

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14th September 2005

Present: **Cllr Mr I Griffiths (chairman)**
 Cllr Mr D Hubbard
 Cllr Mr R Hull
 Cllr Mrs J Robinson
 Cllr Mr S Walker
 Cllr Mr C Womble

Parishioners **25**

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

- a. Cross Roads development
 Mr G Stevenson, Development Control Officer at Gedling BC joined the meeting for this item.

There were a number of questions from the floor with the general consensus being that that the development had been detrimental. The main issues were road safety (visibility at the junction with Main Street and Linby Lane had been impaired) and the addition of 2 metre high wooden fencing adjacent to the newly erected one meter high stone walls.

Mr Stevenson advised the meeting that road safety issues had been checked with Nottinghamshire CC, as the highway authority, in whose opinion were not sufficient to object to the development.

Mr Stevenson also advised that, as a result of excessive noise readings, additional wooden fencing was erected as an acoustic barrier. (Planning guidelines normally prohibit development where noise levels exceed a predetermined level - level C) He confirmed that this was not covered in the original planning application and that no consultation had taken place.

When questioned by councillors and the public it was not clear if alternate acoustic barriers such as triple glazing had been considered. The chairman asked for a formal response from Gedling BC as to why alternative noise reduction methods could not have been employed particularly as noise seemed to have become an issue only after some 12 months had passed since the original planning application was submitted.

Questions were also raised about any conditions, if any, attached to the fencing e.g. changes to design or colour and about other external features such as alarm boxes on the exterior frontage of the new properties particularly as some of the properties were in the conservation area and other home owners had had previous planning applications rejected.

Mr Stevenson agreed to check on conditions attached to fencing maintenance.

Mr Stevenson explained that whilst buildings in a conservation area are subject to certain restrictions, listed buildings are much more regulated. The general rule was that external fittings to front elevations of properties in a conservation area were allowable but not to buildings which were listed.

On the question of general road safety Cllr R Hull suggested that a new dropped kerb be constructed adjacent to the bus shelter on Linby Road to enable safer crossing away from the cross roads. Mr Stevenson agreed to take this back to Nottinghamshire CC.

The general view was that Gedling BC was poor at consultation and was paying only lip service to Parish Councils and to the public. Examples were given of letters to Gedling not being replied to.

Mr Stevenson was asked if Gedling BC was prepared to measure again the sound levels and review the fencing which he agreed to do.

The Parish Council will take up road safety issues with NCC.

The chairman thanks Mr Stevenson for attending.

b. General

Concerns were expressed on the continuing problems of water on Main Street not clearing after inclement weather. Water is collecting due to either rutting or insufficient cross fall. The Parish Council will also take this up with NCC.

Church Lane hedges were overgrown and it was agreed that this would be cut at the Council's expense.

It was reported that the application for new licensing hours had been accepted by GBC despite strong representation against by both the public and the Parish Council. The Head of Democratic Services at Gedling Service will be invited to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the licensing application process.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES ACCEPTED

Cllr Mrs S Roberts

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 13th JULY 2005

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Ashfield DC and Gedling BD
Local Development Frameworks – outline consultation process and invitation to comment thereon. Cllr Mr S Walker will co-ordinate replies.

Local Works
Campaign to support Sustainable Communities Bill
The Parish Council agreed in principle to support the campaign. Cllr Mr S Walker will co-ordinate the response.

Chief Superintendent P Moyes. Divisional Police Commander
will be invited to attend a future meeting (in accordance with his offer) to outline his framework plan for community policing.

6. ACCOUNTS.

Parish Council General

Income

none

Expenditure

£ 32.40	Sherwood Office Supplies	Newsletter copying
£ 21.71	Gedling BC	Hand mowing (June)
£ 53.76	S P Rose Ltd	Footpath Maint.
£ 43.43	Gedling BC	Hand mowing (July)
£1253.00	W V Whyley (clerk)	Salary half year
£ 44.00	W V Whyley (clerk)	Allowances half year

Moor Pond Wood

Income

None

Expenditure

£6744.50	Philip Turton Ltd	Stone supply & Dressing
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7 PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received

203 Main Street	2005/0692	Front and Side Extensions No objections
67 Main Street	2005/0792	2 storey rear extension No objections
23 Main Street	2005/0498	New windows No objections
10 Forest Lane	2005/0809	erect agricultural building observations over possible long term development plans
81 Main Street	2005/0886	replace pitched roof No objections

8. GAG 5

Legal action previously referred to was not initiated by the 23rd deadline. GAG5 was investigating planning briefs and have left open the option to take some form of legal action in the future. Ken Maffam (planning consultant) has been retained for further advice. There are no plans to seek further funding support at this stage.

Gedling BC has instigated a series of planning briefs to which the chairman of Linby PC has been invited. The chairman will decide if to accept after discussing with councillors.

GAG5 will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month. A second group comprising of representatives of all Parish Councils within Gedling is being created to discuss general issues with Gedling BC.

10. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a. Village Hall

No report

b. Julian Cahn Trust

No report

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a. Moor Pond Wood Steering committee

The archaeological day was a partial success, with slightly less attendees than expected.

A previously unknown sluice has been found and further work is planned .

Forestry work, replacing sycamore and willow trees with indigenous saplings is about to commence. This will take several years to complete.

Interpretation boards will installed shortly.

An aerial photograph has been obtained from NCC. The Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to permanently display. Formal consideration will need to be given to the cost of framing and mounting at the next meeting of the Council.

b. Parish Paths Partnership

All paths are in order. It was agreed to cut the hedge on one of each path only each year to protect nesting and wildlife breeding habitats.

Cllr Womble was authorised to agreed a contract with S Rose for grass verge maintenance. Costs will be borne by the Council.

c. Playing Field

A grant application is to be submitted to the Building Better Communities fund to replace slabs, hard standing and fencing.

Two new sponsors had been identified for the annual bonfire night event. It was anticipated that sponsorship will fully cover costs incurred in staging the event.

12 A.O.B

Two councillors had met with Tarmac Group to discuss the Bestwood quarry. There had been some concerns about lorries. Tarmac had advised that the quarry will be extended both in time an duration and a further meeting was agreed for August next year.

Road works on Moor Road were now almost complete. It was agreed that a formal request be sent to NCC to include off road hard standing for vehicles to assist visitors to Moor Pond Wood.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9th November 2005

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman