

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2005

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

Parishioners **3 + PC Andy Vale**

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm

OPEN FORUM

PC Andy Vale update the meeting on the latest crime figures. There had been an increase in thefts from vehicles parked at all the public houses in the village. Of more concern was the increase in "walk in" thefts from properties and PC Vale reminded the meeting of the need to lock doors even when at home.

The question of police cover for the area was raised. There are now two police officers only based at Ravenshead (previously four) who deal mainly with community issues but were supported by the Arnold response team. There are three established posts but the third has yet to be filled.

County Councillor J Lonergan advised that a meeting was to be held, to discuss the Local Plan, at Ravenshead Village Hall on the 4th February.

Quarry Lane in Linby is to be refurbished with tarmac surface and extra drainage although there were no plans to formally adopt the road. Funding was being provided as part of the Building Better communities project.

A Meeting was held on the 6th December at Linby School. Resulting from this a revised the School Travel Plan was in preparation aimed at reducing traffic movements. Concerns were raised about the quality of pedestrian walkways on Moor Road (often muddy). The clerk will raise this formally with Gedling Borough Council.

The meeting was advised that Tony Orton, who for a number of years had carried out the cleaning of the village bus shelter, has reluctantly handed in his resignation as he will be moving from the area. The Chairman, on behalf of the whole council expressed his thanks for the excellent service provided and wished he and Mrs Orton well in their new home.

The question of interactive road signs was raised and Councillor Lonergan explained that limited funding support was available but was conditional on traffic volumes.

The clerk will raise formally with the County Council the question of installing signs at the village gateways.

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10th NOV 2004

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There had been no response from Gedling BC regarding the alarm boxes on the Crossroads development. Planning Application 2003/1523. The clerk will pursue this with Gedling BC.

Cahn Homes: Councillor Roberts advised that a new Ashfield DC trustee had now been appointed.

A drainage inspection hole has been dug on Moor road following concerns over pollution escaping in the river Leen at Moor Pond Wood. Whilst Safety barriers had been erected there were still outstanding concerns. The clerk will write formally to Gedling BC.

The road sign adjacent to the Griffins Head Public house had been replaced but was being moved such that it was not visible to the road. It was felt that this was probably caused by drivers delivering to the Griffins Head and Richard Hull agreed to take this up with the landlord.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

An anonymous letter has been received expressing concern at apparent antisocial and aggressive behaviour by one resident. This was noted but without an author could not be acted upon.

6. ACCOUNTS

Income

£ 1503.00 Gedling BC Additional Revenue Aid Grant

£ 1000.00 Papplewick and Linby Enterprise.

Contribution to Children's shelter

Expenditure - paid

£ 42.00 P & L village Hall room rental

£ 43.42 Gedling BC grounds maintenance

£ 63.00 A Orton bus shelter cleaning

£ 1000.00 GAG 5 donation

7. PRECEPT

The Finance Committee had met in December and calculated the precept requirement for 2005/06 at £6443. This amount was agreed.

Gedling BC had reviewed both Revenue and Capital funding support for all parish councils and as a result support for Papplewick would be higher than expected. The Finance Committee will also consider the proposed precept level once more detailed information on support levels was available

8. PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received

- Talla Farm 2004/1482
New bungalows and boarding kennels
No objections
- Forest Farm cottage 2004/1737
single storey side extension
No objections
- 67 Main Street 2005/0002
Rear Extension/new front porch
Concerns raised over size of extension and use of White PVC windows
- Papplewick Hall Lane 2004/1783
Replace boundary fencing
No objections subject to the fence being painted black and being no more than 1.525m high
- The Barn Linby Lane 2005/0022
Replacement doors and windows
No objections
- 203 Mansfield Road 2005/0058
single storey side extension
No objections

9. GAG 5

Cllr Womble reported that Gedling were still intending to go ahead with the development at top Wighay Farm albeit with substantially reduced housing.

GAF 5 had instructed Counsel on the legality of the plan and advice was awaited.

Parishioners had six weeks only to register any objections which could only be submitted on a standard comments form. It was agreed that a newsletter be produced and distributed to each household together with a standard comments form.

Cllrs Womble and Griffiths being the Councils representatives on GAG5 committee would produce a draft newsletter.

It was proposed by Cllr Hubbard and seconded by Cllr Roberts that a donation of £1,000.00 being made to GAG5 from Local Action Plan funds.

This was agreed by all councillors.

10. CLERK

It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet to produce proposals for payment arrangements for the new clerk. In addition following receipt of advice from NALC the committee will also review the general terms of employment.

11. CLEANING OF BUS SHELTERS

Following the resignation of Mr Orton it was agreed to continue the policy of cleaning the shelter in the village (Linby Lane). The clerk will look at options.

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Moor Pond Wood (Cllr S Walker)

Further excavations in respect of drainage work been undertaken which had exposed stonework. The contractor was now making good.

Papplewick Dam Wood (Cllr S Walker)

It was noted that some tree surgery was required

Parish Paths Partnership. (Cllr C Womble)

Most paths are now in good condition. However some recent subsidence has occurred on Church Lane.

Village Hall (Cllr Hull)

Councillor Hull reported that the New Years Eve party arranged by the Friends of Wood Pond Wood group was a great success. All proceeds are to be donated to charity.

Playing Field (Cllr Robinson)

A meeting had taken place with Playdale and it was agreed to purchase a children's shelter at a cost of £3,123 to enhance the existing facilities. County Councillor J Lonergan offered to assist in the cost of purchase by providing funding from the County Council's Electoral Division Initiatives fund. The Linby and Papplewick Leisure Enterprise group also agreed to make a donation to fund the balance of the purchase costs. Funding was still required to procure extra play equipment.

12 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Robinson will attend the Linby School steering group on the 24th Jan 2005.

13. A.O.B.

Continued fly tipping had again taken place on Mansfield Road (Devils Elbow lay-by) and there had been a general accumulation of rubbish on Forest Lane.

The clerk will raise this with Gedling BC.

The Chairman, Ian Griffiths told the meeting that he was considering relinquishing the chair and asked all councillors to consider the implications.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9th March 2005 at 7.15pm

The meeting ended at 9.58pm

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman