

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **12<sup>th</sup> December 2016** 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, Mrs G Sherwood (left meeting at 8.10pm), Mrs P Skelton, Mrs P Hunt, J England, P Wright, three members of the public and the Clerks

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Mr Radford addressed the members present with the following comments:

- Clerks attendance at the notice board on the meeting day
- Suggested site for proposed new village bench outside the Co-operative store
- Moles present on the verge of Brigg Road/High Street junction
- Why the Parish Council representative left the Village Hall July meeting early
- Agenda item – any other business item d) to question the Clerks home allowance and Holiday Pay
- Agenda item – any other business item e) to question the retiring clerks advisory role
- Administration allowance in the Precept allowance
- October minute 97a) Library/office space – not being taken up

**125. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors A Clark, T Foster, Mrs J Briggs

**126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received**

**127. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) Crime figures for Ridge Ward – October 2015-September 2016 circulated to all members and noted.
- b) Minutes of NAT meeting 19 October 2016 - noted

**128. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 14 November 2016**

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.

**129. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 116b Youth Offending Service**

Councillor McKellar Main updated the committee on planned attendance of youth offenders; work to include painting the allotment shed door and possibly the play area.

**b) Min 116e Neighbourhood Police**

Up to date photographs now on Council notice Board.

**c) Min 118c Holme Meadow deep tining**

Glendale advised deep tining work to be carried out shortly weather permitting.

**d) Min 118g Parish Sandpit**

A further letter has been received from Mr Davidson regarding the registration of the Parish sandpit. As the ownership is in doubt and the costs involved, it was agreed that the previous advice from NLC legal department be accepted.

**e) Min 118j Allotment Pedestrian Gate**

Councillor England has arranged for the handyman and B. Ross to lay the tarmac planings. It was noted that in the meantime the large gate panels had been used for pedestrian access.

**f) Min119a Village post box**

The clerk advised that a post box had been purchased and Richard Benson had agreed to install the box for £100. The village hall has been contacted for a site meeting.

- g) Min 122b Emergency Plan**  
Updates required for the Community Emergency Team. Councillor England to be replaced by Councillor Sylvester, Jackie Walker – clerk to be replaced by Tracey Black, John Walker to be replaced by Councillor McKellar Main. Councillor Poole to be the snow warden.
- h) Min 123 Village Complaints update**  
Responses received from NLC;  
Brigg Road/Ashberry Drive – blocked gully to be inspected  
High Street Potholes – work ticket raised  
Danby Road sign – request forwarded to Highway Maintenance  
Cross Tree Lane –new signs now installed
- i) Min 123h Kealholme Road open space lighting enquiry**  
Solar and wind lighting not yet reliable enough. Request has been sent for further suggestions.
- j) Min 124b Website review**  
Schedule of action required to update the website was circulated to the councillors. It was suggested having a new page detailing the Council committees, this was agreed.
- k) Min 124d Signage**  
Work now complete to update the various signs. The clerk advised that the old sign on Holme Meadow needs removing – Councillor Wright to inspect.
- l) Min124e Christmas tree lights – new timer required.**  
The lights are on the tree. A new timer is required for the memorial flood lighting/Christmas tree lights - agreed that Clerk obtain a quote. Ongoing tree management will be required to keep the Christmas tree in good shape.
- m) Min 122e Playing field access road**  
The clerk reported that enquiries are on-going to determine the ownership of the access road to the playing field. It has been established Mr Winney no longer owns the land and the present owners of Dacefords are to be contacted.

**130. MINUTES OF PRECEPT MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

Councillor Poole advised that the Precept meeting had taken place at a time different to that stated on the meeting notice on the Parish Council notice board due to a typing error. Consequently this meeting must be declared void. A new meeting date was arranged for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7pm.

**131. ACCOUNTS**

**a) Passed For Payment:**

1.	Salaries & Wages	2140.04
2.	D Jacklin – mole control	84.00 online
3.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	226.00 online
4.	Three.co.uk – mobile contract clerk	21.00 dd
5.	N Power – electricity playing field	13.53 dd
6.	Valuation Office Agency – land valuation fee	1170.72 online
7.	Mrs J Walker – repay for postage stamps	13.20 online
8.	Mrs T Black – repay for Sills Betteridge declaration fee	13.00 online
9.	Glendale Countryside – grass cutting Holme Meadow Nov.	94.16 online

10.	CPRE – Annual subscription	36.00
11.	Scunthorpe signs – various signage	408.00 online
12.	Wicksteeds – play equipment/MUGA repairs	853.20 online

**b) Monies Received:**

Jones – 2 History books	6.50
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**132. PLANNING****a) Planning Decisions by NLC:**

1. 2016/1539 CVS UK Ltd, Greenacres, Butterwick Road – remove condition 4 of planning permission Ref7/390/94 to occupy dwelling in connection with pet crematorium. APPROVED
2. 2016/1649 S Kaila, The Bungalow, Northfield Road – single storey rear extension and detached garage/games room block. APPROVED

**133. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC – Spatial Planning – Supplementary planning documents adoption – Noted
- b) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Councillor England received a complaint from a resident on Leaburn Road regarding a horse rider in the snicket – there is a no riding sign. The resident was met with foul language, abuse and threats. Reported to NLC policing team.
- c) LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – Advance consultation for road improvements on A159 Laughton Wood corner – Noted
- d) J HEMSTOCK – Complaint re. horse fouling on Leaburn Road
- e) C DAVIDSON – Complaint re. Precept Meeting – time held not as published on the meeting notice displayed in the Parish Council notice board – refer Min 130 above.
- f) MRS LEVITT – various comments regarding consideration of precept money
- g) R HARKNESS – Holme Meadow – dog faeces on the pitches/loss of footballs due to vegetation in the ditches/replacement of football goals on pitch 3. Mr Harkness to be asked to provide estimates for replacement goals.  
The clerk has spoken to Mr Foster Thornton regarding the necessity of cleaning out the dyke on the Eastern side of Holme Meadow. Mr Foster Thornton inspected the dyke and reported back that although there was weed, the dyke was flowing. He advised that the drain ends were not all visible and these need to be located to determine the height above the water level. B Ross and the handyman to carry out this work, and flail mowing of the dyke bottom to be considered.
- h) CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine - noted

**134. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS**

- a) WENDOVER ROAD, CO-OPERATIVE – verge damaged by delivery vehicles. Contact the Co-op suggesting the area be tarmacked.
- b) HIGH STREET 7A – blocked gully
- c) HIGHGROVE 1-21 – parking blocking residents drives
- d) TEMPERANCE AVENUE – parking on double yellow lines
- e) HIGH STREET – parking outside the Crown pub on double yellow lines
- f) HIGH STREET – large litter bin outside shops being filled with black bin bags of rubbish by person(s) unknown.
- g) MANLEY COURT – Broken posts on the ground. Ongo previously been notified – follow up
- h) SCHOOL DRIVE – cars not obeying parking signs at school time -request for traffic officer to attend.

**135. OTHER BUSINESS****a) Holme Meadow – Paramotor activity**

Contact has been made with the person responsible for using Holme Meadow for paramotor activity, for both personal enjoyment and for paid training of others. It was advised a formal request to use the field was required but met with an arrogant attitude. The Paramotor code of practice clearly confirms this, along with the dangers to other members of the public.

ERNLLCA advise notifying all activity cease forthwith until a written application has been made and considered-there is no inference that this will be granted. If the Councils instruction is ignored legal action to follow.

Letter received from Laura Atkin regarding the new sign on Holme Meadow querying whether controlled airborne devices' prohibits paragliding. It was noted that the amendments to the signage had been made following previous complaints of flying activity but had only been actioned recently due to the change of clerk.

The course of action suggested by ERNLLCA was moved and agreed.

**b) Holme Meadow – dyke update**

Discussed in item 133 g)

**c) Allotment meeting**

It was agreed that an Allotment meeting was not required in December.

The clerk advised that a letter of termination had been received from Mr M Walker with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December. A letter is to be sent to Mr Walker in recognition of his 40 years as an allotment holder.

*PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 The Chair moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in that it is of a sensitive nature. RESOLUTION: That the press and public be excluded.*

*The clerk – Tracey Black - left the room prior to discussion of item d.*

**d) Clerk home allowance/holiday pay**

Agreed that the home allowance and holiday pay arrangements remain the same.

**e) Clerk J Walker – advisory role**

It was agreed that the retiring clerk Mrs J Walker would work on an ad-hoc hourly basis to advise and assist the clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 as previously agreed and within the clerk transition budget set for 2016/17

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.