

MESSINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2011

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 27th June 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Chairman of the Parish Council – N Poole; Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs J Walker; and 6 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Mr & Mrs J England, Mrs J Briggs, Mr J Mckellar-Main, Mr J Mountain.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2010 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 Mr J R Walker and seconded by Mrs B Todd – carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Min 4c S106 Funds

The Chairman reported that the remainder of the S106 fund has now been allocated for the installation of a public footpath between Oak Drive and the Kealholme Road Open Space and also to install additional floodlights for junior football training on Holme Meadow.

Min 4e History Books

The Clerk reported that after an initial flurry of interest in the books, sales have slowed down to only four sold this year to date. Advertising continues on the website, notices in the library and the public notice board and periodically in the village magazine.

Min 9 Northfield Road School

The Chairman reported that there are no formal plans from North Lincolnshire Council with regard to the future of the school site but that the Parish Council should have the opportunity to comment before any decisions are taken.. Mrs Smailes advised that the final completion date for the new school is 7th September 2011.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

a) 2011 ELECTION

Only thirteen members of the previous Parish Council stood for election in May and with no other candidates they were duly elected. The two remaining places have been filled by co-option – also by previous Parish Councillors Foster and Caley. The Chairman commented on the Parish Council's disappointment that no additional residents had stood for election. Mr Radford asked if more advertising should have been done in relation to the parish council elections but it was noted that the statutory notices issued by North Lincolnshire Council were widely circulated.

b) ALLOTMENTS

Applications for allotments continue to come in and there are currently only two people on the waiting list. The allotment advisory committee monitor the upkeep of the allotments and where necessary tenancies have been terminated and the allotment re-allocated.

c) ANNUAL PRECEPT

The precept was reduced from £50,000 to £45,000 for the year 2011/12. Donations to local organisations included the Village Hall, Playing Field, Guides, Brownies, Methodist Chapel and Sunbeams Pre-School. There is also continued support for Holy Trinity Church by paying for regular maintenance of the churchyard and also their waste collection.

d) WINTER 2010

Following the severe weather conditions in December it was noted that there were many volunteers helping to clear driveways, deliver provisions to the elderly and transporting medical staff to and from work. The Parish Council have agreed to create a register of volunteers with 4x4 vehicles and tractor owners for future needs.

e) POLICE ISSUES

Other than a nominal number of anti-social behaviour issues and burglaries, crime has been kept to a minimum in the village. The Chairman commented on the good relationship with the policing team and the regular presence of the PCSOs.

- f) **ARMED FORCES DAY EVENT**
Messingham was chosen to host the annual Armed Forces Day event on Holme Meadow on 25th June. It was a very successful and well organised event and it is hoped that it may become a regular event for the village.
- g) **MESSINGHAM IN BLOOM**
The spring judging for the Yorkshire In Bloom competition went well with particular mention of the Nature Reserve so the judges will be given a more detailed visit in July.
- 5. FINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2010/11**
A financial statement was circulated to all those present. It was agreed to accept these accounts subject to annual audit. Proposed N Poole; seconded Mrs B Todd. There were no questions.
- 6. VILLAGE ORGANISATION REPORTS**
MESSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL (Mrs C Smailes – Chairman)
Thanks given to the Parish Council for their continued support of the village hall. The management of the village hall is run by volunteers and fund raising still needs to be done as grants have now stopped. In 2010 the car park was refurbished and new kitchen units and cooker installed. The hall continues to be busy except for weekend evening bookings. Financially the hall is holding it's own.
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS**
- a) **TRAFFIC CALMING**
Mr Radford commented that speeding continues to be a problem on all the major roads of the village, particularly at work times. He noted that there has been a speed camera on Brigg Road but only on rare occasions and also conceded that the measures taken at Catchwater Crossroads appeared to have been successful. He suggested more road markings and signage to encourage a more respectful attitude from motorists. It was agreed to refer the speeding issues to Roy Hindmarsh of the road safety team at North Lincolnshire Council.
- Mr Radford also commented on various visibility issues at junctions due to parked cars – particularly Butterwick Road and cars parking on the double yellow lines. It was agreed that this is a dangerous junction and Well Street also has visibility issues. It was commented that visits by traffic wardens in Messingham is infrequent but it was noted that a number of parking tickets had been issued last month. It was agreed to refer the parking/safety issues to Pete Scott of the road safety team at North Lincolnshire council.
- b) Mr Radford suggested that the low attendance at this meeting could be improved by distributing a leaflet to every household. It was agreed to refer this to the next Parish Council meeting.

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 8.06pm