

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

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, M Proctor, K Sylvester, J McKellar Main, A Clark, Mrs P Skelton, Mrs J Briggs, Mrs G Sherwood, J England, P Wright & T Foster; the Clerk and two members of the public.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – No requests from the public present to address members present.

**99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillor M Caley

**100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor K Sylvester re. Police Matters - recorded crimes in Ridge Ward newsletter. Personal Interest.

**101. POLICE MATTERS**

a) Newsletter – circulated to all members and noted.

b) Anti Social Behaviour – noted there has been increase in the gathering of youths in the village and subsequently anti-social behaviour. It was noted that the MUGA attendant has recently resigned due to the intimidation created by youths. Youths were also reported to have been on the Library roof causing damage – to be reported to Library Services.

c) Neighbourhood Policing – comments were made regarding the loss of the excellent service from the Ridge Ward team due to the change in policy and procedures which has diverted the team into Ashby and thereby left Messingham and the other villages without regular patrols. It was noted that a recent incident involving youths at the playing field was reported but patrols had not been able to attend. The Chairman commented that a new policing plan is to be announced shortly to commence in February 2016. It was agreed to write to the Police Commissioner to make him aware of the concerns for the regional proposals.

**102. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> October 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.

**103. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 92b Playing Field Extension Grass Cuttings**

The Clerk reported that evidence of the public liability insurance had been received from MJFC as requested.

Councillor Elsome reported on his site visit to the playing field extension with Mr Harkness of MJFC and it was noted that Mr Harkness has agreed to have the grass cuttings cleared as agreed.

**b) Min 92k School Time Parking**

*Councillors Mrs B Todd, Mrs G Sherwood and Mrs P Skelton declared their personal interest.*

Response received from Harry Metcalfe (NLC – Community Warden) advising that the current restrictions do not enable the wardens to issue penalties for most drivers. Comments were made that this response was disappointing and that the problems on Wendover Road and the danger to pedestrians and other road users is not being taken seriously enough. It was noted that every school in every area suffers the same kind of problems.

**c) Min 93d Allotment Flytipping**

The Clerk reported that she had obtained a quote of £160 for the hire of a midi skip which could be used for up to 10 days. She also reported that allotment holders Mr P Chapman and Mr M May had cleared the flytipping themselves so there would be no need to hire the skip at this time.

**d) Min 97a/b High Street Parking**

Response received from Harry Metcalfe advising that motorists who park in restricted areas to 'pop into' a shop are given 5 minutes observation time before a contravention is determined under the current restrictions.

**e) Min 98b Handyman Assistance**

The Clerk reported that she had discussed the additional workload with the handyman who advised that he is happy with the current arrangements but would prefer more work in the winter months. It was agreed that an additional gardener be considered for the summer months and holiday cover. Councillor Elsome commented that the work carried out by Mr Harkness at Holme Meadow needs re-doing to a satisfactory standard.

**f) Min 96c East Midlands In Bloom Awards**

The Clerk reported that she had omitted to invite Mr Richardson to this meeting to collect his award and apologised for her oversight. It was agreed to invite Mr Richardson to the December meeting.

**104. ACCOUNTS****a) Accounts Passed for Online/Direct Debit Payment**

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk salary & allowance	£1032.27 (30.11.15)
2.	D Jacklin Ltd – Mole control	84.00
3.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	282.50
4.	Anglian Water – Holme Meadow	17.29 d/debit
5.	Public Works Loan Board – bi-annual payment	1464.61 d/debit
6.	BT – telephone/broadband account	122.37 d/debit
7.	ERNLLCA – Good Councillor Course fee	120.00

**b) Accounts Passed for Cheque Payment**

1.	Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	136.60
2.	G East – handyman	119.02
3.	NLC – playground annual inspection	90.00
4.	NLC – flowerbed maintenance	3516.02
5.	Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day wreath/donation	50.00
6.	Gareth Steenken – Remembrance Day cornet player	30.00 cash

**c) Monies Received**

1.	J Oatridge – Allotment deposit	25.00
2.	SDPOC – Holme Meadow hire	260.00

**105. PLANNING****Planning Applications before NLC:**

2015/1362 W Smith, land east of Priesthows, Butterwick Road – residential development (one dwelling – alterations to previously agreed schemes). NO OBJECTION.

*Councillor England took no part in voting on the above application.*

**106. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC
1. Market consent application – Messingham Village Hall 28<sup>th</sup> November. Noted
  2. Market consent application – Messingham Primary School 26<sup>th</sup> November. Noted
  3. Highways – Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Northfield Cottage, Northfield Road. *Councillor N Poole declared his personal interest as Ward Councillor.* No objections.
  4. Local Development Framework – Planning for Solar Photovoltaic Development; Planning for Health & Well Being. Noted.

- b) ERNLLCA – Newsletter circulated to all members. Noted.
- c) SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL – Invitation to civic service 15<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors N Poole and T Foster to attend in their own right as Ward Councillors.
- d) R HARKNESS – Advice of Sky Cycle Ride on 25<sup>th</sup> October using Holme Meadow as a meeting venue. It was noted that the Parish Council had no prior knowledge of this event and it was agreed to write to the organisers to insist that future events must be notified/requested in advance.
- e) HWRCC – Notice of AGM 18<sup>th</sup> November. Noted
- f) C DAVIDSON
  1. Access to Information. Circulated to all members and noted.
  2. Freedom of Information Request & Assistance – circulated to all members and noted.
  3. Fire Safety – Messingham Village Hall – circulated to all members . Councillor Proctor reported that the Village Hall has every certificate required and that regular inspections are carried out by the Fire Service – it was agreed to forward the correspondence to Messingham Village Hall Chairman.

#### **107. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) BRIGGATE DRIVE – grass verge outside No. 1 has fungus growing in it. Neighbourhood Services to be requested to treat as necessary.
- b) HIGH STREET - noted that grass verge near the snicket to West Green has been damaged by a vehicle.
- c) HOLME MEADOW – fireworks debris to be cleared. The Clerk reported that the handyman had also reported this and had removed it from the field.
- d) BRIGG ROAD Z BENDS – drainage grips blocked again and creating flooding across the road in heavy rainfall.
- e) HOLME LANE – faulty streetlight near the mini roundabout.
- f) REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – compliment to everyone involved in another successful event. Thanks given to John Walker and Peter Wilson for fitting the wreaths to the frame after the service. Councillor Wright agreed to have the frame painted once dismantled. It was noted that 220 had attended the church so it was agreed to include the future arrangements for Remembrance Service on the next agenda. Councillor Foster commented that his father in law, Ernie Broome had been invited to receive an award for D-Day Veterans.
- g) SPEEDING BRIGG ROAD - Reported that the speed indicator regularly shows higher than permitted speeds but it was noted that this information is recorded and correlated and acted upon as required.
- h) WENDOVER ROAD – holly bush encroaching footpath (outside or near No. 64) – to be referred to NLC.
- i) HIGH STREET LITTER BIN – reported to be overflowing after a weekend indicating a definite need for a larger bin. Neighbourhood Services to be reminded.
- j) HOLME LANE – flytipping reported but no details of exactly where.
- k) NORTHFIELD ROAD – pot hole reported opposite the old school.
- l) HIGHGROVE – footpath between Highgrove and Northfield Road slippery due to wet leaves.
- m) BRIGG ROAD – hedge outside No. 1 encroaching the footpath. Previously reported.

**108. OTHER BUSINESS**

a) M.U.G.A. ATTENDANT VACANCY

The Clerk reported that the MUGA Attendant had resigned at the end of October and that as a temporary measure the play area attendant is locking the pedestrian gates at the same time as the play area (4.00pm), and that the power had been switched off to the floodlights to discourage the gathering of youths after dark. The vacancy has been posted on the notice boards and on the website with one enquiry to date but the application form has not been returned. Agreed to advertise the vacancy in the village magazine.

b) CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed that the planted tree is not yet big enough for decorating so it was agreed to order a maximum 20' tree. Tree to be ordered for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November and the lights to be put up on 5<sup>th</sup> December..

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.