

# MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2005

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2005 commencing at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole, Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs J Walker, Inspector Paul Griffiths – Humberside Police, Mandy Pickard – Voluntary Car Service, and 18 members of the public.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Parish Councillors J Mountain, T Foster and S Bingley.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE 2004 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes were circulated to those present and time was allowed for reading. The minutes were passed as a true record – proposed Mrs J Briggs, seconded J R Walker.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

### a) Min 8a Kealholme Road Open Space

Parish Council referred this issue to both NLC and Price Homes Ltd for their attention. No further complaints received.

### b) Min 8b and 8c Inconsiderate Parking

Signage for grass verges installed by NLC; Wendover Road parking for cash machine brought to the attention of the Spar and NLC. No further complaints received.

### c) Min 8d Manor Grange Estate

Parish Council referred the issue of litter bins and dog waste bins to NLC. No further complaints received.

### d) Min 8e Speed Limits

Parish Council referred speed limit suggestions to NLC Highways and Police. No action taken for signage but speed monitored by Police.

### e) Min 8f Parking Restrictions

Parish Council referred parking restriction suggestions to NLC Highways. No action taken to date.

## 4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Chairman of the Parish Council explained the increase in the annual precept for village improvements – Holme Meadow Car Park £13,958; Play Area equipment and disabled access £14,500; Playing Field Drainage scheme £4520 and a new public notice board £750.

The village web site is now operational on [www.messinghamvillage.com](http://www.messinghamvillage.com), designed by Miss Gemma Woolhouse. A coat of arms has also been designed for village use.

Village complaints tackled by the Parish Council during 2004/5 included flytipping; flooding; Holme Lane road surface; Co-op garden litter etc; and the need for a pedestrian crossing. It was suggested that a pedestrian crossing may cause congestion, particularly with lorries

A new gardener was appointed in January 2005 – Mick Walker, but a new handyman is required. It was suggested that there are not enough hours to make the handyman post viable.

New Councillor elected – Richard Nixon.

Future plans include the installation of floodlights on Holme Meadow for football training (Budget £5000); new village entry signs; and consultation for youth provision.

Plans for the bus stop programme were made available to view. It was explained that this will be financed through the Local Transport Plan and is aimed to improve the bus service and associated facilities to encourage more use.

**5. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2004/5**

The accounts for the above financial year, with minute books, bank statements, chequebooks, bank book, insurance documents etc had been placed on display 45 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting to allow members of the public to inspect these documents. A financial statement was circulated to all those present. It was agreed to accept these accounts subject to annual audit. Proposed M Caley; seconded Mrs B Todd.

The Clerk explained the Section 137 payments.

**6. SPEAKER: INSPECTOR PAUL GRIFFITHS – HUMBERSIDE POLICE**

Inspector Griffiths explained the re-organisation of the Local Policing Team and advised that 5 officers are assigned to the East & Messingham LPT but no dedicated officer for Messingham yet.

Anti-social behaviour problems were discussed at length and Inspector Griffiths advised that dedicated patrols would be out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings; although Messingham does have a lower level of crime than in other areas of the Division.

Communications with the Police was also raised as a concern, with examples of being kept on hold by the Crime Desk for long periods.

Inspector Griffiths concluded by admitting that rural areas do suffer as a result of funding being prioritised in larger urban areas, but that moves are afoot to improve community commitment.

**7. SPEAKER: MANDY PICKARD – VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE**

Ms Pickard thanked the Parish Council for their support, both by financial donations and publicity.

The Voluntary Car Service offers transport solutions in rural areas for the elderly and the infirm etc., using 90 volunteers, including drivers who use their own cars, to transport passengers for hospital and doctors appointments and even shopping. Two group buses are owned – one based in the Isle of Axholme and one in Barton.

Mandy concluded by highlighting the need for funding and volunteers – there is currently only one volunteer living in Messingham.

**8. VILLAGE ORGANISATION REPORTS**

a) MESSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL – Represented by R Tuplin (Treasurer)

Thanks were given to the Parish Council for their continued financial support through the annual precept. This year's donation has gone towards repairs to the roof. Due to the age of the Village Hall building, various repairs are becoming needed and also to comply with more stringent Health and Safety rules. A slight increase in rents has been imposed to help.

b) MESSINGHAM BOWLS CLUB – Represented by R Tuplin

Thanks were given to the Parish Council for a precept grant that has helped with the modernisation programme, including a disabled access. Residents have donated a sectional garage and paving slabs and future work includes a wheelchair access at the entrance.

c) MESSINGHAM HORSE & FOAL SHOW – Represented by J England

The 100<sup>th</sup> Messingham Show is to be held this year – it was first held in 1896, but the centenary has been delayed due to two World Wars and a foot and mouth outbreak. The Show costs approximately £12000 to stage, attracting nationwide competitors. The Show Committee value the continued financial support of the Parish Council and aim to provide a high quality show of which the village can be proud.

- d) MESSINGHAM VILLAGE MAGAZINE – Represented by Mrs G Spacie (Editor)  
550 copies of the magazine continue to be sold every month – 465 of which are delivered to homes by 20 volunteer deliverers, the remainder are sold at Levitts Newsagents. The main cost is for printing but that is being kept to a minimum with the use of email. Advertisers continue to support the magazine. More deliverers are always welcome.
  
- e) MESSINGHAM MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD – Represented by M Sherwood (Secretary)  
The Parish Council were thanked for their continued financial support, and in particular for the recent drainage works which have led to significant improvements during the winter. The main project for 2005 is the pavilion improvements to provide a kitchen area and disabled access.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00pm.