

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **9<sup>th</sup> February 2015** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair) |, J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, M Proctor, M Caley, 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** – None

**127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**128. POLICE MATTERS**

Ridge newsletter received and noted.

**129. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. They were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**130. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 117a MUGA Project**

The Clerk reported that the construction is almost complete with lining still to be done and reinstatement of the ground when the conditions are suitable. Councillor Elsome raised concerns for possible damage to the drainage on the playing field extension due to the heavy lorries and suggested excavating to determine the extent of any damage. It was agreed not to do this but to monitor any drainage issues and deal with problems if they arise. Councillor Elsome also expressed concern with regard to possible vandalism to the floodlight operating button at the entrance to the MUGA. It was suggested that as the play area is to be closed earlier than the MUGA there may be problems with the retrieval of balls. It was agreed to monitor the situation. Concern was raised for the safety of users if the surface is icy – it was noted that MUGAs in other areas are open regardless of weather conditions. The Clerk advised that new signage is to be ordered for the main gate, the play area and the MUGA.

**b) Min 117c Brigg Road – Nursery parking**

The Chairman reported that he had investigated the planning conditions relating to a travel plan and had been advised that this condition had been lifted. He agreed to visit the owner of the nursery to discuss the matter further.

**c) Min 120b Speeding High Street**

Response from Road Safety Manager to advise that the puffin crossing is working correctly and that the incident reported by Mrs Pople has been logged as a near miss. The Clerk reported that she had sent the response to Mrs Pople.

**d) Min 120c Freedom of Information Request – Land Holdings**

The Clerk reported that she had met with Mr Davidson on 17<sup>th</sup> January as arranged to view the deeds and documents requested. She reported that the outcome of the meeting was a suggestion that all the land holdings need to be registered with the Land Registry and thereafter be properly documented in the Asset Register. She reported that she had subsequently returned the deeds and documents to the solicitors and asked them to quote for registering the land holdings. A quotation of approximately £3400 excluding VAT and disbursements has been received – it was noted that £1000 of that quotation relates to the Parish Sandpit. It was agreed to accept the quotation for all but the Parish Sandpit.

**e) Min 121f Manley Court Fence**

The Clerk reported that Neighbourhood Services has denied responsibility for the area outside Manley Court as it belongs to North Lincolnshire Homes. It was noted that the fence posts have been replaced by persons unknown, but that another post has since broken off.

**131. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 19<sup>TH</sup> January 2015**

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.

**a) Min 470b Allotment 40a/b**

The Clerk reported that the current tenant Mr S Barley has confirmed termination of the tenancy and the plot subsequently allocated to Mrs Botfield. Mrs Botfield declined this plot as the condition requires a great deal of work to put right. The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation of tenancy termination for Allotment 11c and had subsequently allocated this plot to Mrs Botfield.

**132. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

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.

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

1. Mrs J Walker – clerk salary and allowance	£948.74 online
2. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control (inc extra work on Brigg Road) *	108.00 online
3. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	282.50 online
4. Mrs J Walker/Groupon Goods – shelving for village hall office	29.98 online
5. BT – telephone/broadband account	123.53 d/debit
6. Anglian Water – allotments water	21.51 d/debit
7. Mrs K Hall – play area attendant salary	135.25
8. G East – handyman wages	56.54
9. J G Green – Christmas tree	84.00
10. Farmstar Ltd – rat bait for allotments	70.80
11. Digitech Business Equipment – photocopy costs	26.02
12. Office Friends – stationery	45.58
13. Scunthorpe Lawnmowers – mower service	164.36

\* Extra work requested around flowerbeds at Brigg Road junction as part of the In Bloom campaign. Approved.

**134. PLANNING****a) Planning Decisions by NLC:**

- 2014/1225 Armstrong, Temperance Hall, Northfield Road – change of use. APPROVED
- 2014/1064 Anderson, Belle Vue Farm, Brigg Road – agricultural building. PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED.
- 2014/1171 Sargent, Melcot Nurseries, Kirton Road – agricultural building. PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED.

**b) Notice of Appeal:**

2014/1027 Barnett, 20 Northfield Road – erect dormer extension.

**135. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC - Commercial Waste contract for Holy Trinity Church. Approved.
- b) ERNLLCA – Newsletter; Vehicle Operator License Applications information; Council Tax capping information. Noted.
- c) HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – Thanks for offer of financial contribution of emergency repairs.
- d) MESSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL – Conditions of Hire. Noted
- e) GREEN ENERGY UK – Introduction letter with regard to solar farms.
- f) CAROLINE ROSE – Concerns regarding proposed solar farm at Manton. The Chairman reported that he had attended a public meeting on this issue, in his role as Ward Councillor. He reported that the proposed site is reinstated land to the S.E of the sand quarries owned by Chris Day, but that there has been no planning application to date. Agreed to respond to Ms Rose giving the Chairman's contact details for further information.
- g) SARAH ELVIN - Request to purchase piece of Village Hall land for a detached house. *Councillor Caley declared his personal and prejudicial interest and left the room prior to discussion.* It was unanimously agreed that this land will not be made available for sale. It was noted that any land or asset of the Parish Council made available for sale would be subject to a tender process or public auction in accordance with the Local Government Act, so an individual request or offer could not therefore be considered.
- h) LINCOLN & LINDSEY BLIND SOCIETY – Request for donation. Agreed to make a donation of £50 from the Chairman's Allowance.
- i) MESSINGHAM HORSE & FOAL SHOW – Request for sponsorship of the annual show. *Councillors J England and T Foster declared their personal interest as members of the Show Committee.* Agreed to donate the use of Holme Meadow free of charge as in previous years.

**136. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) POT HOLES reported on Wendover Road (outside no's 61/63); Butterwick Road; High Street (near Wise Owl Nursery); and Holme Lane. To be reported to Highways with copy to the Ward Councillors.
- b) WENDOVER ROAD - grass verge outside the clinic requires attention.
- c) ASHBERRY DRIVE/KEALHOLME ROAD – grass verges require attention.
- d) CATCHWATER CROSSROADS – Accident reported which resulted in a car colliding with the fence at 54 Butterwick Road. Concern raised by Mr W Smith, for the safety of the residents of this property, as this has happened before and suggested that a barrier be erected. To be referred to Ian Jickells NLC.
- e) BUTTERWICK ROAD – Previously reported road surface deterioration and white lining almost non-existent in places. To be reported again to Highways.
- f) NORTHFIELD ROAD – road surface reinstatement required near junction with Highgrove.
- g) TEMPERANCE AVENUE – Manhole damaged at the school entrance and verge damage outside no's 2 & 4 due to lorries using the school car park during drainage works. To be referred to Highways.

- h) CHURCH STREET – uneven surface on footpath just south of the High Street junction.
- i) BRIGG ROAD – Z BENDS – damage to the roadside kerbs and the road broken away due to heavy lorries.
- k) PLAYING FIELD DOG WASTE BIN – Noted that it has not been installed to date – to be followed up with Neighbourhood Services.
- l) HIGH STREET LITTER BIN – Noted that a replacement or second bin has not been installed to date – to be followed up with Neighbourhood Services.
- m) WESTFIELD DRIVE – Commendation for the contractors who carried out the recent drainage work for the first class reinstatement of the area, including planting the flowerbed.
- n) HOLME LANE – noted that the reinstatement of the road after the drainage works is unsatisfactory and is to be redone and subsequently monitored.
- o) BRIGG ROAD – mole activity reported between the Knightsbridge Road junction and No. 107. Agreed that this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

**137. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor Mountain suggested a working party of volunteers to pick up litter between the Bird in the Barley and Bottesford. This suggestion was rejected but agreed to refer the problem to Neighbourhood Services.
- b) It was noted that the Co-op car park is now controlled by an agency and that fines will be implemented for improper use.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 8.20pm.