

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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SKATE BOARD PARK HERE AT LAST!

As promised in the last Newsletter, work on the parish's own Skateboard Park has begun with the laying of a concrete foundation slab on the Playing Field. When complete, the park will provide an excellent facility for skateboarding, roller-blading and BMX bikes.

The start of construction work comes after four years work by the Parish Council and Papplewick and Linby Leisure Enterprise Group to plan, raise sufficient funds and obtain grants to finance the £35,000 cost. For those of you who can't remember that far back, the Council was presented with a lengthy petition from a cross-section of the community asking us to provide skateboarding facilities. In fact, we were initially approached by a Linby Lane resident back in September 1999. We said we would look into the idea and if it was feasible attempt to raise the cash - well now we have!

The whole project would never have got this far without the sterling efforts of the Leisure Enterprise Group. Our thanks also go to all the parishioners who have helped raise money by supporting their activities. We thank especially those residents who opened their gardens to hoards of trampling feet during the summer months, the people who took time to visit, and the many hundreds of people attending the annual bonfire and fireworks display each November. This has been a real community effort the whole parish can be proud of.

We will shortly be ordering equipment to place onto the foundation slab and hope to have the whole project complete within the next couple of months. In future years further equipment for youngsters will be provided and some of the existing will be replaced.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF

Following representations from residents of Main Street at the last Parish Council meeting, regarding increased volumes of vehicles, the traffic survey undertaken nine years ago will be repeated this November to assess flows through the Crossroads. The results will be discussed at our next meeting.

The deteriorating condition of the pavement on Mansfield Road and blocked drainage gullies has been reported to the County Council's Highways Department with a request that they be attended to. Despite several requests from the Parish Council and a promise of action from the County Council, we are still awaiting progress on the overgrown grass alongside the pavement between Clover Court and Moor Pond Wood on Moor Road.

On a more positive note, the gullies on Walter's Hill have now been cleared out; this will hopefully reduce the amount of flooding on the bend at the junction of Blidworth Waye and Hall Lane.

It is understood that the proposed roundabout scheme at the Junction of Moor Road & Papplewick Lane is due to be re-assessed by Nottinghamshire County Council. This follows serious concerns raised by The Friends Of Moor Pond Wood regarding the amount of land required for such a scheme. There is now talk of a mini roundabout being used, which would possibly require a drop in speed limit from 40 to 30 mph. The Parish Council would support this modification to the scheme and will make representations to Nottinghamshire CC.

There is to be a work morning on Saturday October 21st to cut back overhanging trees, replace fencing posts & generally tidy up on the playing field.

Please join us from 9.00am to do your bit for your playing field!



Neighbourhood Watch.

Are you concerned about crime in the area?

Are you willing to become involved in a NHW scheme yourself?

The above 2 questions were asked in the last newsletter, it is disappointing to report that the answer to both appears to be NO !

Only 4 residents attended the last Parish Council meeting to raise various issues. They were then able to listen to the invited speakers describe Neighbourhood Watch schemes (despite every household receiving information about the meeting). This is about the average attendance, yet Councillors receive comments that people are unaware of what is happening in their village!

Next Council meeting is Wednesday November 8th at 7.15pm.

We are pleased to learn that the Village Hall has been judged as winner of the Gedling District of the Best Kept Village Hall competition. This is organised by NAVACH, better known as the Nottinghamshire Association of Village and Community Halls.

It will now go through to the finals to find the best in the County.

On the subject of the Village Hall, there will not be a New Years Eve Party this year, unless anyone in the community wishes to take on the role as organiser, in order to keep this popular event alive.

To book the Hall call Brian Clarke on 07817 649 643

On Friday 27th October The Friends Of Moor Pond Wood are having a talk on Badgers, 7.30 at the Village Hall. On the Following Sunday 29th there is to be another of Lee's popular Fungi Forages, through the woods. Meet in Village Hall Car Park at 10.30. New members welcome, the annual membership is only £2.

Papplewick & Linby Day Centre has vacancies for 3 people, over 60 years of age, who live locally. Members meet at the Village Hall each Friday from 10.30 – 3.30 and enjoy morning refreshments, a 2 course lunch and afternoon tea & cake. There is a very friendly atmosphere with various recreational activities taking place for those who wish to join in. We also have several day trips out during the year. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Diana welling on 963 4643.

***The Bonfire Event is to be held this year on Friday 3rd November
Details of to be advised later in a separate leaflet!***

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