

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH 2004**

**Present:** Cllr Mr I Griffiths (Chairman)  
Cllr Mr R Hull (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Mr D Hubbard  
Cllr Mrs S Roberts (arrived at approx. 7.30)  
Cllr Mrs J Robinson  
Cllr Mr S Walker

**Parishioners:** 2 + Cllr J Lonergan and Mr C Womble

**1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr Griffiths reported that 2003 had been a year of consolidation in relation to a number of projects commenced in the previous year, plus completion of work in other areas the Council was dealing with. He was pleased to see two former Cllrs at the meeting and welcomed the four new Cllrs. A copy of the Chairman's report is attached as Appendix I. No questions were asked.

Chairman publicly thanked Mrs Barker for her service over many years to the Council, in particular the help she had given him as Chairman and her excellent work for the parish. He said she would be a hard act to follow.

Mrs Kendall pointed out that Mrs Barker had worked for three Chairmen. Cllr Lonergan stated that clerks are crucial to the first tier of government and he also thanked Mrs Barker for the help she had given him as County Councillor and he hoped the new Clerk would 'turn up trumps' the same way.

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

Mrs Barker reported on the Council's finances during the previous year. A copy of her report is attached as Appendix II.

Mrs Barker then informed the meeting that it had been a privilege to work for Papplewick Parish Council and that she had enjoyed working with everyone concerned, but for various reasons she felt it was time to move on and let someone else take over. She felt that with experience and training Mrs Clarke would prove to be a very good Clerk, and as she lived in Papplewick she knew that Mrs Clarke would have the village at heart.

**3. 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 the report would

be but a skeleton of the work undertaken by the governing body, which had worked hard in 2003. A copy of her report is attached as Appendix III.

Mrs Kendall emphasised the need for a school crossing patrol and hoped that by mentioning it the matter would be discussed more widely in the hope that someone would be forthcoming for the job.

Chairman asked Mrs Kendall what she felt was the greatest achievement of the school in 2003 but Mrs Kendall was unsure whether generally she could answer the question. Cllr Griffiths asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do. She felt the parking problem needed to be talked about within the two villages and also the ongoing problems experienced by the children walking to school along Quarry Lane. Mrs Kendall addressed the problem to Cllr Lonergan who confirmed Linby Parish Council had requested funding under the Building Better Communities Scheme. However, the scheme was for projects where the County Council owned the land.

Cllr Hull felt there was a Health and Safety problem and the ownership of the land was discussed. Cllr Robinson reported that due to the parking problems some parents were driving up the lane to drop off children at school, which was becoming dangerous. The School Transport Plan was discussed and again the suggestion of a 'walking bus'. Mrs Kendall reiterated that this had been discussed with parents but there had been a total lack of support. Mrs Orton pointed out that parents were often not going straight home. Cllr Walker felt it was the Governors' responsibility to put forward the School Travel Plan. Cllr Robinson suggested Papplewick children could meet at the Village Hall in order to be taken to school in fewer cars. Cllr Lonergan commented that parents are reluctant to take other children because of the problem of 'blame culture'. He also pointed out that the Government wants to identify schools as child centres and that if in future the school becomes one it would add to the problems.

Chairman proposed the Parish Council write to Notts. County Council supporting Linby Parish Council's bid for funding to address the problem. Also a letter be sent to the Governors expressing disquiet about the Health and Safety issues of the parking problem with a view to resurrecting the School Travel Plan. Cllrs agreed to this action with copies of the correspondence to be sent to Linby Parish Council.

#### **4. JULIAN CAHN TRUST**

As the Council's representative on the Trust Mrs Orton reported activities during the year. A copy of her report is attached as Appendix IV.

Chairman asked her to explain the Trust for the benefit of the new Cllrs. She reported that the Trust was reviewing the criteria for people being registered on the waiting list. This due to those currently on the waiting list owning their own properties, as it was felt the original aims of the Trust to provide accommodation for residents of Hucknall, Linby and Papplewick needed updating.

#### **5. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Hull presented the annual report as the Council's representative on the Management Committee. A copy of his report is attached as Appendix VI. He confirmed he had attended all Management Committee meetings since elected as the Council's representative in May 2003. No specific questions were asked.

## **6. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

Cllr Walker, as Chairman of the P3 Committee gave the annual report, as Appendix VII attached.

Mrs Kendall applauded the Council's work on the footpaths but questioned the current condition of the path up to Stanker Hill. Cllr Walker confirmed that the path had not been cut as a result of the farmer having left a wide swage of the field uncultivated which gave ample walking width. However, if in the future the farmer cultivated up to the headland, then grass cutting would need to be undertaken.

Mrs Robinson reported that overgrowth needed to be cut back by the footpath sign to the new footpath on Blidworth Waye at the Hall end.

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

Cllr Walker as Chairman of the Steering Committee gave the annual report, a copy of which is attached as Appendix VIII.

Cllr Walker explained that the 'Friends' group now had an honorary treasurer. He also wished to express thanks to Mrs Hollinrake who had been a good Secretary to the Steering Committee, and to Mrs Barker for her support on the committee as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer.

Cllr Hull reported a further incidence of a car smashing through part of the fencing to Moor Pond on Papplewick Lane. He confirmed it had been reported to the police. The road markings were discussed and it was noted that County Council had reinstated these together with extra markings.

Chairman asked if the verge area in front of Grange Cottage Wood would be reinstated. Cllr Hull suggested Ashfield District Council be contacted in this regard.

The annual parish meeting was then closed.