetlights 1 & 2 still not working despite being reported. Councillor Poole to follow up.
- c) ASHBERRY DRIVE streetlight no.3 – leaning reported to be worsening.
- d) CHRISTMAS TREE – Thanks to Councillor Walker and the working party. Agreed that the tree looks splendid.
- e) CHURCH STREET – thanks for the streetlights repaired quickly.
- f) DOG FOULING prevalent from Ashlin Court to Briggate Drive and also on Benson Close. To be reported.
- g) SCHOOL DRIVE – Thanks to Highways for the swift removal of fallen tree branches.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed 8.10pm