

## MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2010

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs J Walker; and 12 members of the public.

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Mr & Mrs J England

### 2. **MINUTES OF THE 2009 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 Mrs B Todd and seconded by Mrs G Sherwood – carried.

### 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

#### Min 4d Kealholme Road Open Space

The Chairman reported that the owner of the land has agreed to gift the land to North Lincolnshire Council but that a footpath is subject to funds being available.

### 4. **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

#### a) New Councillor

Councillor Gary Day was co-opted to the Parish Council, filling the casual vacancy created by Ms Vicki Raddish who has now left the village.

#### b) Allotments

A lot of activity this year with 19 applicants during 2009/10. The allotment advisory committee continue to monitor the upkeep of allotments and where necessary tenancies have been terminated. Vacant allotments have been split into two to create double the amount of allotments, in a workable size, and there is currently no waiting list.

#### c) Section 106 Funds

The £20,000 provided by Chartdale Homes in lieu of open space provision in 2006, needs to be spent by July 2011 on leisure provision. Two new items of play equipment for the children's play area and refurbishment of the safety tiles still leaves £6000 available to spend.

#### d) Website

A new website – [www.messinghamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.messinghamparishcouncil.co.uk) - hosted by Kyanite Limited of Winterton, is coming along nicely. Recent enquiries via the website have included the descendants of Thomas Wakefield Lee, a prominent landowner; and from America, the descendants of a 16<sup>th</sup> Century servant of the parish. There is plenty of space for photographs and local organisations details.

#### e) History Book

The Parish Council has obtained a further 100 copies of the Messingham History Group's 'Brief History of Messingham' and the 'Account of Messingham 1824' by Rev. Mackinnon. These are available for sale via the website and the Clerk.

#### f) Best Kept Village

Messingham were joint winners of the CPRE Best Kept Small Town, winner of the Best Kept Playground and winners of the Best Kept Memorial in 2009. The Chairman commented that the spring judging of the Yorkshire In Bloom competition has resulted in a silver gilt placing.

#### g) Annual Precept

The precept has been kept at £50,000, which includes grants made to village organisations – Village Hall, Playing Field, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Methodist Chapel, and Sunbeams Play School. The Parish Council also continues to support the Church by paying for maintenance of the churchyard and waste collection.

h) Dog Fouling  
Dog fouling continues to be a problem at Holme Meadow despite the Parish Council's best efforts – having recently provided dog waste gloves in a dispenser. A leaflet has also been produced which is to be distributed to every household later in the year by the Junior Football Club, as well as to regular dog walkers at Holme Meadow who arrive in cars.

i) Other Issues

1. Messingham Rockfest – initially agreed to be held on Holme Meadow in August 2010, but due to a double booking by the organiser it was cancelled and the Parish Council have since reviewed their decision and agreed not to re-book the event.
2. Wendover Road Drainage – the Parish Council's persistence has paid off with the recent installation of new drainage connections.
3. Play Area – the Parish Council has reviewed the opening times and the 6pm closure has been brought forward to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## 5. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2009/10

A financial statement was circulated to all those present. It was agreed to accept these accounts subject to annual audit. Proposed N Poole; seconded G Day.

## 6. VILLAGE ORGANISATION REPORTS

a) Messingham Bowls Club (Pat Hind – Secretary)

A thriving club with 62 members currently, who work hard to keep the bowling green in good condition, led by the President, Mr David Raddish. The refurbishment of the clubhouse is hoped to start in the near future but is subject to funding. The open days have proved to be very popular and the team has been promoted to the 1<sup>st</sup> division.

b) Messingham Gardening Club (Pat Beeby – Chair)

The club was started 5 years ago with initial interest from 18 people but now has 45 members meeting every third Thursday of the month, excluding August, with guest speakers and organised trips. Also involved with the In Bloom campaign by looking after two flowerbeds.

c) Messingham Village Hall (Lisa Slater – Treasurer/Booking Clerk)

The hall is very widely used with over 25,000 people passing through. The majority of bookings are regular including badminton groups, short mat bowls, bingo, childcare etc. After 28 years the wear and tear in the hall is a major issue needing funds to modernise the fixtures and fittings e.g. kitchen, toilets and car park. The committee are currently looking for funding from outside sources. Volunteers are always welcome.

d) Holy Trinity Church (Eddie Heaton – Church Warden)

Services are sustained on Sundays and this year to date has seen 13 baptisms, 7 weddings and 8 burials. Coffee mornings are held once a month on a Saturday in the village hall. A flower festival is scheduled for September with the theme 'occupations'. The Parish Council were thanked for their continued support in maintaining the churchyard.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

Village Hall Extension Project – the Chairman advised that the development committee had decided that funding was not feasible at the present time, due in the main to the 2012 Olympics.

Messingham School, Northfield Road – The Chairman suggested that this building could be used for community use in the future but that North Lincolnshire Council had made no decision with regard to the building and land to date.

This concluded the business of the meeting so the Chairman thanked all the village organisations for their continued hard work and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.15pm