

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2003**

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

**Parishioners:** 1 + Cllr J Lonergan and PC Andy Vale

As Mrs Kendall was due at a Governors' meeting the Chairman agreed to take Item 2 on the agenda first.

**2. SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Mrs Kendall as the Council's representative on the Linby-cum-Papplewick C. of E. School governing body gave her report on the school year. She pointed out that of necessity her report would only be a brief overview, which had been difficult due to the amount of work undertaken during the year. (A copy of her full report is attached as Appendix 1)

Questions were asked on the school travel plan and car share scheme and Cllr Walker suggested that if parents could be persuaded to cut out one car journey a week it would give a 10% saving. Mrs Barker also suggested that when new schools were being planned adequate parking must be an important part of those plans.

Mrs Kendall confirmed that although her appointment would end in November she was prepared to continue as the Council's representative. Under new regulations, however, the school no longer had to accept an appointed representative from the Parish Councils. Cllr Griffiths had spoken to the Chairman of the school governors who had confirmed a wish to keep the link.

Cllr Womble asked if the school was 100% over subscribed and if that meant two applications for each place. He was concerned that not every child who wanted to go to the school was able to and asked if there was any possibility of an extension to the building. Mrs Kendall confirmed it was over subscribed but that a lot of parents opted to apply for several places and that there had already been an extension. Cllr Walker said the question that needed answering was how many children within each year group resided in the village. If children eligible from the village were getting a place the policy was working. The Chairman confirmed that the first criteria for school entrants was living in the two villages and in the past there had not been a problem unless a child came into the village after the first year. He reported this year might be a problem.

**1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr Griffiths reported the Council had had another busy year. He was very pleased with the effort people put in and thanked Councillors for their support. He also thanked the Clerk for all her efforts. He felt overall it had been a good year. (A full copy of his report is attached as Appendix II) No questions were asked.

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

Mrs Barker reported on the Council's finances during the previous year. (Copy of her report attached as Appendix III) Cllr Lonergan asked if the Council's accounts had finally been audited and the Clerk confirmed they had and the notice already posted. No further questions were asked.

**4. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Passey gave the annual report as the Council's representative on the Management Committee. (Copy of report attached Appendix IV). No questions were asked.

**5. JULIAN CAHN TRUST**

As the Council's representative Cllr Orton reported on the Trust's activities during the year. She confirmed thanks had been given to Mr Perry for his years of service to the Trust and that although the accounts were healthy, grants were being explored to fund replacement boilers in the homes. No questions were asked. (Copy of report attached as Appendix V)

**6. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

Cllr Walker reported that he had taken over as Chairman of the P3 Committee when Cllr Womble had stepped down. He reported that it had been a quiet year with only two meetings during the calendar year. He stated that the Committee was running on the bare minimum of people involved, doing the bare minimum of work needed which was not to say there was a backlog of work. Strimming work was needed but the problem during the year had been obtaining the money from Notts. County Council in order to commission the work to get the paths cut.

Cllr Walker said it seemed P3 was polarising the two parishes with Linby Parish Council showing little interest in development but they have less of the paths. He pointed out the accounting difficulties of having a joint scheme between the two councils and that in future may be each council should look at paying for its own work.

Cllr Walker reported that a scheme to extend the path network was being looked at with a view to linking the Linby Lane layby through the dam to the meadow's footpath. He confirmed that one landowner had given permission to go ahead and that the Co-op was now being approached. If the path can be dedicated grants would be available. Mrs

Barker confirmed that she had spoken to Mr Hutchinson, the Co-op's agent, who would raise the matter at a forthcoming meeting with his client.

The future of the P3 agreement was discussed and Cllr Walker suggested the new council elected in May should take a view on how it wanted to go forward. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the May meeting

## **7. MOOR POND WOOD PROJECT**

Cllr Walker as Chairman of the Steering Committee gave the annual report on all the work undertaken in the project area. (A copy of his detailed report is attached as Appendix VI) The Hucknall Dispatch reporter asked what the priorities were for the coming year. Cllr Walker confirmed completion of the path upgrading, following which a formal opening was planned of the disabled footpaths. He also confirmed maintenance of the trees was another priority.

Chairman commented that what had been achieved by the Parish Council and 'Friends' Group with this project in a small parish had been unbelievable. He was impressed with what had happened. He asked the Clerk to write to Lee Scudder and the Leen Valley Conservation volunteers thanking them for their help during the year. Also a letter of thanks to be sent to Notts. County Council for allowing Lee to work with the project.

The annual parish meeting was then closed.