

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 10th January 2007

Present: **Cllr Mr C Womble (Chairman)**

Cllr Mr S Walker

Cllr Mr R Hull

Cllr Mrs S Roberts (7.28pm)

Parishioners 2

The meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

PC Andy Vale, reported on crimes in the parish since the last meeting. There were a number of crimes involving vehicles at local public houses.

In relation to road safety, PC Vale said that parishioners wishing to make representations regarding traffic had to do so to Notts. County Council. The casualty figures did not warrant either static or mobile speed camera enforcement in the village. The enforcement officers were of the opinion that there was no suitable location to site the enforcement equipment. He agreed to enquire about large fluorescent 30mph reminder signs for use in the village on a temporary basis.

P C Vale also reported that The Neighbourhood Watch Office had received 9 replies out of 365 letters sent out with the last Newsletter regarding Neighbourhood Watch. This represented a return of 2.5%.

Mrs. Kerr reported that on New Years Eve water was across the road outside Papplewick Hall gates. Having reported the matter to the police, they were unable to locate Hall Lane on their system. Mrs. Kerr expressed concern that this could cause delay in an emergency. PC Vale agreed to look into this although he had previously had reports of crime where Hall Lane was quoted in their records.

Mrs. Kerr also raised the question of water flowing down longitudinal ruts on Main Street wetting pedestrians due to passing traffic. The Chairman responded by confirming that this had been raised previously with the highway authority but they would not carry out work as the surface did not fall within intervention criteria.

Mr. Zinn stated that he was making enquiries with Sustrans regarding Homezones and will forward details to the Council in due course. Sustrans were looking for 10 projects to pilot across the country.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mr Ian Griffiths - due to illness

The Clerk had telephoned the Chairman earlier in the evening to inform him that due to his wife being in hospital he would not be able to attend the meeting.

In view of the above, it was agreed that the Chairman take minutes.

Cllr Robinson had informed Cllr Hull that she would be unable to attend.

Cllr Hubbard was away on business, & had notified the clerk by Email previously.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS 8th November 2006

Cllr. Hull stated that a cheque for £625 had been passed to the Clerk in October from the Leisure Enterprise Group but did not appear in the accounts. It was agreed the Clerk would be asked to look into this.

Cllr Hull did not believe that there was general support for the use of radar guns as stated at the top of page 2 of the minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting were accepted subject to the above and a minor spelling alteration on page 7.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Hull stated that a parishioner, John Stirland, had stated at the last meeting that "it was a pity that he (Cllr. Hull) was not more interested in the village". Cllr Hull wished to have it placed on record that he had

written personally to Mr. Stirland pointing out the areas in which he had participated in numerous activities over the several years he had served on the Council.

Cllr Roberts enquired whether the donations detailed on page 4 had actually been sent out. In the Clerk's absence, the Chairman was unable to comment but agreed to take matters up with the Clerk.

Cllr Walker said that he was still waiting for the Clerk to advise who had paid for the bench in Grange Cottage Wood. If the Council had paid for this it needed to be refunded by the Friends of Moor Pond Wood who had the money in their account.

Cllr Hull stated that the picnic benches referred to at item 12 on page 6 were due to be delivered on Monday, 8th January. The Clerk was to meet the suppliers on the Playing Field to take delivery. It was also reported that delivery had not been made due to a bench being damaged. It was agreed that Sid Paver would be instructed to carry out installation once delivery had been made. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Hull to determine where the new benches would be placed.

Under item 13 (b) on page 6, it was noted that a temporary lollipop lady had been appointed as crossing warden outside Linby School.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

From Notts. C.C. re. Waste Core Strategy. The Chairman reported that he had responded to this consultation document, which was dated October 2006, and the responses circulated. However, because the Chairman received this document on 7.12.2006 and responses were due by 8.12.2006, the submission was brief.

The Chairman reported that certain items were slow to circulate amongst councillors and this could mean that the Council's position was prejudiced.

The Chairman also referred to correspondence from Notts. C.C. regarding 'The Future of Sherwood'. Although sent out by NCC in October 2006, requesting responses by 8.11.2006, the Chairman had received it on 19.11.2006. There were a number of areas where the Council could have advanced its aims and that opportunity had been missed.

It was agreed that in future the Clerk would date stamp all post with the date of its receipt.

Cllr Walker reported he had received correspondence re Moor Road/Papplewick lane junction and this would be considered further under that agenda item.

Cllr Walker also reported on correspondence from the group regarding Sustainable Communities which the Council had previously agreed to support. It had now come up as a private members bill for discussion in Parliament on 19th January. Cllr Walker offered to draw up a paper for the next meeting. Agreed. Cllr Walker thought that Paddy Tipping MP would be supporting this.

Cllr Hull stated that Cllr Robinson had advised that a Christmas Card had been received from Linby and Papplewick School.

Cllr Hull enquired whether e-mails and telephone calls should be included under correspondence on the agenda. The Chairman confirmed that whilst e-mails were correspondence, as much of the Council's business was now conducted by e-mail between meetings, it was too onerous to list the considerable number of e-mails under this item. If councillors had telephone calls relating to Council business, details of those conversations should be circulated by e-mail in the normal way.

6. ACCOUNTS

Parish Council General

In the Clerk's absence no accounts were available.

It was agreed that in future cheque numbers will be recorded in the minutes alongside details of the payee and amount. Also that a list of proposed payments be issued to councillors along with the agenda prior to each meeting for consideration beforehand.

Cllr Robinson queried whether the December Newsletter had been paid for. Clerk to advise.

Moor Pond Wood Project

Cllr Walker reported no payments or receipts since the November meeting.

7. PLANNING

The following planning application have been received:

11 Main Street Erect single storey extension
(currently being circulated)

Paddock at Altham Lodge passed by GBC
63 Moor Road also passed by GBC

No other details were available in the Clerk's absence.

8. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION

It was agreed that an article/advertisement would be placed in the next Newsletter seeking suitable accommodation.

Cllr Walker suggested approaching Co-operative Wholesale Society regarding part of the outbuildings at West View Farm. Alternatively, that a Portakabin or shipping container be placed inside a redundant building. Clerk to write to Shoulers.

Cllr Hull reported that he had previously suggested to the Village Hall Committee that it might consider expanding the Village Hall, in which case an office for the Council's use could be considered as part of the plan. Clerk to write and enquire if they would be willing to consider accommodating the Council.

Mr. Zinn (a parishioner) suggested considering 51 Main Street which was currently vacant and unlikely to be used for residential purposes due to the nature of the building. Discussion on this topic brought forward the idea of a Heritage Centre for the parish with Council offices above. Clerk to contact GBC Heritage Officer and NALCC for assistance.

9. PLAYING FIELD

a) General

Cllr Hull confirmed that he had obtained replacement fencing for the Playing Field. He had also spoken to Lee Scudder regarding the best way to remove the leylandii stumps and appropriate replacement.

It was agreed a work day would take place on Saturday 24th February to carry out fencing work.

The Clerk was organising Sid Paver to replace chains on the swings. (now replaced)

Cllr Hull updated the meeting on GBC Play Partnership Funding. (£200,000 available across the whole of Gedling area) Playing Field Committee had suggested another shelter and up-dating some of the older equipment. Cllr Hull will try and attend the next meeting of the Play Partnership.

b) Skate Park

The Chairman reported on correspondence had had exchanged with Playdale regarding Phase II. A meeting was being held the following day

with a Playdale representative and the Chairman would circulate details of the outcome thereafter.

It was proposed that there would be a meeting of the Skate Park Subcommittee to deal with outstanding matters after the above meeting. It was also agreed that Sid Paver would be instructed to carry out levelling and grass seeding work on areas of the Playing Field disturbed during Phase I.

10. TRAFFIC

a) General

Mr. Zinn confirmed that Cllr Griffiths now had all the details arising from the survey undertaken in November throughout the village and was about to put out a press release. Details would be passed to Cllr Walker for inclusion on the Council's web site.

Cllr Roberts said that she had been asked to raise the question of street lighting at the junction of Forest Lane with Mansfield Road. Also the provision of a left turn lane at Forest Lane end due to delays experienced by traffic waiting emerge. The Chairman said that NCC had previously refused the provision of such a turning lane on grounds that it would not significantly reduce delays.

P.C. Vale suggested that minor alterations to the traffic signal timings at the Seven Mile House junction could provide better gaps into which traffic from Forest Lane could emerge.

The Chairman said that all these matters needed to be placed before NCC and this could best be done at the meeting the Clerk had been asked to arrange at the previous meeting.

b) Moor Road/Papplewick Lane Junction

Cllr Walker confirmed that he had been in touch with NCC regarding progress. Justin Ward at NCC had taken a different view to a colleague in that NCC were in no position to instruct the developers to do one thing or another and although they would prefer a mini roundabout the final decision was up to the developers.

Cllr Walker had met Paddy Tipping MP and he was taking it up as an issue. Nothing would be happening in the short time until the 301st house had been built on the Grange Farm site. Further, NCC did not have a lease on Moor Pond Wood and Grange Cottage Wood but a maintenance arrangement with CWS. NCC had renegotiated that agreement without informing the Council and a deed of variation entered into during 2006 with the two corners at the end of Papplewick Lane taken out of the agreement

and sold to the developers. However, they would sell back to CWS any unused land and NCC would resume maintenance responsibilities for it

11. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a) Moor Pond Wood

Cllr Walker confirmed that they were moving towards changing management over from the Council to the Friends Group.

The archaeologists had been surveying in the woods and their results were awaited. This would give digital data for a terrain model to be developed.

A third Lottery grant was being pursued with a view to looking at features outside the present area. A meeting had been held with Ashfield District Council's Heritage Officer who was very much in favour of involvement with investigations into the Leen buffer zone. The land was owned by the Grange Farm developer but they intended to donate it to ADC as a country park. ADC would be happy for the Friends to be involved in management of that area. They were also keen for surveying to be carried out before any work by the developer.

The next Moor Pond Wood work day would be on the last Sunday of the month (28th January).

Mrs. Kerr reported on behalf of the Steering Group about a planning application at Grange Farm for dwellings to be erected over three phases. Concern was expressed regarding traffic emerging onto Moor Road from this site and possibly cutting through from the main Grange Farm development. The Parish Council would officially ask Brian Twigg, Chief Planning Officer at ADC, that it be kept informed of developments here. Clerk to write accordingly.

b) Julian Cahn Trust

Cllr Roberts anticipated that there would be a lot of expense in the near future and as residents moved it was the trustees intention to replace gas central heating systems. John Bentley was liaising with residents as their point of contact. The Trustees were one member short and volunteers sought. Maintenance charges for tenants now stood at £30 per week.

c) Linby School

No report.

d) Village Hall

Cllr Hull reported that another CCTV camera was to be erected in the entrance to increase security.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Walker expressed concern Severn Trent Water, or one of their contractors, had been bringing sewage from Forest Lane end to Moor Road and Papplewick Lane by tanker and pumping it back into the sewerage system at that point. This had occurred over a two week period during the last week in November/first week in December. Damage had been caused to the newly surfaced footway and verge. Also, the tractor drawing the tanker had been parked diagonally across junction whilst emptying, including at night. It was agreed that the matter be reported to NCC with a view to getting rectification work carried out.

Cllr Walker also raised the question of grass cutting along the footway verge on Moor Road between Clover Court and Moor Pond Wood.

Cllr Roberts raised the question of the private access road from Mansfield Road to Papplewick Pumping Station being made publicly available. The Chairman outlined discussions with the Pumping Station Trust, Severn Trent Water and adjacent landowner that had taken place some years ago. The result was that the Pumping Station Trust did not wish a right of way to pass through their grounds and the adjacent landowner was opposed both to conversion generally and a small diversion across their land alongside the Pumping Station boundary wall. The route was nevertheless still in the Council's Public Paths Strategy and it was hoped to pursue this route when circumstances permit. It was also understood that the trustees were still in negotiations with Severn Trent regarding acquisition of the old reservoir.

Cllr Hull said that a resident living in the houses on the Goosedale side of the railway bridge on Moor Road had requested a Papplewick sign. Agreed that the Clerk should pursue this with GBC.

Cllr Hull enquired whether the Council would hold the Bonfire event again this year. Unanimously agreed to do so. Cllr Hull will book the Village Hall and agreed to offer every assistance although he will not be on the Council after May.

Parish Paths Partnership
Chairman confirmed paths in order.

Cllr Walker stated that the Moor Pond Wood Steering Group were still waiting for CWS to grant a right of way from the north end of Papplewick Dam to Papplewick 1 footpath. The Moor Pond Wood Group had applied

for money to build a bridge over the Leen and will push for a concessionary path if this money was granted.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th March 2007.

The Chairman would liaise with Cllr Robinson regarding a date for the Skate Park Sub-committee to meet.

The meeting ended at 10.05 pm

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