

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY  
14th MARCH 2001**

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**Present:** Cllr Mr I Griffiths (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs A Orton (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Mr R Hull  
Cllr Mrs M Passey  
Cllr Mr I Rosindell  
Cllr Mr C Womble  
Cllr Mr S Walker  
Cllr Mr C Womble

**Parishioners:** 5

**Apologies:** Cllr Mr L Lonergan

**1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr Griffiths gave his report (copy attached Appendix I)

Chairman congratulated everyone for the amount of work undertaken during the year, especially the creation of the Walters Hill footpath and the real success of the Moor Pond Wood project. He gave thanks to all the Councillors and the Clerk.

**2. SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Mrs Kendall gave her report as the Council's representative on the School Governing body (copy attached Appendix II)

Chairman enquired as the size of the school, which was confirmed at just over 100 pupils, and if any children from the villages were not being admitted. Cllr Womble reported that some children were attending the Ravenshead School rather than the village school. Mrs Kendall confirmed there were no casual places available and therefore there was a problem placing children moving into the villages.

**3. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

As the Council had agreed Financial Regulations during 2000, the Clerk felt it appropriate to give a report on the Council's financial position. (Copy of report attached Appendix III)

Mrs Kerr asked why the Tax Base had widened for the coming year and it was confirmed this would be due to empty properties now being occupied and properties being re-valued etc., after improvements.

4. **VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Passey gave her report (copy attached Appendix IV)

Cllr Passey added to her report that the Millennium Committee had now changed to the Papplewick and Linby Social Committee. As a hirer of the Village Hall they had now become a user group and funds raised by events organised by them would be donated to specific charities.

Chairman asked about the composition of the group and Mrs Kerr as to whether any charity/group could be considered for funding. Cllr Mrs Passey confirmed that anyone could join the group and initially committee members were identifying projects to fund.

4. **JULIAN CAHN TRUST**

Cllr Orton gave her report (copy attached Appendix V). She reported that the appointment of Mr Ken Creed, was working well as he already knows the residents. Although he had taken over some of the workload, Mr Perry still retained responsibility for the accounts.

5. **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

Cllr Womble gave his report (copy attached Appendix VI).

Mrs Kerr congratulated the Council on the excellent new Walters Hill footpath. Clerk confirmed Paddy Tipping had agreed to officially open the path and this had been arranged for the 21st April. However, due to the foot and mouth restrictions and the closure of the footpath this date would need to be reviewed

6. **MOOR POND WOOD PROJECT**

Cllr Mrs Passey, as one of the Council's representatives on the Steering Committee gave report on the project to date.

Chairman said it was encouraging that 40+ people had attended the second 'Friends of Moor Pond Wood' but disappointing that the workday had to be cancelled due to the foot and mouth restrictions. He hoped that the wood could be reopened shortly so that work could commence.

Mrs Kerr confirmed there would be another meeting of the 'Friends' on Friday 6th April at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

**OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Kerr said she was impressed with work undertaken on the Linby Lane verges and once re-seeded the area would be much improved. She felt that a similar scheme should be undertaken on Moor Road, and she pointed out that the recently resurfaced footpath on the corner of Moor Road/Papplewick Lane appeared to be waterlogged again.

Mrs Huggett asked about the Main Street improvement scheme. Chairman regrettably confirmed that due to a lack of co-operation and support from Gedling Borough Council this had been shelved due to lack of funding. Clerk confirmed Gedling had been contacted regarding the camber after complaints by elderly residents but the response from Chris Groves, Head of Engineering, had been negative. Clerk confirmed she would request a site meeting with the Highway Inspector.

Mrs Kerr reported again the full drain outside Ward Cottage. Clerk confirmed Gedling had attended this but she would ask them to monitor it.

Cllr John Whetton reported that Gedling Borough Council had agreed only a 3.5% increase in community tax for 2001/2001. He noted that in the list giving parish precepts Papplewick appeared in the middle.

Cllr Hull queried the completion of the traffic calming on Linby Lane. Cllr Womble confirmed the hatched red area had now been installed but the original SLOW signs needed to be reinstated. Clerk confirmed Gedling BC had been contacted. The effectiveness of the traffic calming was discussed. Mrs Huggett felt it had made a difference.

Clerk confirmed Cllr Joe Lonergan had applied on behalf of the village for a further £5,000 from the Community Priorities Budget to complete the traffic calming scheme with measures to the north/south approaches. Clerk also reported confirmation from Chris Charnley at Notts. CC that funding was being allocated under the Local Transport Plan Rural Schemes to extend the 30mph speed limit down Moor Road.

Cllr Mrs Orton reported on behalf of a parishioner the inconsistency of bus fares between Papplewick and Linby villages to Hucknall and lack of a return fare being an option to Papplewick residents.

PC Andy Vale reported on four crimes since the last meeting - three thefts from cars in the parish and the fourth the theft of the metal fencing used for the Forest Lane road closure.

Following up the information given to him from the HGV traffic survey in the village PC Vale confirmed a letter, map and copy of the restriction order had been sent to those companies whose vehicles had ignored the ban. Chairman thanked PC Vale for his help and suggested the exercise should be repeated.

Mrs Kerr asked if the CCTV camera could be requested for use in the village. PC Vale confirmed if a major problem is identified the van could be used. He also informed the meeting that a speed check would be undertaken later in the year. It was agreed this should be reported in the Newsletter as a preventative measure warning parishioners.

The annual parish meeting was then closed.