

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **8<sup>th</sup> September 2014** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, A Clark, J McKellar Main, J England, Mrs J Briggs, J D Mountain, P Wright and T Foster, two members of the public and the Clerk.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr D Leaning addressed the members present to express his family's distress with the damage caused to the grave following the recent burial of a family member. He also expressed concern regarding the level of dog fouling within the churchyard. *The Chairman responded briefly to advise that the churchyard is the responsibility of the PCC and the Vicar and not the Parish Council but that correspondence relating to the matter would be dealt with later in the meeting.*

#### **61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors M Proctor, R Nixon and Mrs G Sherwood.

#### **62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received**

#### **63. POLICE MATTERS – None received**

#### **64. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> August 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.

#### **65. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **a) Min 53c Holme Meadow Dyke**

The Clerk reported that there had been no response to date from Mr Foster Thornton. It was agreed to send the letter again but it was noted that the outlets are currently clear and that any herbiage is cleared by Barry Ross annually.

##### **b) Min 53d Gooseacre**

Councillor Walker reported his conversations with Mr Smith and it was agreed that work along this route is the responsibility of the landowner. Matter referred to the Ward Councillors.

##### **c) Min 58c/1 Westfield Drive Drainage**

*Councillor England declared his non prejudicial interest as a resident of Westfield Drive.*

A copy of letter sent to all affected residents had been received from NLC, advising of access required to carry out remedial works to the drain. It was noted that Severn Trent Water Authority are currently working on the Holme Lane issues which affect Temperance Avenue and the Meadows.

##### **d) Min 60b MUGA Project**

Planning approval noted to contain 8 conditions including archaeological investigation and compliance with Sport England criteria. Following investigation into the costs of the archaeological survey, £1557.50, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk agreed to appoint JEM Management Services as planning agent to progress the project at a further cost of £250 – this decision was endorsed by the Parish Council. Councillor Walker commented that a planning agent should have been appointed at the outset of the project, but it was

generally agreed that the difficulties arising from the planning application could not have been foreseen.

Councillor Elsome reported that the modifications to the main gate are completed but asked that the Parish Council inspect and approve.

**e) Min 58d EMIB Presentation**

The Clerk asked for a volunteer to attend the East Midlands In Bloom presentation. There being no-one available she agreed to change her own plans to attend on the Parish Council's behalf.

**f) Min 59g McLeans Estate Sewage**

Councillor McKellar Main reported that the matter had been dealt with satisfactorily.

**g) Min 54a Holme Meadow – MJFC**

Response received from MJFC Secretary to advise that the excess soil was to be removed by end of August and also giving details of the proposed storage of the portable goals. Councillor Elsome reported that the soil is still evident. Councillor Wright expressed his concern for welding to the changing facility and it was agreed that this would not be satisfactory.

**h) Min 54a/2 Grass Cutting**

Councillor Elsome reported that there had been no improvement and it was agreed to arrange a site visit with Veolia to discuss the matter further. It was suggested that alternative contractors be considered for the 2015 contract.

**66. CORRESPONDENCE**

*It was agreed to consider the correspondence relating to the churchyard earlier in the agenda for the benefit of the members of the public.*

a) NIK DAKIN MP – Complaint re. Mrs Joan Leaning – asking how Messingham Parish Council will improve the state of Messingham Cemetery.

b) REVEREND G MASSEY – Copy response to Nik Dakin MP – advising of the measures currently taken in respect of dog walking and of the diligence taken to ensure the high standard of maintenance in the churchyard.

It was agreed to respond to Nik Dakin MP to advise that the responsibility for the churchyard is with the PCC for Holy Trinity Church albeit the Parish Council financially supports the maintenance of the churchyard.

**67. ACCOUNTS**

**a) Passed for Payment**

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| 1. | Mrs J Walker – Clerk Salary & Allowance (pay 30.9.14)        | £ 948.74 online |
| 2. | Mrs K Hall – play area attendant salary                      | 135.25          |
| 3. | G East – handyman wages                                      | 144.73          |
| 4. | D Jacklin Ltd – mole control                                 | 72.00 online    |
| 5. | Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent                       | 226.00 online   |
| 6. | R M Serivdes (Yorks) Ltd – mains electrical supply – MUGA    | 11539.20 online |
| 7. | Simon Engineering – playing field gate modification          | 480.00          |
| 8. | Mrs J Walker – Prize vouchers for Best Kept Garden/Allotment | 200.00 online   |
| 9. | Holly Mason – council photographs                            | 48.00           |

- b) Monies Received:**  
North Lincolnshire Council – Grant for notice board 600.00

**c) Fixed Term Deposit Account**

The Clerk reported that the fixed term deposit of £10,000 plus interest is due to mature on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and suggested that it should be reduced for a future term in order to ensure sufficient funds for the MUGA project. It was agreed to transfer the full deposit into the current account until all expenses for the MUGA have been paid.

**68. PLANNING**

**a) Planning Applications before NLC:**

1. 2014/0752 Shutes, 6 Cross Tree Road – construct balcony with privacy screen. *Councillor N Poole declared his non-prejudicial interest as a property owner to the rear.* NO OBJECTIONS
2. 2014/0961 Starr, 24 Briggate Drive – single storey extension. NO OBJECTIONS.

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

**b) Planning Decisions by NLC**

1. 2014/0408 W Smith, Priesthows, Butterwick Road – alterations to outbuilding to form new dwelling. APPROVED
2. 2014/0329 Messingham Parish Council, Northfield Road – install MUGA. APPROVED.

**69. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC
1. Bus Timetables
  2. Review of Polling Districts.
  3. Speed Limit Review – A159 Scotter Road
  4. Land Ownership query re. land behind Manor Farm Close & Gelderbeck Road.  
It was noted that one section of the land is known to belong to M Swaby but the other is unknown.
  5. Copy correspondence re. the Parish Drain to 11 Calder Green.
  6. Programmes for the Baths Hall and Plowright Theatre
- b) CPRE – Best Kept Village Results. Awarded third prize. Councillor Poole agreed to attend the presentations on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- c) MESSINGHAM MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD – Thanks for precept grant.

**70. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) HOLME LANE - overhanging branches. Noted this had been previously reported by the Clerk and Councillor Foster.
- b) SCHOOL SPEED SIGNS – reported to be working satisfactorily.
- c) CHURCH STREET – uneven footpath to the east of lamppost no. 7 (at corner of High Street)
- d) CO-OP NOTICE BOARD – requires staining to preserve.
- e) PUFFIN CROSSING – agreed to be working well but small timing adjustment may be needed.
- f) BRIGG ROAD – junction with Twigmoor Side Road still flooding after heavy rainfall. Noted that has been previously reported.
- g) BUTTERWICK ROAD – surfacing previously reported but not dealt with to date.
- h) NORTHFIELD ROAD – grass in gutter from mini roundabout to Bird in the Barley
- i) STREETLIGHT – at the top of snicket from Briggate Drive to High Street – faulty.
- j) WENDOVER ROAD – concrete post outside shops damaged.
- k) BRIGG ROAD – footpath from No. 107 to sand quarries needs clearance.

- I) SPORT CLUBS SUCCESS – Chairman asked that letters of congratulations be sent to both Messingham Bowls Club and Messingham Cricket Club for their successful seasons in 2014.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.