

## MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2006

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006 commencing at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs J Walker; Sgt. James Main of Humberside Police; Marcus Walker – Development Team North Lincolnshire Council; and, 19 members of the public.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Parish Councillors P Wright, Mrs S Bingley and R Nixon.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes were circulated to those present and time was allowed for reading. The minutes passed as a true record – proposed by J R Walker and seconded by M Caley – carried.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

#### Min 4 Handyman

The chairman advised that a handyman had been appointed during 2005 but had had to resign due to work commitments. Despite advertising locally a new handyman has yet to be appointed.

### 4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

#### a) Capital Projects

1. Floodlighting on Holme Meadow for football training
2. Fencing for the Playing Field Extension
3. Holme Meadow – grass renovation programme

#### b) Village Complaints

1. Sewerage & Drainage problems
2. Dog fouling
3. Flytipping
4. Holme Lane – road surface etc.

#### c) Safer Neighbourhood Partnership

The Chairman reported that several meetings had been held with the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership to try to establish a Messingham partnership. Unfortunately no 'facilitator' had been forthcoming to oversee the project, but anti-social behaviour problems continue to be monitored. It was noted that there are only two Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in Messingham.

#### d) Youth Provision Consultation

A questionnaire was delivered to every household in Messingham but was met with a very poor response. Consequently the findings were not conclusive, but a meeting place for young people appeared to be favourite (a coffee bar type of place). Enquiries are ongoing for a teen shelter but no decision had been made with regard to location.

#### e) Future Plans

1. Village Entry Signs – enquiries are ongoing
2. Recreation Facility – the Chairman advised that £20,000 is to be paid from Chartdale Homes under a Section 106 Agreement in lieu of open space provision on the new development off the Meadows.

### 5. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2005/6

The accounts for 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 Mrs J Briggs; seconded J Mountain.

**6. SPEAKER: SGT. JAMES MAIN – HUMBERSIDE POLICE**

Sgt Main gave an overview of crime statistics in B Division for the last year – figures relating to Messingham were: theft from motor vehicles – 22; damage – 44; and, burglary – 8. It was noted that there has been a significant reduction in crime in North Lincolnshire.

Major changes in policing within North Lincolnshire are, firstly, the introduction of a Volume Crime Team who are dedicated to the investigation of crime, leaving neighbourhood teams etc to deal with response to calls for service. Secondly is the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing Teams – Scunthorpe has been divided into three areas, North, East and West – Messingham being in the East area. Neighbourhood policing is about working within the neighbourhood and with partner agencies. Recruitment of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) continues and it is hoped to have at least 12 on each team within the next three years.

Youths causing annoyance continues to be a general problem with 170-200 calls a month for the Scunthorpe East team, but Sgt Main advised that calls for Messingham amounted to 3% of that volume, being 68 calls in the last year.

Questions:

*What provision is made to retain officers after training and will Messingham see a reduction in numbers of officers in the future?*

It is the responsibility of the local teams to nurture trained officers and it is hoped that numbers will remain constant.

*Will there be set times for patrols by PCSO's and are there plans to continue with regular patrols on Friday & Saturday evenings?*

In practice patrols are likely to be instigated by demand but regular patrols at weekends are set to continue until further notice.

The Chairman advised that a number of Parish Councillors had visited the Call Centre at Grimsby and experienced, first hand, the problems that are encountered – it had been an enlightening visit.

**7. SPEAKER: MARCUS WALKER – DEVELOPMENT TEAM, NLC**

Marcus Walker gave an overview of the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Issues and Options, and emphasised the need for local people to take the time to respond to the questionnaire currently being distributed by North Lincolnshire Council. He explained the importance to Messingham residents particularly as the target population of 4000 has been reached. The existing Local Plan policies are only retained until 2007 and it is possible that existing development limits may be extended unless specifically challenged.

Issues raised included the need for a Messingham by-pass; improvements to the road and rail network to the ports; funding for infrastructures ;and, encouragement of large retailers to Scunthorpe.

Mr Walker advised that an Exhibition Vehicle is scheduled to visit all villages and towns within North Lincolnshire from October 2006.

**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, which this year had paid for the replacement of the front door. The Hall is showing signs of 20 years of wear and tear which is resulting in larger and larger bills for repairs and replacements. Members of the public were reminded that the Village Hall is run as a charitable organisation.

- b) MESSINGHAM HORSE & FOAL SHOW – Represented by J England (Secretary)  
The 100<sup>th</sup> Show in June 2005 was marred by poor weather during the afternoon. The 101<sup>st</sup> Show is to be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for their financial support. £5000 is raised annually by sponsorship.
- c) VILLAGE MAGAZINE – Represented by Gina Spacie (Editor)  
The magazine has been increased by four extra pages but the price has not been increased. The magazine continues to be dependent on advertisers and is delivered by volunteers.
- d) PLAYING FIELD – Represented by M Sherwood (Secretary)  
Thanks were given to the Parish Council, not just for the annual financial support through the precept but also for their support for the pavilion improvement project which has recently been completed at a cost of £40,000, The Parish Council representatives on the Playing Field committee were also thanked for their independent views. It was noted that usage of the Playing Field is increasing.
- e) MESSINGHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB – Represented by D Brown (Chairman)  
The club continues to progress with a current membership of 300 children. 2005/6 has been a successful season and the club has been awarded FA Charter status. There are currently three girls teams and girls football continues to grow. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for the installation of floodlighting at Holme Meadow.
- f) BOWLS CLUB – Represented by R Tuplin  
The bowls club continues to thrive. Disabled access has now been completed.
- g) MESSINGHAM IN BLOOM GROUP – Represented by N Poole  
New flowerbeds continue to be introduced and maintained by volunteers. A successful 2005 with first prize in the CPRE/Calor Gas Best Kept Village competition. The Spring judging report was read out which included encouraging comments. Mick Walker, the Parish Council gardener, was thanked for his work on the Memorial and Brigg Road and Benson Close flowerbeds.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55pm