

# PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2006

Present:                    **Cllr Mr C Womble (Chairman)**  
                                  **Cllr Mr I Griffiths (8.15pm)**  
                                  **Cllr Mr R Hull**  
                                  **Cllr Mrs S Roberts (7.55pm)**  
                                  **Cllr Mrs J Robinson**  
                                  **Cllr Mr D Hubbard**

Parishioners            27

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

### OPEN FORUM

County Councillor Mr J Lonergan appraised the meeting of the latest government debate about Local Authority reorganisation. Proposals being discussed are the creation of unitary councils to replace both District and County Authorities. This will result in a substantial increase in the powers devolved to parish and town councils. No firm decisions had been made nor timetables suggested. Councillor Lonergan also reported on the latest meeting of the Association of Parish Councils in particular the universal concerns expressed over the planning processes as exercised by Gedling BC. The question of public involvement was raised and the chairman agreed to check and respond.

There was a long debate on the issues of traffic in the village, both the volumes and excessive speeding of vehicles. A group of residents had recently carried out a traffic survey following concerns expressed over increasing traffic flows as a result of the Wigwam Lane development and proposed developments at Top Wighay. The Parish Council had already submitted an objection to the former on the basis of traffic issues but had been overridden by NCC.

The latest traffic survey carried out by NCC was presented to the meeting which showed a substantial percentage of vehicles exceeding speed limits. An accompanying letter from NCC indicated that traffic calming measures were generally only instigated as a result of high accident rates.

Councillor Lonergan told the meeting that some councils had purchased their own radar guns. The Police will train operatives and will speak to drivers identified as speeding but can only prosecute when guns are used by Police personnel. Cllr Lonergan also offered to fund the purchase of a radar gun to be used jointly by councils within the Newstead ward.

Whilst there was general support for this, Concerns were expressed about use of guns and possible retaliation by drivers who could identify operatives

A number of suggestions for were put forward by parishioners and on the suggestion of the chairman it was agreed that special meeting would be arranged during January 2007 at which representatives of the County Council, being the Highways Authority, would be invited to attend. This will enable a fuller discussion.

PC Andy Vale, the local beat manager, attended the meeting and reported on recent crime statistics. Crime levels were slightly reduced with most crimes committed at the various public houses in the area. These were mainly vehicle related.

PC Vale also suggested that parishioners write directly to the Police with any concerns.

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## **COUNCIL MEETING**

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mr S Walker

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs J Robinson declared an interest in the Skate park as a member of the Parish Councils fund raising partnership group

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS 13<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2006

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting were accepted as true records of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk reported that Gedling BC had confirmed that the chips recently fitted to wheelie bins contained only information to identify the property address and nothing else. The Head of recycling at Gedling, Donna Bradley had offered to address a future meeting of the Parish Council and is was agreed to invite her to attend, the clerk to arrange.

The issue of noisy dogs at an address on Main Street had now been resolved.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from the Nottinghamshire RCC inviting councillors to the next meeting. No one volunteered to attend.

Ashfield DC had submitted its statement of community involvement.

6. ACCOUNTS.

Parish Council General

Income

£ 2357.00	Gedling BC	Precept 50%
£ 1256.25	Gedling BC	RSG 25%

Expenditure

£ 7.00	P & L Village Hall	Hall Rental
£ 154.52	P & L Village Hall	Cont to O/S water tap
£ 72.25	BSI	Standards Book
£ 18.42	RICS books	Books
£ 70.50	Gedling BC	Grass cutting
£ 17.63	Gedling BC	Grass cutting
£ 382.84	1 <sup>st</sup> Galaxy Fireworks	Fireworks
£ 352.50	Mega Fireworks	fireworks
£ 14.00	NALC	Local Council Review
£ 23.50	Proweb	Spam blocker
£ 18.00	Sherwood Office Supplies	Newsletter printing
£ 44.22	HHIC	Fencing materials
£ 1889.25	WREN	Skate park grant
£ 30.00	Notts RCC	Donation

Moor Pond Wood Project

Income

None

Expenditure

None

7. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2006/07

The chairman reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee and presented copies of the budget and spending analysis for the current year, in particular outlining significant differences and the underlying reasons for these. The proposed budget 2007/08 was also presented along with the suggest precept of £9833.00 for the year.

A proposal to accept both the budget and precept was put forward by Cllr Mr I Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Mr D Hubbard and accepted unanimously.

It was also agreed that donations to local groups would continue at the same levels as previous years. These are:-

- Papplewick Cricket Club - £50
- Parochial Church Council (churchyard maintenance) - £100
- Papplewick Pumping Station - £50
- Papplewick & Linby Day Centre - £50

Cllr Mrs J Robinson advised the meeting that the P & L Enterprise group would continue as a funding partner to the Parish Council particularly in respect of the Skate Park.

8. PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received

Altham Lodge	2006/0747	Create Paddock No objections subject to land remaining as agricultural
Woodland Grange Mansfield Road	2006/0820	Two storey side extension No objection
67 Main Street	2006/0842	New roof light No objections
63 Moor Road	2006/0899	Erect detached garage No objections
67 Main Street	2006/0907	Work to chimney stack No objections subject to materials used being consistent with those on adjoining properties

9 HIGHWAYS –TRAFFIC

There was considerable debate on this subject. It is clear that there are major concerns for residents over both traffic volumes and speed. A recent traffic survey had been carried out by volunteers in the village which showed considerably increased traffic flows over previous surveys. These figures were borne out by the last survey carried out by NCC in 2003. There are approximately 2500 traffic movements per day at the cross roads. Cllr Mr I Griffiths offered to carry out an analysis of the various data and produce a press release.

It was agreed that an invitation be made to NCC for a representative to attend a public meeting in the new year.

10 SKATE PARK

Phase 1 is now almost complete. Eastwood's had laid the base and it was agreed to make payment of their invoice for £16682.62 subject to a final inspection of the works.

WREN has now agreed to make payment directly to PPC and not directly to the equipment suppliers once a formal contract has been entered into.

Playdale are working to a 12 week delivery cycle. It was agreed, as cash flow issues had been resolved, to include the grinding rail in the initial phase.

The Playing Field Committee were asked to look at suggested conditions of use and report back to the full council on recommendations.

The chairman thanks the Enterprise Group for the fundraising efforts and agreed to sent a formal letter of thanks.

The chair of the Playing Fields Committee will also write to Eastwoods congratulating them on the high quality of their work.

11 BONFIRE EVENT

Cllr Mr R Hull reported that the event had been very successful and had written to the various services thanking them, for their help. A net surplus of £1433.81 was achieved.

A vote of thanks for the work that Cllr Hull had carried out was proposed by Cllr D Hubbard and unanimously agreed.

12. PICNIC BENCHES

After a brief discussion it was agreed that two benches constructed of recycled materials be purchased and the clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

13. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a). Village Hall

Cllr Mr R Hull reported that the village hall had come first in the Gedling area of the best kept village hall competition and achieved second place in the whole of the county. Booking were still increasing and the village hall was now heavily booked for most of the time.

b). Linby School

Cllr Mrs J Robinson reported that Linby PC was now organising the “walk to school” scheme.

c). Julian Cahn Trust

No report

d). Association of Gedling Councils

There was no report as a meeting of the group had not been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a). Moor Pond Wood Steering Committee

Cllr Mr S Walker reported that a new interactive map was being introduced by NCC. New projects under investigation were restoring the sluice and leat at Linby Lane and remedial work to Moor Road west side boundaries.

A proposal was put forward for the Parish Council to pass over its responsibilities in respect of Moor Pond Wood to the Friends of Moor Pond Wood Group. This was agreed subject to the Parish Council retaining the option to appoint a representative on the Friends Group Management Committee.

b). Parish Paths Partnership

No report

c). Playing Field

No further report

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Mr I Griffiths highlighted the fact that several members of the Parish Council may not continue after the elections to be held next year. It was agreed to place an article in the news newsletter asking parishioners to consider putting themselves forward for election.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10th January 2007

The meeting ended at 10.40pm

Signed Chairman ..... Vice Chairman .....