

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **10<sup>th</sup> February 2014** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs B Todd, M Proctor, J McKellar Main, A Clark, Mrs J Briggs, J Mountain, J England, Mrs G Sherwood, T Foster, P Wright; and the Clerk

**126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors M Caley, W Elsome, R Nixon and J R Walker.

**127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None received

**128. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) Ridge Ward Newsletter and monthly crime statistics received and circulated. Noted
- b) Speeding on Brigg Road reported but it was noted that the flashing speed signs are currently in place and data will be collected by the Road Safety Team.
- c) Noted that the Butterwick Road allotments had some thefts reported during December.
- d) Councillor Proctor reported that he had occasion to report suspicious activity on 999 which was dealt with very promptly.
- e) The police were called to a fracas at the Horn Inn at 11.15pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Noted.
- f) The Chairman commented that parking on verges on Kealholme Road had been reported to PCSO Horsfall but it was noted that this is the direct responsibility of NLC and agreed to report it to them for action where necessary. It was also agreed that parking on the verges between 39 & 43 Wendover Road be reported.
- g) A resident of Wendover Close has reported that children kicking a ball against the rear wall of the village hall is causing disturbance. It was agreed to ask PCSO Horsfall to include the area in his regular patrols.

**129. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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.

**130. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 119a MUGA Project**

The Clerk reported that a revised quotation had been received from Playdale Parks Ltd, but that the quotation from Wicksteeds had not yet arrived. It was noted that a grant of £50,000 had been approved by NLC but official notification had not yet been received. Councillor Main advised that he is aware of other potential grant aid which he would follow up. The Clerk commented that she lacked the knowledge to complete the application to Northern Powergrid for the mains supply and would appreciate assistance in this matter together with the planning application. It was agreed to call a Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the project further. It was agreed not to invite residents to this meeting.

**b) Min 119b Proposed Speed Limit Change A159**

Further information provided and noted.

**c) Min 119f Blocked Gullies**

Response from NLC advising that remedial work is scheduled for the drains at the junction of Brigg Road with Ashberry Drive.

**d) Min 122a/3 Planning Application 2013/1611**

A letter from a neighbouring resident, advising her concerns, was noted.

**e) Min 123a/1 Manor Farm Estate – Speed Monitoring**

Response from Mr Rushton thanking the PC for their actions in this matter. Noted.

**130. MATTERS ARISING (continued)****f) Min 123e Holy Trinity Church – Dog Waste**

The Clerk reported that Neighbourhood Services has agreed to consider the re-siting of the dog waste bin if possible.

**g) Min 124a Twigmoor Side Road**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Walker had been in touch with NLC with regard to the pot holes and he had been advised that the road was not considered a highway, which he disputed and is awaiting further information. Councillor England confirmed that following a court case a few years ago, Twigmoor Side Road is indeed designated as highway to be maintained by the local authority.

**h) Min 124h Ashlin Court Footpath**

It was noted that the surface of the footpath appears to be in good order but that the ground at the edge of the footpath, at the Briggate Drive end, drops away. It was noted that the natural incline of the footpath becomes slippery in icy weather and the drop is potentially hazardous to pedestrians. Agreed to suggest a handrail for safety.

**131. MINUTES OF M.U.G.A. MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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.

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

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk salary & allowance (cheque 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	£992.10
2. Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	130.05
3. E G East – handyman	105.38
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	282.50
6. Office Friends – stationery & print cartridges	69.19
7. Scunthorpe Lawnmower Repairs – mower & strimmer service	123.83
8. Dulux Decorator Centres – woodstain for seats	74.35
9. J G Green & Sons – Christmas tree	84.00
10. Digitch Business Equipment – photocopy costs	28.75
11. Anglian Water – Allotments	73.66
12. Anglian Water – Holme Meadow	51.69
13. Transport Solutions HWRCC – Voluntary Car Service grant	100.00
14. Builders Merchant Co – steel chain for Holme Meadow	6.66
15. Cut & Clear Tree Services – removal of Holme Meadow trees	500.00
16. BT – telephone & broadband	110.24 direct debit

**b) Monies Received**

Mrs L Brown – Freedom of Information copy charge 1.00

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

- 2013/1534 R Raddish, Holly Bank, Scotter Road – remove condition 6 of PA2008/1296. A letter from the applicant was read out and noted. Agreed to OBJECT because of concerns for potential additional structures in the future which would not require further permission.
- 2014/0009 Cowling, OS Field 9335 – retain a field shelter. NO OBJECTION

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

**134. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Training Course information; EPetition information re. National Planning Policy Framework; Local Government Finance Statement; Council Tax Support Grant information.
- b) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re. West Green/School Drive snicket (NP).
- c) MESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD – acknowledgement of precept grant awarded for 2014/15.
- d) MESSINGHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB – Advice of damage to a door in the changing facility by a visiting team member. The Clerk advised that she had informed MJFC that payment for the damage would be their responsibility as the Hirer. It was noted that the handyman has been tasked with the repairs.

**135. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) Councillor Foster advised that the resident of Wendover Close had reported the noise nuisance from youths outside the village hall on Sunday afternoons to the police.
- b) Councillor Mountain reported that the hedge opposite no. 122 Brigg Road is encroaching the footpath.
- c) Councillor England reported that the lettering on the village entry sign on Brigg Road requires attention. The Clerk advised that she had asked the handyman to inspect the sign and he had confirmed that the lettering requires repainting.

**136. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk advised that Councillor Walker has expressed his intention not to accept a nomination for Vice-Chairman at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.