

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **14<sup>th</sup> July 2014** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs B Todd, J R Walker, W Elsome, M Proctor, P Wright, J England, Mrs J Briggs, T Foster, Mrs G Sherwood (arrived 7.25pm); and the Clerk.

**27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors A Clark, J McKellar Main and J Mountain

**28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J England – Account payment to Mrs S England – Pecuniary Interest

**29. POLICE MATTERS**

Monthly crime statistics and Ridge newsletter received and circulated. Noted.

**30. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 9<sup>TH</sup> June 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.

**31. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 21b MUGA Project**

(i) The Clerk gave a brief resume of the recent site meeting held with representatives of the Playing Field Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

*The Parish Council was represented by Councillors Poole, McKellar Main, Walker and the Clerk. The Playing Field Committee was represented by Mr D Raddish (Trustee), Mr W Elsome (trustee), Mr R Elsome (Cricket Club), Mrs G Sherwood, Mr M Sherwood (MJFC), Mr D Hilton (Bowls Club), Mrs P Skelton (?) and Mrs N Beresford.*

*Agreed that the main gates should remain as they but that the smaller gate be used for pedestrian access with a retaining mechanism fitted for safety when open*

*Agreed that the north west section of the play area fence be adapted to provide a pedestrian gate to the playing field extension to the west, keeping the play area secure and the barrier gate locked when not in use.*

*Agreed that the existing drainage on the Extension should not be affected by the groundworks so that the MUGA can be sited nearer to the play area than originally thought. Agreed that if necessary the drainage could be re-routed if affected.*

*Agreed that the top soil is to be taken to the churchyard for the dyke project using the services road for transportation.*

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Lincoln Metalcraft, as the suppliers of the play area fence, to quote for the adaptation of the gate which had been received for £1586.50. It was agreed to accept this quotation and to arrange to have the fence completed before the MUGA installation if possible.

It was suggested that the ground levels need to be considered before work commences – it was agreed to use delegated powers to liaise with the contractor.

(ii) The Chairman gave a brief resume of the meeting held with representatives of Messingham Junior Football Club on 30<sup>th</sup> June.  
*The Parish Council was represented by the Chairman and the Clerk. MJFC was represented by M Sherwood (Chair) and R Harknes (Secretary).*

*Noted that the playing field extension has been used as a nine-a-side pitch, and not for the Under 6 & 7s, without the knowledge of the Parish Council.*

*Agreed that the 9-a-side pitch be relocated to Holme Meadow on Pitch 1 and that a smaller Under 9/10s pitch be located on the Playing Field Extension. MJFC agreed to write to the FA to confirm that agreement had been reached for the relocation of the 9-a-side pitch thereby eliminating the planning objections from Sport England.*

*Holme Meadow pitch maintenance was discussed and a programme agreed.*

*Also agreed to formalise the agreement with Messingham Junior Football Club for use of all Parish Council land.*

It was noted that the planning application has yet to be decided pending the withdrawal of the Sport England objection.

**b) Min 24e Village Signs**

Refurbishment of signs completed.

**c) Min 25h Strimmer**

Purchased at a cost of £144.99 including VAT.

**d) Min 21a Twigmoor Side Road**

Councillor England reported that he had no further information but that there is a conflict of opinion of the status. It was agreed that the Ward Councillors would pursue this matter with the Legal Department at NLC.

**32. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 16<sup>TH</sup> June 2014**

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) Allot Min 453a – Allotment 52a**

Noted that the arrears have been paid and clearance of the site undertaken by the tenant.

**b) Allot Min 454a – Refundable Deposit**

*Councillor Foster declared his personal interest.* The Clerk reported that the advice from ERNLLCA is that a refundable deposit may be charged to both new and existing tenants but that existing tenants could not be charged until the annual rent is due. It was agreed to refer this issue back to the Allotment Advisory Committee for further debate.

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

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk salary & allowance (to be paid online 31.7.14)	£948.74
2. Mrs K Hall – Play area attendant wages	135.25
3. G East – Handyman wages & materials	169.10
4. D Jacklin Ltd – Mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – Monthly rent	226.00
6. Veolia ES – grass cutting	810.00
7. B W Ross – ground maintenance	130.63
8. H Simpson & Son – compost	36.96
9. Mrs J England – bedding plants for In Bloom Campaign	46.00
10. Ivy Designs – village signs refurbishment	1125.00
11. Npower – Memorial electricity	51.31 direct debit
12. Npower – Holme Meadow electricity	157.12 direct debit
13. Digitech Business Equipment – photocopy charge	25.98
14. Anglian Water – Allotments water	63.52 direct debit

*The Clerk advised that she will be contacting all suppliers with regard to online bank transfer payments in the future.*

**b) Monies Received:**

1. Allotment Rents – Morgan, McFeeley & Pendleton	25.00
2. Messingham Junior FC – Summer Tournament fee	100.00

**c) Interim Budget Report**

The Clerk provided an interim budget report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This was approved.

**d) Bank Reconciliation.**

The Clerk provided a Bank Reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This was approved.

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

2014/0653 Wheatley, land at end of Ashlin Court – erect a garage. *Councillor Mrs J Briggs declared her personal interest as a neighbouring resident to the site.* NO OBJECTION.

**b) Planning Decisions by NLC:**

2014/0477 Messingham Primary School – install 3 canopies. APPROVED.

**35. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC 1. Pedestrian Crossing – advised that a ‘Puffin Crossing’ is to be installed at the end of July. It was noted that this type of crossing is quieter and is fitted with sensors to keep traffic flowing. It was also noted that neighbouring residents had been contacted.  
NLC 2. Land Rear of 57-71 Brigg Road – advised that the landowner had been contacted and the matter would be monitored. It was noted that no action has been taken on the land to date and it was agreed to advise the Planning Enforcement Officer of same.
- b) ERNLLCA – 1. Advice re. complaints regarding members of the public; 2. District Committee meeting notification.
- c) NIC DAKIN MP – Local bus service enquiry from Messingham resident. Noted that the bus service is NLC responsibility. Agreed to refer to the Places Directorate (Peter Williams) and copy to the Ward Councillors.

- d) MISS I BINGLEY – Enquiry regarding the terms of hire for Holme Meadow. Noted that this enquiry is for information only for a school project. Clerk to respond with relevant information.
- e) MR & MRS G MOSLEY – Information request regarding land on Butterwick Road belonging to Mr W Smith. Clerk to respond accordingly.
- f) MESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE – Confirmation of discussions at site meeting. It was noted that two letters had been received on the same subject. The first being from the Secretary which was considered to be offensive in its tone. Councillors Elsome and Mrs Sherwood advised that this letter had not been authorised and apologised on behalf of the Playing Field committee. The authorised letter was received from the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee and confirmed the agreements regarding the gates etc but also suggested that locking arrangements have yet to be decided. Councillors Elsome and Wright agreed to liaise to make the adjustments to the main gate. It was agreed to refer the locking arrangements to the next Leisure & Recreation Committee. It was suggested that those Parish Councillors currently serving on the Playing Field committee should keep the playing field committee informed of the MUGA project developments.

### **36. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) HIGH STREET LITTER – Compliment regarding the clean and tidy area in front of the shops.
- b) KIERADEN PARK – Noise nuisance reported. The Chairman advised that compromise had been reached between NLC and the owner that respite days will be implemented to lessen the impact of the noise to residents. It was noted that the site will not be closed down.
- c) HOLME MEADOW – Noted that the east dyke belonging to Mr Foster Thornton still requires cleaning. Agreed to send another request by registered mail.
- d) GOOSEACRE – Overgrown hedges to side to track. Noted that this is the responsibility of the landowners.
- e) OLD SCHOOL – Noted that four bids have been received by NLC for the School building only.

### **37. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) COUNCIL INSURANCE  
A quotation was received from Zurich Insurance for the addition of the play area equipment and the MUGA for an additional premium of £1200 per year. It was agreed not to include either on the schedule.
- b) CIVIC SERVICE  
The Mayor of North Lincolnshire, Councillor Trevor Foster, thanked everyone who had attended his Civic Service at Holy Trinity Church and advised that he had received many praises and compliments for the village and the church.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING