

# PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at  
Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick  
Wednesday 9th September 2009**

Present:

**Cllr Mr D McCracken  
Cllr Mrs G McCracken  
Cllr Mrs J Robinson  
Cllr Mr C Womble  
Cllr Mr B Zinn**

**Clerk Kay Mackenzie**

**Parishioners:** Mr R Hull, Mrs M Else, Mr B Staples, Mr R Pickering, Mr I Griffiths, Cllr. M Murphy, Cllr. C Barnfather.

## **OPEN FORUM**

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

Mr Staples of Moor Road raised the issue of speeding traffic along that same road. He advised that 4 years ago a box had been put on a lamp post to record speed and a 15% over speed was registered. Mr Staples would like PPC to provide speed camera signs to put up which in turn would enable the Police to be invited to check for speeding and issue speeding tickets. Cllr. M Murphy, who is the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, advised that he could enable people to be trained to use speed detectors and that he was also looking into having one of the portable interactive speed signs located on Moor Rd for about 4/5 weeks. Cllr. Murphy also advised that Insp. Russell Dew (Ashfield Police) had been provided with a hand held camera for the use of a Community Police Officer. Cllr. C Womble advised that the accident statistics for Moor Rd were not as high as some other areas of the parish.

Cllr. Womble advised that following receipt of a letter from NCC about the possibility of a speed reduction programme along the A60, the PPC had registered an objection and this had been lodged. The recent works along Forest Lane from the junction with the A60 had involved the installation of higher kerbs. For many years this particular junction has been an issue, with requests for a left turn filter lane out of Forest Lane, traffic lights and an island all refused. Cllr. Womble advised that this was a proven accident spot confirmed by NCC statistics. The finance for the proposed A60 speed reduction programme would be far better spent at this junction. Mr Hull suggested a comparison with the A6097 Epperstone Rd and perhaps the use of a temporary roundabout to monitor the situation. Cllr. Womble advised that when the traffic lights were put in at the Seven Mile junction it was thought it would delay traffic flow to enable cars out of Forest Lane. Mr Griffiths advised that safety was the real issue. **Both Cllr. C Barnfather and Cllr. M Murphy agreed to make some enquiries to see what can be done.**

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## **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minute  
No.

Action

77/09     *SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON*

The Parish Council voted for Cllr. C Womble to act as Chair of the meeting.

78/09 **APOLOGIES**

**Cllr Mrs S Roberts** (*vice chairman*), *Insp. Craig Nolan, PCSO Chris Shaw, Cllr. P Andrews*

79/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Womble - NCC matters  
Cllr Robinson - Newsletter

80/09 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. J Robinson and seconded by Cllr. D McCracken and signed by the meeting Chairperson, Cllr. C Womble.

81/09 **MATTERS ARISING**

a) Clerk advised that she had reported all matters raised under Highways 73/09 of the last meeting to either NCC Highways or GBC as appropriate. Repls had been received from NCC Highways in respect of the issues raised in May and July.

b) Clerk advised that following a report under 67/09a of the last meeting, Matters Arising, she had received a 'cc' of a letter from the Dept. of Transport to Paddy Tipping MP in respect of the issue of fines for HGV contravening weight restrictions. Clerk had followed this matter up with both the Police and Highways as recommended by the Dept. for Transport. Highways had advised that they unfortunately took the view that because there is already a legal weight restriction in place which is well signed, additional non regulatory signing would be inferior and ineffective. Enforcement of the current weight restriction is really what they would like to see, rather than putting up signs which HGV drivers know to be advisory and could therefore undermine the actual restriction in place. No reply had yet been received from the Police.

Clerk to follow this matter up with PCSO Chris Shaw

c) Clerk advised that she had again made contact with NCC BBC who in turn contacted Highways with regard to illegal house builder signs repeatedly being put up throughout the parish. Highways have taken the opportunity to liaise with their inspector for the area, Nicholas Clare who is aware that this has been an issue for some time now. Nicholas has removed many of these signs in the past however they seem to reappear the following day. Gedling Borough Council are responsible for liaising with housing developers relating to building signs on the highway (unless they are causing an obstruction). Caroline McKenzie at GBC has been monitoring the situation and Highways have asked if the Borough have any long term solutions to this problem.

Clerk to follow this up with Caroline McKenzie as it was felt that some enforcement action was needed

d) The bank at the side of the field on Forest Lane has still not been repaired. This remains broken exposing pipework etc. and allows mud and sewage waste to flow down the lane. Cllr. J Robinson explained that the issue was a 6 inch pipe, which extracts sewage waste from properties on Mansfield Rd, which then attaches to a 4 inch pipe to lead into the tank sited on the field at the top of the bank. This pipe should also be 6 inches. As a result the vegetation on the bank has been poisoned and in

Clerk to follow this up with both Highways and Severn Trent

turn could lead to the crops in the field also being poisoned. The Parish Council agreed that Severn Trent and Highways should be contacted as this impedes the highway and they have a statutory obligation to remedy the fault.

e) The Village Hall has applied to BBC for funding for a finger post opposite the hall. As the PPC have agreed to siting a further post at Hall Lane to direct cars to the lay-bys on Blidworth Waye for parking instead of around the island, the PPC thought that the finger posts should be of a similar type throughout the village.

Clerk to contact Kathryn Holmes about this matter

82/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received and circulated as appropriate:

- 1) Email from Mr Bentley (parishioner) re Forest Lane closure
- 2) Email from Mr Bentley (parishioner) re dog bin/bin at Hall Ln Island
- 3) NCC Travel & Transport Briefing July 09 issue
- 4) Highways letter re programme information 2009/10
- 5) Yorkshire Bank statement for July
- 6) Remco Signs letter/flyer
- 7) Tarmac Bestwood 2 Quarry Liaison Committee Meeting agenda
- 8) GBC Cabinet agenda for Thursday 6th August
- 9) GBC Cabinet minutes 9th July
- 10) RCAN newsletter 'The Playing Field' summer 09
- 11) Dept. for Transport letter 'cc' to Paddy Tipping MP
- 12) NCC Highways letter re proposed 40mph speed limit on A60
- 13) NCC Highways letter re various issues from July meeting
- 14) NCC Planning & Landscape Briefing July 09
- 15) NCC Countylink July 09
- 16) GBC Policy review scrutiny committee agenda/minutes 21st July 09
- 17) GBC Planning Committee agenda/minutes 22nd July 09
- 18) NCC Travel & Transport Briefing July 09
- 19) NCC 2009/10 Highways Programme Information
- 20) GBC Supplementary Planning Document - Affordable Housing letter
- 21) Email from Mr Bentley (parishioner) re Church Lane road widening
- 22) Letter from Mr Stretton re finger posts
- 23) Letter from Andy Bowers at GBC re Play Day
- 24) Yorkshire Bank August statement
- 25) SLCC 'the clerk' magazine Sept 09
- 26) GBC Personnel & Resources Committee agenda 14/9/09
- 27) GBC Standards Committee agenda 10/9/09
- 28) NCC letter re seasonal decorations
- 29) NCC Planning & Landscape Briefing August 09
- 30) SLCC letter re VAT training
- 31) NCC Cultural Services flyer re cinema
- 32) LCR magazine Autumn 09
- 33) GBC Environment & Licensing Committee agenda 15/9/09
- 34) GBC Planning Committee agenda 16/9/09

83/09 **ACCOUNTS**

a) Parish Council Income

<b>Date</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Payer/Details</b>
5/7/09	6.59	Yorkshire Bank interest
3/8/09	40.00	Donation from Ice Cream Van on Play Day paid into savings account

ai) Parish Council Expenditure

Date	Chq No	£	Payee/Details
8/7/09	635	19.26	GBC grass cutting
"	636	162.21	Wicksteed Leisure
"	637	680.16	Clerk wages (May & June)
"	638	76.18	Sherwood Office Supplies (newsletter)
"	639	55.60	SLCC Local Council Administration
"	640	36.80	Sign Solutions (no waiting signs)
"	641	110.40	Playsafety Rospa report
16/7/09	642	142.31	SP Rose (Stanker Hill path trimming)
20/7/09	643	17.83	County Supplies graffiti remover
22/7/09	644	41.78	Petty Cash imprest
29/7/09	645	57.79	GBC June grass cutting
29/7/09	646	17.00	Village Hall room hire

a ii) Unpresented Chqs

Chq No	£	Payee/Details
647	38.53	GBC July grass cutting
648	680.16	Clerks wages July & August
649	762.42	Moorwood Joinery Hall Lane fence

b) Moor Pond Wood Income: £ nil Expenditure: £ nil

Clerk to do a  
Capital Grant claim

The cheques for Moorwood Joinery and Sign Solutions are to be claimed back from GBC under Capital Grant.

84/09 *PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES*

Cllr. Roberts had welcomed the poster and displayed it within the Mansfield Rd noticeboard. Clerk had distributed both the poster and agenda for today's meeting to residents on Forest Lane, Stanker Hill, Linby Lane, Blacksmiths Court and Main St. Cllr. Robinson had delivered to residents around Hall Lane and Blidworth Waye.

As a result Mrs Maggie Else, a resident of Linby Lane had made contact with the Parish Council and had asked about becoming a Councillor. Mrs Else was in attendance at the meeting and was duly co opted onto the Parish Council and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

85/09 *PLANNING*

The following planning applications had been received since the previous meeting:

a) 2009/0384 Papplewick Lodge, Main Street. It had been noted by the Parish Council that the aforementioned application had been consented to with conditional permission. A further letter had been received from Mr Stretton concerning the finger post being replaced at the end of Church Lane and the possibility of including the Tea Rooms on the proposed new finger post near Hall Lane which, if agreed, will point to attractions in the village. The Parish Council discussed this matter and agreed that whilst they were not able to advertise their business specifically on the finger post the Parish Council were happy to put an advertisement in the Parish Newsletter.

Clerk to write to Mr Stretton to advise about finger post advertising and newsletter and also to clarify Lodge boundary

An email was also received from a parishioner, Mr Bentley, concerning Church Lane. He is concerned that a private individual has to construct such a road on what is ? NCC/PPC highway. On the right it encroaches onto private-lodge land and on the left it means removal of a bank supporting adjacent land and he thinks PPC the lane owners need to re-

Clerk to email Mr Bentley to advise of above

assess this requirement. The Parish Council discussed this matter and as Mr Stretton had contacted those concerned for permission to widen Church Lane at his own expense, it was decided to remain in contact with Mr Stretton and also clarify the boundary of Papplewick Lodge with Mr Stretton now that the works are being undertaken.

b) 2009/0630 167 Mansfield Rd. Single storey rear extension to form lounge and conservatory. No objections were raised by the parish council and the application was returned.

c) 2009/0678 Seven Acres 15 Mansfield Rd. Prune back approx. 8 sycamores overhanging from adjacent property. No objections were raised by the parish council and the application was returned.

## 86/09 *HALL LANE ISLAND*

Mr R Pickering raised the issue of surface rainwater and drainage at the corner of Main St and Blidworth Way at the junction of Hall Lane. Cllr. C Womble informed that there had been a problem with water from Walters Hill for many years, and that whilst the soak-away works well normally, this is only the case as long as the gullies are maintained. The three gullies mentioned are sited on the west side of Walters Hill which drain out into the plantation. The PPC does monitor this situation and reports the gullies as necessary to NCC.

Following an email from Mr Bentley, a parishioner, the issue of a dog bin/general bin has been raised for the Parish Council to be sited around this area. It has been noted on more than one occasion that 'small parcels' are being left behind under the new bench on the island. The Parish Council discussed this matter, whether GBC would empty the bin as it would need to be near a highway for this to be undertaken. It was agreed to contact GBC and the Dog Warden for advise.

Clerk to contact GBC and Dog Warden at GBC

The fencing had been erected with the 'no waiting' signs on. Mr Maddock had been asked by residents to request two further signs from the PPC to put up on the wall/fence either side of the entrance to Hall Lane. The Parish Council agreed to fund two more signs. The bench had also been turned around to face Blidworth Way. Clerk will claim the net monies back from GBC under Capital Grant.

Clerk to order 2 more signs and advise Mr Maddock

Cllr. G McCracken and Cllr. D McCracken had joined Sandra Morton of Building Better Communities (BBC), Joe Lonergan and Cllr. C Barnfather for a photo shoot at the site of the bench. This would be published in both County Contact and the Dispatch.

## 87/09 *PLAYING FIELD*

a) General - 'No Dogs' signs/general signs - Margaret Kerr had advised that she had some signs which the parish council could use on the park. Clerk has picked these up and one is in situ on the fence already. The Parish Council discussed this matter and whilst the two other signs would need to go up on the Dam Banks entrances (where there are dog bins) it was felt that the signs were really not relevant as originally it had been agreed that 'No Dogs' signs were what was needed. Cllrs. G & D McCracken advised that they had recently seen some more appropriate signage in another parish and would investigate who the manufacturer was and report back.

Cllrs. G & D McCracken to investigate 'No Dogs' signs and report back

ai) General - workday for CCTV - Mr Hull reported that he had undertaken the strimming, had got the conduit and cable and would get the post shortly. Mr Hull had altered the fencing to allow access. It was agreed that Mr Hull should advise the PPC when he had the post and an appropriate date could be organised for the works to take place. The drainage issue on the playing field was also discussed and Cllr. C Barnfather suggested contacting Sue Jacques at BBC about our Suggestion Form application.

Clerk to contact Sue Jacques at BBC re bid

aii) General - vandalism/litter - Mr Hull reported that there had been quite a lot recently. A slat on the bench near the skate park was broken. Kids had been in Marshall's field throwing carrots onto the playing field a matter for which the Police had been called. Litter was an ongoing issue. Cllr. B Zinn advised that he was concerned about his limited time availability due to work commitments, a point on which Cllr. C Womble also concurred but advised that this should be acknowledged.

b) Inspection Duty Book handed from Cllr. Zinn to Cllr. Robinson, who has swapped with Cllr. Roberts due to holiday commitments. The Clerk had also acquired the graffiti cleaner agreed to following the last meeting. This will be handed over with the Inspection Duty Book to whoever is on duty next. Mr Hull also took some of the new graffiti remover.

Cllr. J Robinson on park duty

c) Play Day - feedback - Mr Hull reported that he had attended the Gedling Play Forum meeting this morning to analyse the event and to discuss the possibility of putting it on next year. It was confirmed that they would like to stage the event again and as NCC do not own any land in the parish appropriate for staging such an event they were happy to pay to put it on the playing field again. PPC had only paid for free refreshments on the day but this had been offset by a donation from the ice cream van of £40. Mr Hull advised that both the PPC and the Enterprise Group would need banners, signs, tea urn, first aid etc. if it was agreed by the PPC to stage the event again next year. All agreed to staging the event again next year. It was also agreed to write a thank you letter to the Village Hall Management Committee for use of the hall facilities and car park free of charge.

Clerk to write thank you letter to Village Hall MC.

PPC to consider purchasing the appropriate equipment for the event next year

d) Bonfire Night - Mr Hull advised that he had previously spoken to the Manager of the Griffins Head about the annual Bonfire Event and the possibility of using the field as a car park as done in previous years. Mr Hull was advised that the field may be being used for their own Bonfire Night. Mr Hull asked the PPC for a decision as to whether they were to go ahead with the event as he would need to book the Fire Brigade and the purchase the fireworks the next day. The PPC were resolved to putting on the event and Cllr. C Womble agreed to continue as the safety officer. The event would be on Friday 6th November. PPC asked Clerk to remind Mr Scudder through Mrs Kerr about crown lifting the Hall Lane island tree close to this date as the wood could be used for the bonfire.

Clerk to write cheque for £500 for fireworks and Mr Hull to purchase them and book fire brigade

Clerk to contact Mrs Kerr re crown lifting tree

88/09 **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) Clerk advised that she had written to Jeff Burton with regard to the issue raised at the last meeting concerning the speed limit change along the A60. The Parish Council's correspondence had been officially lodged as an objection.

b) Clerk advised that after corresponding with NCC Highways, Ms Kirk had advised that due to the developer going into receivership, the properties to the rear of Papplewick Lane were on hold, as would be the potential road works and traffic island for the bottom of Papplewick Lane

at the junction with Moor Rd.

c) Clerk reported that the gullies on the east side of Mansfield Rd were confirmed by NCC Highways as being emptied on 29th July.

d) Clerk reported that NCC Highways advised that the Pumping Station sign at the junction of Forest Lane and Main St is an anomaly as Highways had requested that the Pumping Station advertise only the A60 and A614 routes to the facility. Highways had not wanted vehicles needlessly using the village route and as such the sign would be removed.

e) Clerk reported that the large crossroads sign on Main St at the junction had been cleaned of the green and was legible again. Also the Forest Lane/Linby Lane sign had been retrieved from the hedge of No 2 Main St and repaired. It had been in situ and clearly visible, but had yet again fallen out of its frame. Clerk had reported it again.

f) Clerk advised that she had also reported the brambles overgrowing onto the path on Mansfield Rd from the bridge down to the Seven Mile and the nettles between no's 49 to 63 Mansfield Rd between the foot way and the field where the chevrons are, broken signs at the A60/Forest Lane junction, the rubble/overgrown grass on the path from Main St to Barracks Farm.

Clerk to report again to GBC

g) Cllr. Roberts had corresponded with the Parish Council prior to the meeting about the works on Forest Lane. Cllr. Roberts had reported that they have replaced the kerb on the 'curves' of the junction with an extra-high kerb to prevent cars driving up the kerb to cut off the corner when turning left. There is also a new surface on the first part for about 200 yards and then an anti-skid surface for another distance. She was also told that there are some new signs going up. They have also placed some black and white bollards on the turn in from Nottingham to stop cars mounting the corner there. She spoke to one of the workmen who explained what was happening. He said that there would be no chance of the 'widening' the junction now to give a turn left lane as these new kerbs will have cost thousands. He asked if we had been consulted. Cllr. Roberts thinks it is now time to insist on a site visit with someone quite high up in Highways along with Chris Barnfather. Decisions are being made that affect all of us and we are not being fully consulted.

The Mansfield Road sign has now disappeared altogether and it is impossible to see where it had been. The bus stop post has been left with a very sharp 6 inches above the grass and she can't remember what the other grey posts were for but they have a cone next to them so perhaps they were important.

A matter that needs referring to highways is the first arrow sign for the bend, it is only fastened onto its post by 1 of its original 4 fastenings and could fly off at any time and cause a nasty accident.

## 89/09 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a) Village Hall

Mr Hull reported that some tidying up had been undertaken including hedge cutting, moving the salt bin, cleaning light fittings. Also that they were up for the Gedling Best Kept Village Hall award. The Gardening Club had moved the Wigwam Lane, a decision made by their committee. Cllr. G McCracken asked if it were possible for her to get a set of keys to the barrier gate as it was often difficult to gain access when she was

Mr Hull to organise a set of keys to the barrier gate for Cllr. G McCracken

undertaking parish work. Mr Hull agreed to organise this.

b) Julian Cahn Trust

Cllr. Roberts had given her apologies for the meeting but had informed the Clerk that there was nothing further at present to report as all was going well. Cllr. Roberts had also informed the Clerk that she had attended the Tarmac meeting and all is going well although production is about half of what it was last year due to the down-turn in the construction industry. Ravenshead Parish Council have been in dialogue with NCC about the car boot sale on the A60 and the problems that has been causing. There was an enforcement notice being served on the people running the boot sale.

c) Association of Gedling Parish Councils

Cllr Zinn advised that there was nothing to report.

## 90/09 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a) Moor Pond Wood Steering committee

Cllr. McCracken advised that there was nothing to report as the committee was also meeting tonight.

b) Parish Paths Partnership

Clerk reported that following the last meeting she had contacted Stephen Rose to undertake the cutting back along the Stanker Hill corridor and also on this occasion to cut the brambles back along the path in Seven Mile Wood. Mr Rose had also cut the verges along Church Lane. Clerk had also contacted Gary Longdon about cutting back the hedges along Church Lane, however, Mr Longdon had now sold his equipment. This work remains outstanding as a result. Clerk had contacted Andy Musson, who undertakes various works for GBC for a quote. The cost would be £120 for the Morton Farm hedge side and top and £80 for the Papplewick Lodge hedge side and to. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr. J Robinson contact both Gary Longden and Tim Hardstaff. Clerk had also confirmed with Mr Lovatt, NCC P3 Scheme, that the parish council continue to use SP Rose as their contractor.

Cllr. J Robinson to contact Gary Longden and Tim Hardstaff about Church Lane hedge cutting.

Cllr. Womble reported that he had obtained a new map for the P3 board at the bottom of Church Lane, which the Clerk will advise Mr Stretton of. Cllr. C Womble also advised that at present the strimmer was out of action.

Clerk to advise Mr Stretton of new map for P3 board

c) Any other business

Following a request from the Parish Council, the Clerk had made enquiries into creating and placing planters throughout the parish, in a similar vain to those in Linby. Clerk contacted Wyn Lewis who organises all those in Linby and made further enquiries into costing and care. The company concerned only have 3ft diameter by 20 inch deep (the ones in Linby are 4ft by 3ft ) at the moment. It may be possible to order some in the larger size though. These are a 1/2 oak whiskey barrel costing approximately £35. The larger one would be more, obviously. There is then the cost of compost to fill them. Wyn uses Shirley's Nurseries for plants each year, which come to about £350. There is also the cost of plant feeder to consider. Great thought needs to taken about positioning these planters, where they can be viewed and appreciated but also locations where they can be maintained easily and kept an eye on. The heavier barrel you have helps prevent theft. They need nightly watering when it is not raining and two weekly feeding. So volunteers would be



needed to take this chore on. Cllr. Womble had contributed and advised that first, we need to decide where they will be sited. They cannot stand on highway land without prior permission from the highway authority (NCC) and this will not be easy. Linby has a lot of privately owned land around the village centre. Second, the question of maintenance needs to be considered very carefully. Whilst there may be volunteer(s) when the idea is new, enthusiasm tends to wane very quickly when watering is required daily and feeding fortnightly. What arrangements will there be to deal with infestations of pests? Using insecticides or fungicides opens up a whole new can of worms. The scheme we had on Moor Road some years ago where shrubs were planted between Clover Court and Moor Pond Wood serves as a fine example of how things can go wrong when maintenance is not carefully planned beforehand. Third, what happens to the planters out of season? There will be vegetation and/or compost waste to dispose of and we have nowhere to store the planters, or indeed transport to move them around. Fourth, we currently have no budget allocation for such a scheme and thought will need to be given to finance. Cllr. J Robinson advised that the Enterprise Group might be interested in funding the planters with some interest already raised in volunteering to look after them. As most of the planters could potentially be sited on Highways land it was agreed that the Clerk should contact them and ask if this were possible, if it would be a problem with their land maintenance e.g. grass cutting etc.

Cllr. J Robinson to advise PPC about Enterprise Group financing the planters following further investigation and a meeting of the group

Cllr. J Robinson advised that the next Newsletter was due shortly and it was agreed that this should be delivered to parishioners in mid October to tie in with the Bonfire Night brochure.

Clerk to contact Highways re planters

91/09

*DATE OF NEXT MEETING*

**Finance Committee  
Monday 26th October 2009 at 7pm at Stanker Hill**

**Wednesday 11th November 2009 at 7.15pm  
at the Village Hall**

The meeting ended at 10.30pm

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