

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14th NOV 2007

Present: **Cllr Mr C Womble (Chairman)**
 Cllr Mrs S Roberts
 Cllr Mr D Clayton
 Cllr Mr B Zinn

Absent **Cllr Mrs J Robinson**

Parishioners 3 + Cllr J Lonergan (NCC), PC Andy Vale,
 Cllr Mrs Patricia Andrews (GBC)

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm

OPEN FORUM

PC Andy Vale advised that crime figures had fallen slightly, twelve crimes having been reported since the last meeting. These were primarily auto crime and burglaries. He was awaiting training on the use of speed radar guns. One PCSO is already claimed and it was intended that regular speed checks would be instituted.

Mr Richard Hull advised the meeting that this years bonfire event had been a great success.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs J Robinson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs S Roberts - P & L Cricket Club
Cllr Mr C Womble - 'Sherwood – the Living Legend'
Cllr Mr B Zinn - Parochial Church Council

3. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12TH SEPT 2007

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk advised the meeting that Severn Trent Water had now agreed to the placement of the notice adjacent to the ST pumping station Mansfield road. The new board will now be ordered.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A quotation of £37.48 to include "officials indemnity" had been received from Allianz Cornhill, the Councils insurers. It was agreed to add this to the Councils existing insurance cover.

The clerk had now received a claim form from the insurers and it was agreed that a claim be submitted in respect of the damaged seat on the playing field.

A letter from the National Trust asked if advertisements could be placed by them in the newsletter. This was agreed in principle subject to space being available. Cllr Mrs J Robinson, as the editor, will coordinate.

Gedling BC had advised that a recent planning rejection in respect of land at 175 Mansfield Road had gone to appeal, inviting the Parish Council to submit comments to the inspector. The clerk was asked to respond.

The chairman advised that he had received a letter from Natural England that required no response and the Police had acknowledged his letter outlining concerns about the level of Police cover. A response is still awaited.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

Mrs S Sale (monitoring officer at Gedling BC) tendered her apologies. She had intended to address the meeting. She will now attend the January Meeting.

7. ACCOUNTS.

Parish Council General

Income

£ 625.00 P & L Enterprise group

Contribution towards the costs of fireworks

Expenditure

523	£	18.51	Gedling BC	Grass cutting
524	£	36.80	Sherwood Office Supplies	Newsletter printing
525	£	50.00	G Longdon	Grass cutting
526	£	127.79	S P Rose Ltd	Grass cutting
528	£	45.80	R Hull	Playing Field Sundries
529	£	382.84	1 st Galaxy fireworks	Fireworks
530	£	352.52	Megafireworks	Fireworks
531	£	13.50	NALC	Subscription LC Review
533	£	334.88	UHY Hacker Young	Audit fees

Moor Pond Wood

Income None

Expenditure

090	£	68.07	Progressive Office Supplies	Office sundries
091	£	2951.00	Philip Turton Ltd	Work to Well
092	£	1175.00	Planet Design	Artwork
093	£	537.62	Nottinghamshire CC	Work on Pond Outfall
121	£	60.00	P & L Village Hall	Room Rental
122	£	22.53	Mrs M Kendall	Sundries for MPW event 6/10
123	£	212.48	Mrs R Huggett	Catering for MPW Event 6/10

All payments were approved.

The chairman advised on the meeting of the Finance Committee and presented the proposed budget for approval. This is higher by approximately 20% that this year.

As balances are at a healthy level he also asked the meeting to consider retaining the precept at the same level as last year in consideration for constituent rate payers.

The budget was agreed. It was also agreed that, subject to Rate Support Grant (RSG) from Gedling BC being maintained at similar levels to the current year, the precept remain unchanged. The clerk will report in the new year once RSG levels have been set.

The chairman advised that he would be updating the Financial Risk Management policy to reflect advice given by the internal auditor.

8. PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received

34 Forest Lane	2007/0861	Addition of dormer Windows no objections
141 Moor Road	2007/0864	Loft conversion No objections

9 PLAYING FIELD

All asbestos had now been removed by specialist contractors following the fire on adjacent property. Uneven surfaces resulting from the installation of the skate park had now been made good.

Thanks were proffered to Richard Hull for erecting the new fence.

Concerns were expressed over the SLA required by Gedling BC as this could result in a potential loss of grant funding. The councils insurers were not prepared to give insurance cover as required by the SLA. Only two other Parishes had agreed to accept the SLA. They differed from Papplewick in that the land on which the parkland was situated was owned by Gedling.

After discussion it was agreed that although there was a potential uninsured risk this was very small. A vote was held on the signing of the SLA in which all agreed with the exception of Cllr Womble. The chairman agreed to arrange this.

10. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Two parishioners, Mr S McCracken and Mrs G McCracken volunteered to join the council. It was decided unanimously to accept their offers and accordingly both were co-opted to the council. At this point both joined the meeting.

11. BONFIRE & FIREWORKS EVENT

Cllr C Womble advised that the event was extremely successful with takings being higher than last year. He thanked Richard Hull and the Enterprise Group for the work done in organising and managing the event. Richard Hull reported that according to St. John's Ambulance staff there had been an incident where a person had allegedly tripped over the run-off end of the slide but had not required treatment. This had been "fenced off" with large traffic cones and barrier tape. It was agreed to review these measures for next year's event. Unauthorised access from Dam Banks was discussed which had been dealt with swiftly by stewards and arrangements agreed to manage this for future events.

Bicycles had not only been ridden inconsiderately on the field but left unattended thereby constituting a tripping hazard. It as agreed to review arrangements for bicycles for next year's event.

12. SHERWOOD: THE LIVING LEGEND

Nottinghamshire CC submitting a bid to the Big Lottery fund. If successful funds would be available for parishes within the bounds of Sherwood Forest. 50 villages will be invited to submit project proposals. The MPW committee were working up ideas for submission. There is a need to raise awareness in the village. Suggestions for this include newsletter items and posters on the village notice boards. One suggestion was to seek funds to convert the disused Calverton mineral railway to a cycle/walking path.

13. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a). Village Hall

No report

b). Linby School

No report

c). Julian Cahn Trust

It had been necessary to increase residents contributions by £5.00 to £35.00 per week to cover ever increasing costs. All properties are now occupied.

d). Association of Gedling Parishes

No report

e). Other

Cllr Mrs Roberts provided details of her attendance at the NRCC AGM

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a). Parish Paths Partnership

Cllr C Womble reported that NCC is funding new information leaflets. He has already updated the Papplewick Leaflet in readiness for publication.

b). Playing Field

No Report

c). Moor Pond Wood Steering committee

No report

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9th January 2008

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr D Clayton reported that he is looking to set up a link to the PPC website to increase interest in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

It was agreed as in previous years to make donations to the P & L Cricket Club, Papplewick Pumping Station and the Day Centre. All donations will be £50.00

In addition a donation of £100.00 will be made to the Parochial Church Council Towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

Dates of meetings to held during 2008 were agreed as follows:-

9th January

12th March & APA

14th May & AGM

9th July

10th September

12th November

The meeting closed at pm 9.45

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman