

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2004

Present: Cllr Mr. I. Griffiths (Chairman)
Cllr Mr. R. Hull (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr. D. Hubbard
Cllr Mrs. S. Roberts
Cllr Mrs. S. Robinson
Cllr Mr. C. Womble

Parishioners: 3 + PC Andy Vale

Apologies: Cllr Mr. S. Walker
Cllr Mr. J. Lonergan

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman welcomed PC Andy Vale who said he was in attendance at the moment in place of Paul Johnson as he was not available. PC Vale had brought some leaflets regarding their lock up policy in the home and information regarding personalising mobile phones so that if they are stolen they can be stunned to prevent use. He reported that there had been 22 crimes in the area since the last Parish Council meeting, these consisted mainly of car crimes, lots of them being at Burntstump Park. PC Vale reported that someone had been arrested and it was hopeful that he would be the person responsible for the majority of these crimes.

On the matter of the assault on Cllr Walker, Cllr Griffiths formally asked PC Vale to chase up this case as Cllr Walker was out on Parish Council business at the time of the assault. PC Vale agreed.

PC Vale reported that PC Johnson was in receipt of the list of HGV vehicles coming through the village and said that he would continue to do spot checks. Regarding the speed on Linby Lane it was agreed at the moment that the situation with the traffic lights was helping to keep the traffic to a reasonable speed, but it was agreed that more speed

checks were required. PC Vale pointed out that Linby were getting the speed checks because they keep “pushing” for more checks.

Cllr Mrs. Robinson pointed out that Paul Wainwrights were still travelling through the village although they have been informed on numerous occasions. Cllr Mrs. Roberts said that the name of the person driving should be in the windscreen and maybe this is a way to prosecute the individual rather than the company.

Cllr Griffiths asked that if we were aware of who is committing the offence, what rights as a Parish Council do we have to contact the people direct. Cllr Womble said that we had none, but that we could make representations but they did not need to take notice. PC Vale’s advice was to make representations. Cllr Griffiths said he felt we needed to “play harder” in this respect. Cllr Griffiths said that we needed to continue to take numbers and let the Police have them.

A number of overgrown bushes were reported, obstructing road signs. These were on Blidworth Waye near the new footpath, obstructing a road bends sign. Also on Ash Lane near the Pumping Station, obstructing a road bends sign. Some bushes are overgrown onto the pavement between Linby and Papplewick. Cllr Griffiths asked that the Clerk contact Gedling Borough Council to deal with these.

Mrs. Kerr reported that between West View Farm Court and 43 Main Street when it rains the water does not drain along the gutter and if a car runs through it it splashes right over her wall, which is quite high. She said that she has spoken to the Highways Department at Gedling Borough Council.

Regarding Church Lane and the hedge cutting. This is normally done twice a year. Cllr Griffiths said that the Parish Council should perhaps make its own arrangements regarding this. Cllr Hull suggested that we get a contractor in to do the work and the Church would have to pay. Cllr Roberts suggested that we perhaps ask Brook Farm. Cllr Griffiths agreed that he would check round regarding the hedge cutting.

A resident of Linby Lane had attended the meeting in response to the information leaflet Cllr Hull had posted to all the residents. He was pleased to see that we were trying to seek extensions to the laybys. Cllr Griffiths pointed out that residents were not supposed to be parking on the grass now that the laybys were made and that a couple of the posts were knocked down. Cllr Hull said these needed re-instating.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr Walker and accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Griffiths pointed out that all Councillors had received copies of their previous Declaration of Interest forms and all confirmed there had been no changes.

3. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10TH MARCH 2004

Chairman proposed acceptance of Parish Council Minutes seconded by Cllr Hubbard. Chairman also proposed acceptance of Annual Parish Assembly Minutes seconded by Cllr Hull.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Open Forum (page 1)

A60 Forest Lane junction – Notts County Council still to be contacted. Chairman confirmed he will contact them regarding this.

Matters Arising (page 2)

Code of Conduct (page 2) Councillors' previous Declarations circulated for any amendments.

Flooding on Moor Road (page 3) Matter reported to Gedling.

Computer Facility Website (page 8)

Computer information transferred. New Clerk now in possession of Village Hall computer and chair plus printer and scanner from previous Clerk. The old Council computer, scanner and printer have been retained by Mrs. Barker on behalf of the Moor Pond Wood Project. Cllr Hull has spoken to the Village Hall with regard to the dedicated cupboard and they are happy to retain it in the Bradbury Suite with the use of half of it being retained by the Moor Pond Wood Project. Cllr Hull said the Bridge Club had expressed their appreciation with this.

Councillors' Reports (page 8)

Papplewick Lane/Moor Road - possible subsidence problem reported to Gedling.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

School Governors Report (page 1)

School Travel Plan – Clerk to the Governors has confirmed this will be discussed again at their AGM.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received and circulated:

The Boundary Committee - Letter re. comments on electoral review for Notts.
CC

CPRE

Rural Matters Issue 30 March 2004
Planning Update issue 2 March 2004
Transport Campaign Group News issue 29 March 2004
Best Kept Village Competition 2004
Info re. AGM – 10th May 2004

DEFRA - Broadband for rural communities

EMDA - Newsletter – Issue 18 – March 2004

Gedling BC

Legal Dept re Chairman's Allowance
Letter re Village Ventures – Autumn/Winter 2004
E. mail with telephone number for reporting flytipping
Community Eye Magazine

Highways Agency - Information re. M1 widening (Junctions 21-30)

Home Office - Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century – January 2004 edition

Leisure Enterprise Group - Minutes of meeting held on 18/3/04

Notts. CC

Travel & Transport Briefing March 2004
Legal Dept re Creation Order of Blidworth Way footpaths
Confirmation of traffic count being undertaken on Linby Lane/A60 lighting*
Acknowledgement re continued flooding problem
Chief Executive re Land at Top Wighay Farm
P3 Update and new agreement – Chairman + Cllr Walker as Chairman of P3
'Participate' Newsletter Edition 4 April 2004
New perspectives Theatre Co. events for 2004
Travel & Transport Briefing April 2004
Arts Marketing Dept – leaflet of summer events
Leaflet – Wheels to Work
Countylink magazine – April 2004
Leaflet re. Nottinghamshire Archives

Notts Association of Local Councils

Letter re: Burial Law policy and conference notes - Audit
Local Council Review – May 2004

Notts and Nottingham Joint Structure Plan – Information re Examinations in Public

Ordnance Survey re renewal of Copying Licence

The Anthony Nolan Trust - Leaflet re. Recycling of old mobile phones

University of Nottingham - Vision Magazine – Issue 5 – Summer 2004

MOOR POND WOOD

Bridging the Gap – grant of £4,940 for 3 interpretation panels

Community Champions – grant of £1,100 for survey, mapping and database

RECEIVED AND ACTIONED BY THE CLERK

Hacker Young – audit form for 2003/04 accounts

Acknowledgement letter from Notts CC re. traffic calming

Letter from Clerk to Governors, Linby-cum-Papplewick School re school parking

County Supplies - Spring 2004 leaflet

Letter from Papplewick & Linby Cricket Club thanking for donation

Glasdon – products leaflet

The Crime Concern Trust – leaflet re. young people

Cheque (£181) from Allianz Cornhill re noticeboard

6. HIGHWAYS

General - when travelling North from Kighill on the A60 there is no weight restriction sign until you actually turn onto Blidworth. Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Notts County Council in respect of this.

Linby Lane – Chairman thanked Cllr Hull for producing the document which was posted to Linby Lane residents by himself. Cllr Hull pointed out that Cllr Wensley had previously done a lot of work in the document which he had prepared previously.

Cllr Hull had said the problems on Linby Lane were parking, speed, layby and the 30mph sign. Regarding the speed of traffic, this would be dealt with after the present roadworks were completed ie Gedling Borough Council will carry out their traffic survey. He said he could see no reason why the present layby could not be extended in both directions, say to the telegraph pole and he couldn't see there being a problem with services as they were underground. He said perhaps we should contact Cllr Lonergan regarding some funding. He also commented that there are still cars parking on the grass and indiscriminately and this would alleviate those problems.

Regarding the 30mph sign, in order to move the sign we would require a Traffic Order, which can take a long time to achieve. There are certain criteria which include housing and lighting, but this can be done. He suggested that we apply

now to get matters moving. If the laybys were extended perhaps the sign could then go near to the beginning of the layby. Cllr Womble pointed out that if the 30mph sign were to be moved this would cost more in respect of electricity in that it may require a further street light because it would need to meet the minimum visibility requirements. Cllr Hull said he had spoken to Bob Flint at Gedling Borough Council regarding the layby. He has passed this suggestion to his Manager for costing and is awaiting his reply. Cllr Hull also pointed out that it would cost to the same to do both ends at once and the matter did meet the criteria required. The work would need to be completed by March 2005. Cllr Griffiths asked that the Clerk contact Cllr Lonergan and tell him that we have got the ball rolling, ie asked for costing and that the project is looking possible and that we could deliver in the timescale required. Does Cllr Lonergan have any money available from the Building Better Communities fund which he had previously talked about.

7. PLANNING

There was one planning application for a two storey side extension to 10 Main Street, Papplewick. The Council commended that the Parish Council had no objections subject to appropriate materials being used. No information was included with the application, so the Council trusts that the appropriate matching materials will be used.

8. ACCOUNTS

Income:

Gedling BC - Final Revenue Grant 03/04				£37.50
Gedling BC - bus shelter cleaning				£156.00
HM Customs & Excise – VAT repayment				
£201.94				
Allianz Cornhill re. noticeboard				£181.00
Gedling BC – 50% Precept 2004/05				£3252.50
Gedling BC – 50% Revenue Aid 2004/05				£250.00

Expenditure – Already Incurred

000338	NALC annual subscription	87.65	--	£87.65
000339	Gedling BC – grass cutting (1 cut)	18.48	3.23	£21.71
	VAT repayment transfer to MPW current a/c			£94.88

Expenditure – To be Paid

000340	Ricoh – photocopier reading	11.06	1.94	£13.00
000341	Allianz Cornhill	581.01	-	£581.01
000342	Mrs M Barker (work carried out March/ April)	128.70	-	£128.70

000343	Mrs P Clark – Petty Cash	21.00	-	£21.00
	Tel	-	1.80	
	Postage	-	1.20	
	Bus Shelter	-	18.00	
	(6 x £3 1/4/04 to 6/5/04)			
000344	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust subs	27.00	-	£27.00

MOOR POND WOOD

Income:

Notts. Community Foundation:

Friends a/c	Community Champions Fund grant			£1,100.00
Friends a/c	Bridging the Gap			£4,940.00
VAT repayment				£94.88

Expenditure – To be paid

Friends a/c	Mr. S. Walker – GPS equipment	412.2	72.14	£484.35
000076	Mrs M Barker – Petty cash MPW Steering Committee	25.00	-	£25.00

Chairman noted cheque 341 for Insurance was quite substantial. He proposed acceptance of Accounts seconded by Cllr Mrs. Roberts.

Chairman noted that the Friends of Moor Pond Wood Account would need auditing at some point. Chairman proposed acceptance of cheque number 76 for £25.00.

9. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE

Cllr Griffiths asked if anyone had any knowledge in this respect and be prepared to take a look at the renewal notice. It was agreed that Cllr Womble would take a look along with the Clerk who would prepare notes of which items she considered needed to be amended. This information would be brought to the next meeting. The Insurance will be paid in the meantime.

10. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

In his absence Cllr Walker had sent his support with regard to entering this competition. Cllr Hull commented that he would be willing to offer support if the community were prepared to join in. It was noted that the entry had to be in by the 4th June. Cllr Griffiths requested that an item be put in the Newsletter regarding a wish to enter and see what support would come from it.

11. NOTICEBOARDS

The location of the Noticeboard on the A60 was discussed. Cllr Roberts said she had approached the owners of number 195 with regard to having the Noticeboard outside their property. The owner was concerned that if the Noticeboard was damaged whilst in the bus shelter, what was stopping it from being vandalised outside her home and on this basis was reluctant to have it situated there. It was suggested that a possible location could be by the bench at the junction of the A60 and Forest Lane. Cllr Roberts agreed. Cllr Griffiths pointed out that we needed to speak to Highways Department of Gedling Borough Council. Cllr Roberts said that we should point out that this would be a reminder that this stretch of the road is part of the village. Cllr Griffiths recommended that we should purchase two boards, one for the A60 and one to replace the main one on Linby Lane. We had received enough in grants to purchase one and we should cover the cost of the other one from Local Plan monies. Cllr Griffiths requested that the Clerk check the sizes of the present Noticeboards and then seek approval from the Chairman as to which to order. Clerk was asked to contact Gedling Borough Council to see if they have any objections to the Noticeboard being resited next to the bench on the A60 and asking if planning permission would be required. Cllr Hull pointed out that he would be available for a site visit should one be required.

12. REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Village Hall – Cllr Hull reported that the floor in the main hall had been sanded and re-marked for the Badminton Club. It is planned to decorate the bottom half of the main hall walls and the furniture in the Bradbury Suite is due to be cleaned.

(b) Moor Pond Wood – in the absence of Cllr Walker, Mrs. Barker, Secretary of the Steering Committee reported that a tree survey was to take place on Saturday 15th May enabling them to plot trees using a GPS system for identification in the future. It was hoped that in the future they would be able to offer a virtual walk through the woods. A meeting had taken place with the County Archaeologist and two juniors, Land Agents and LHI representatives which was very successful. Quotes are being obtained for the next phase of work in the woods, the site is unique and because of the industrial archaeology they are keen to expose these and make interpretations.

(c) Playing Field – Cllr Hull had nothing to report. The playing field maintenance book needs to be obtained from Cllr Walker and given to Cllr Mrs. Roberts. Cllr Hull mentioned that the annual inspection was due soon.

(d) Parish Paths Partnership – Nothing to report.

13. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Mrs. Robinson commented that the Leisure Enterprise Group were organising the Open Gardens event, which they had done last year, on the 27th June.

14. ANY ITEM THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

The Chairman reported that Papplewick Church has 2 new wardens. Mrs. Kendall had finished after 19 years in the position. The new wardens are Jill Tinker and Ian Winton.

Chairman also pointed out that in respect of Linby Church, they were trying to raise £150,000 approximately needed for repairs and improvements to lighting, heating, pews and floor under the Living Stones project. He reported that so far they had raised £90,000.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 14th July 2004.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm