

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick Wednesday 14th July 2010

Present:

Cllr Mr D McCracken (Chair)
Cllr Mr C Womble
Cllr Mrs S Roberts (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs G McCracken
Cllr Mrs M Else

Clerk Kay Mackenzie

Parishioners and visitors: Cllr C Barnfather, Cllr P Andrews, Cllr M Murphy, Mrs M Kerr, Mrs J Lewis, Mr D Lewis, Jenny Kirkwood (RCAN), Neil Savage (Trading Standards), Rhia Dilloway (Trading Standards), D Siddons, M Singleton.

Open Forum

Mrs Kerr reported that the Moor Pond Wood side of Moor Road was overgrown and asked if we could arrange with Gedling Borough Council (GBC) to cut it back. Cllr Womble confirmed that a twice yearly schedule of cutting had previously been agreed with GBC.

Mrs Kerr reported that she felt the road surface on Main Street was awful and needed resurfacing. This had already been brought to the attention of Highways and they had confirmed that it was not scheduled or in bad enough repair to be scheduled for resurfacing. Papplewick Lane was scheduled for resurfacing next week. Forest Lane was also in the schedule of works.

Mrs Kerr reported that the new interactive speed sign on Main St was overgrown with branches. Parish Council confirmed that this had been reported to Highways several times already.

Mrs Kerr reported that pavement parking on Main St was causing difficulty and danger for pedestrians and was also ruining the pavement. Cllr Else confirmed that letters had been distributed to residents of Linby Lane following the July meeting where this issue had been raised. Cllr Barnfather added that as there were no parking restrictions on Main St, there should be some give and take between vehicles and pedestrians but he admitted that the pavements were not wide enough.

Mr Lewis reported that crossing the road from Blacksmiths Court to the bus stop was not safe. HGV's were also an issue and Mr Lewis felt that better signs or more signs were needed to detract HGV's.

Mr Lewis felt drivers were not observing the signs in place as they were just following the route of their sat-navs and the Police were not interested in form filling. Mr Lewis felt that Main St/Blidworth Waye was not designed for large vehicles and they damage the road surface because of the weight.

Cllr Murphy said it can be very difficult getting a crossing installed and it would be advisable to have the Police explain.

Mrs Lewis reported that motorcycles were speeding through the village from junction 27 of the M1 on a Sunday and Thursday night going to the Grey Goose at Gedling. Cllr Murphy acknowledged this problem and confirmed it was being addressed.

Mr Lewis asked if the mobile speed detector vans had ever been in Papplewick? Mr Lewis felt that two permanent ones were ideally needed. Cllr Murphy confirmed that this would need to be requested from

Notts County Council. Cllr Murphy said that if hand held speed cameras were used he would ideally recommend volunteers' swapping areas. Cllr Murphy suggested writing to Insp Crouch and copying the letter to the Divisional Commander.

Trading Standards presentation

Neil Savage and Rhia Dilloway from Trading Standards introduced the idea of the proposed Lorry Watch Scheme following many complaints from the parish of Papplewick to NCC Highways. Highways asked Trading Standards to consider Papplewick for the pilot scheme. The scheme had already been undertaken in other parts of the country and was being extended to Nottinghamshire. Trading Standards have already been observing traffic in Papplewick between 2nd and 12th July and they witnessed 40 breaches of the 7.5 tonne weight limit. Mr Savage explained that drivers would face an initial warning, followed by a caution which would then be followed by prosecution for a third offence. The average fine they receive is £150, which is more than the Police can fine them (£30), but they could be fined up to £1000 for persistent breaches of the weight limit. Trading Standards have information packs for residents who might be interested in the scheme, but it must be stressed that Health & Safety recommendations are adhered to. Specific details would need to be recorded by residents so that Trading Standards can plot the data and locate trends. Parishioners raised several queries to do with the cleanliness and overgrown state of current signs which Mr Savage confirmed would be dealt with prior to the commencement of the scheme and the current location of signs, which it was confirmed are on all four approaches to the crossroads and at the t-junction with Papplewick Lane. Mr Savage confirmed that he had already visited and spoken to local businesses to warn that the scheme would be enforced. Specific new signs would also be erected advising of a Lorry Watch Scheme in operation. The scheme will last for approximately six months when breaches will wane but they usually increase again. Cllr Womble stated that repeat offenders are the people we should be targeting and a system which is what Trading Standards are offering us will help identify these. Mrs Kerr requested that information is posted through every door in the village to encourage the 20 to 30 volunteers needed. Cllr Womble stated that the next session with Trading Standards will be important to find out all the relevant information such as how to identify vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonnes. It was agreed that Trading Standards will be holding a further informal session to discuss the scheme with interested residents in the next few weeks.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minute No.		Action
050/10	<i>APOLOGIES</i> Mr R Hull	
051/10	<i>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</i> Cllr Womble - NCC matters Cllr Roberts - Cricket Club Cllr Else - NCC matters	

052/10 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2010 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Womble and seconded by Cllr. Roberts and signed by the Chairman Cllr. D McCracken.

053/10 **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Basil Zinn has resigned from the Parish Council. A vacancy now stands. Both vacancies will be advertised in our notice boards and via our next newsletter (if out before the Sept mtg) so that prospective candidates can be co-opted at the September meeting.

Clerk to ensure Cllr vacancies co-option on the agenda for the Sept meeting

054/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received and circulated as appropriate:

- 1) GBC let re Parish Liaison meeting
- 2) Cllr C Barnfather let re divisional fund donation
- 3) RCAN mobility strategy
- 4) NCC Travel & Transport briefing June 2010
- 5) McMillan Cancer Support letter re coffee morning
- 6) Notts Fire & Rescue Response Summer 2010 issue 13
- 7) NCC let re delivery of local services
- 8) Care & Comfort Community Services letter and leaflets
- 9) NCC P3 let re grant chq
- 10) NCC let re severe winter weather
- 11) LCR summer 2010
- 12) Area 4 bus travel guide
- 13) NCC Planning & Landscape Briefing June 2010
- 14) NCC let re seasonal decorations - hanging baskets
- 15) NCC Travel & Transport Briefing May 2010
- 16) SLCC let re CPD
- 17) Email from parishioner Mr B Meakin re pumping station signs
- 18) Email from parishioner Mrs J Lewis re Forest Lane A60 junction smell
- 19) Greenwood newsletter Growing Success summer 2010
- 20) PPS letter re support for Recorder House project
- 21) Email from Linby PC re mtg to discuss housing developments
- 22) The Clerk July 2010 Vol 42 No 4
- 23) NCC Planning & Landscape Briefing July 2010
- 24) GCVS letter and form

Clerk to complete and return GCVS form

055/10 **ACCOUNTS**

a) Parish Council Income

Date	£	Payer/Details
17/5/10	20.00	Scrap metal from slide disposal (deposit ac)
26/5/10	101.55	GBC Capital Grant (09/10 acc's)
11/6/10	91.50	P3 grant
11/6/10	125.00	Cllr Andrews donation
23/6/10	500.00	Cllr Barnfather donation

ai) Parish Council Expenditure

Date	Chq No	£	Payee/Details
5/5/10	689	398.92	Sherwood Office Supplies 2 grit bins
24/5/10	691	18.00	Room hire January & March 2010
7/5/10	692	20.68	GBC bonfire night extra bins
5/5/10	693	1771.88	AON insurance renewal
7/5/10	694	19.68	GBC grass cutting
6/5/10	695	118.73	County Supplies salt/shovels (Capital Grant)
6/5/10	696	80.00	Trade Waster skip hire
26/5/10	697	114.60	B Woodcock internal audit fee
19/5/10	698	32.07	Petty Cash
19/5/10	699	680.43	Clerks salary
16/6/10	701	64.33	Ordnance Survey license fee
18/6/10	700	19.68	GBC grass cutting
18/6/10	703	28.79	County Supplies safe return fee

aii) Unpresented Chqs

Chq No	£	Payee/Details
702	93.12	Sherwood Office Supplies June newsletter

aiii) Balance of cheque a/c as of 28 June is £23639.75

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

The balance of the current a/c is £7413.35. The balance of the premium a/c is £612.42. MPW need to spend these balances in the current financial year.

056/10 **PARISH PLAN (RCAN)**

Jenny Kirkwood from RCAN had contacted the Parish Council to ask if they were ready to review the plan that had been drawn up in 2003 but the Parish Council had felt that they had had no use from the plan since drawing it up.

Mrs Kerr confirmed that there had been a lot of involvement in drawing up the plan in 2003. Cllr Womble stated that GBC had originally been involved but when the plan had been drawn up they did not want to know as it had no statutory effect. Cllr Womble confirmed that the plan contains things that PPC do anyway but haven't referred to the document. Cllr Andrews confirmed that Ravenshead were in a similar position but Newstead had only drawn theirs up in the last 2 or 3 years and GBC are involved in that. Jenny Kirkwood explained that the plans are usually drawn up by representatives from the parish and community groups and sometimes involvement from the Parish Council. Cllr Womble felt that there had not been a lot of interest in the parish either and it would need a large swell of public interest to pursue it. Cllr Barnfather said that Newstead and Bestwood have very good examples with a community group leading it and not the Parish Council. This will get a lot more support from GBC now if we are minded to review our plan. Jenny Kirkwood stated that it was also a good tool for drawing in funding as the document established a need agreed by the community. Jenny Kirkwood is on the Gedling Strategic Partnership and she feeds each parish plans' needs through this mechanism. Cllr Else and the Clerk agreed to meet with Jenny Kirkwood to look at reviewing the plan and it was also agreed to put this in the next newsletter.

Cllr Else and Clerk to meet with Jenny Kirkwood about reviewing the plan

Cllr Womble to include the plan in the next newsletter

057/10 **CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL**

Cllr Roberts reported that she and Cllr Womble had met with Kim Jurgens and GBC to review the Papplewick conservation area. They had walked the parish including Moor Pond Wood and the walled gardens up Hall Lane. Kim Jurgens will be compiling her report and recommendations which will be put out to consultation and is part of a comprehensive review being undertaken. Cllr Barnfather asked for a copy of the current conservation area map.

Cllr Womble to send Cllr Barnfather a copy of the current conservation area

Clerk reported that she had been trying to contact Kim Jurgens following her attendance at the recent LIS event where she had spoken to Jason Mordan (NCC Conservation Officer) about Hall Lane island. Mr Mordan had declined us having the new noticeboard on the island as he felt there was already too much clutter of signs on the island which he asked if we would be prepared to write to Highways about reviewing the signs on the island, he would then look again at allowing a small noticeboard on the island.

058/10 **LIS BIDS AND FUTURE BIDS**

Clerk reported that she and Cllr Else had attended the NCC LIS event held on 15th June at Newark Showground. The event had showcased successful bids around Nottinghamshire and allowed prospective bidders the chance to talk with LIS staff and meet with suppliers of street furniture, Malcolm Lane Ltd. Sue Jacques had emailed Clerk to confirm that we could go ahead with the playing field levelling and drainage project, but Clerk was still trying to clear up the details of the implementation. Still no word about the planters or the finger-post. At the LIS event Sue Jacques had told Cllr Else and the Clerk that the Papplewick 'pot' had been spent or allocated by Cllr Barnfather and we should contact him to discuss the matter. Clerk emailed Cllr Barnfather and he arranged a meeting with Sue Jacques as a matter of urgency. Cllr Barnfather updated the meeting that we would be getting the playing field drainage/levelling funding as per our recommended contractor, the four village boundary signs and the finger post on Hall Lane island.

Clerk had liaised with Mrs Godwin-Austen of Papplewick Hall, and after much thought they had declined to have an image of the hall included in the village boundary signs. So far the artist at Malcolm Lane is developing images using Moor Pond Wood, Papplewick Dam, River Leen, St James Church, hay fields, cows being driven up Main St with the cottages included.

Following the collapse of the Moor Rd notice board Clerk liaised with the LIS officer, to discuss having the new notice board they are giving us on Linby Lane, and to move the one in existence there to Moor Rd. The Conservation Officer had already said we were not able to put the new notice board on Hall Lane island, but he would consider a much smaller one, if we worked with him and Kim Jurgens to get Highways to move the 'road liable to subsidence' sign. Clerk asked the Parish Council as it had previously agreed to buy it's own small notice board for Hall Lane island from Capital Grant monies, did the Parish Council still wish to pursue this, which they agreed the Clerk could get a quote from Malcolm Lane who are producing the LIS noticeboard.

Clerk to get quote from Malcolm Lane for a small noticeboard for Hall Lane island.

Cllr Else raised the matter of future bids as she and the Clerk had been looking at the continuing improvements to the parish, and in particular the playing field hard standing area. Clerk explained that they had been looking

at relaying the area with a flat surface and complimenting that with a path from the pedestrian gate to the picnic area and also around the under 8's play area. This would continue the improvements and make the facility much more inclusive for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Cllr Else explained that they had also looked at a shade sail cover for the picnic area. It was agreed to pursue this bid.

Clerk and Cllr Else to pursue this bid and get quotes and liaise with Cllr Barnfather

Cllr Else continued that they were also looking at seeking funding for a third piece of outdoor gym equipment as this had been really well received. It was agreed to pursue this and ask the PLLEG about funding.

Clerk to ask PLLEG about funding a 3rd piece of outdoor gym equipment

Cllr G McCracken reported that following the installation of the new inclusive orbit roundabout she had been witness to a child falling off the roundabout, banging his head and having a nosebleed.

Cllr Else raised the matter of the license for the Christmas tree and asked whether we wanted to pursue it this year as there was only two weeks left for the application. It was agreed to ask the new resident of the property where Wayne Tweaker lived before selling the property if he would be willing to accommodate the tree. Mr and Mrs Lewis agreed to approach the new resident.

Mr Mrs Lewis to approach the new resident at Blacksmiths Court about accommodating the Christmas tree

059/10 *NEWSLETTER*

Cllr Womble reported that the last edition of the newsletter went out in June but he felt that distribution was now a problem. It was agreed we need one out in October before the bonfire event but we have enough information for another prior to this in August. Mr Mrs Lewis both volunteered to help with distribution as did Mrs Kerr, who was able to do one side of Main St.

Cllr Womble to produce next edition of newsletter for distribution in August

060/10 *PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED*

1) A planning application had been received in respect of 15 Mansfield Road (Seven Acres), to erect a replacement dwelling. No objections were raised by the Parish Council and Clerk returned the application to GBC. The outcome is due on 17/7/10.

2) A planning application had been received in respect of 179 Mansfield Road to install an oil storage tank for a central heating system. No objections were raised by the Parish Council and Clerk returned the application to GBC. The outcome granted was Conditional Permission.

3) A planning application had been received in respect of 177 Mansfield Road to convert a detached garage into living accommodation for disabled son. No objections were raised by the Parish Council and Clerk returned the application to GBC. The outcome granted was Conditional Permission.

061/10 *PLAYING FIELD*

a) *General - vandalism/litter* - Cllr D McCracken reported that the playing field was suffering at present with remnants of drinking alcohol and possible solvent misuse. Most children use the facilities responsibly but a minority spoil it. People had also been using the playing field to camp and light fires. Cllr D McCracken also reported that the two older swings were rusting and would be due for replacement next as there seems to be some movement in the frame. Mrs Lewis reported that on the recent Friday night

when problems occurred she had noticed two Police cars going round the Griffins Head car park with their lights on the field at the rear and she wondered if they knew where the playing field actually was. Cllr Roberts asked if the Parish Council had got to the stage where it needed to employ someone from March to September every other day, as at present it all seems to fall on Mr Hull. It was agreed to ask for expressions of interest in the next newsletter for next year.

Cllr Womble to put an advert in the next newsletter for expressions of interest for next year to help look after the playing field/park

ai) General - signs for the park/playing field - It was previously agreed at the last two meetings to order new signs. Mr Hull had agreed to order them from Symbol Signs.

b) Inspection Duty Book handed from Cllr Roberts and Cllr D McCracken to Cllr Else with support from Cllr D McCracken.

c) Play Day -

Mr Hull has submitted his apologies for this evening but Clerk believes everything is going to plan. Clerk has written to our insurers advising them of the event. Mr Hull has written to the Police asking for their presence in much the same capacity as last year.

d) Bonfire & Fireworks Event - Cllr Womble reported that there had been no interest received from the last newsletter asking for volunteers to steward for the bonfire event, and it was agreed to put this in again. Cllr Roberts suggested asking the Young Farmers and Enterprise Group. Cllr D McCracken agreed to be the Safety Coordinator. Mrs Lewis reported that last year she had noticed hot peas being carried out and the floors were wet which she felt was a risk. This generated a long discussion about transporting large pots of hot peas from the Village Hall kitchen down the service corridor and outside. It was agreed that this practice needed to be reviewed and that the Enterprise Group should be informed of the Parish Councils' decision.

Cllr Womble to raise the issue of transporting hot peas with the EG

062/10 *HIGHWAY MATTERS*

a) Church Lane/Main St substation - Clerk had been contacted recently by Antony Parker at EON about building materials for the new substation housing. Cllr Womble had been able to advise of the type of materials to use and who to contact.

b) Church Lane possessory title acquisition - Clerk had contacted two solicitors about cost of instructing them to help with acquiring possessory title after seeking advice from SLCC Legal Advisor, who had recommended professional legal help should be sought. The cost would be about £2k or more depending on the complexity of the case and demands from the Land Registry. It was agreed to put an advert in the next newsletter asking if somebody local could do this pro bono or offer sponsorship towards the cost.

Cllr Womble to put an advert in the next newsletter for a pro bono conveyancer or sponsorship

c) Clerk has met with Ashley Smart at PPS with regard to the brown sign removal at the village crossroads. It was agreed that Ashley would contact the Museum Development Officer and Experience Nottingham seeking their support and asking them to contact Highways also and that Kay would contact and seek support from Mark Spencer MP, County Cllr. Chris Barnfather and District Cllr. Patricia Andrews. Ashley would also be asking

Clerk to contact Cllr Barnfather again

visitors to the pumping station how easy they had found the site, as he has been receiving negative comments about appropriate signs sometimes to the detriment of the pumping station when coach tours have been cancelled and visitors displeased when travelling via the motorway. The problem had also been highlighted in the parish Newsletter recently, however, the Clerk had only received one response from a parishioner so far. Papplewick Pumping Station is bidding for a grant from Biffaward for £50,00 to reinstate the Trust's Reservoir Recorder House, and is looking for support from both the Parish Council and parishioners to write a letter to this effect. Cllr Womble advised that it used to stand atop the original reservoir and contain equipment to measure the depth of water in the reservoir. Built in 1879 (i.e. before the Pumping Station itself) it was located above what is now the entrance to the reservoir and demolished some years ago. The materials were kept in safe storage at the Pumping Station including the original monumental stone erected by the Nottingham Waterworks Company (predecessor to Nottingham Corporation) upon the reservoir's completion. This stone records all those who were associated with the Waterworks Company including their eminent engineer Thomas Hawksley. The reservoir is of significant historical importance and restoration of the recorder house will not only restore it almost back to its former state but hopefully ensure that the reservoir as a whole is better regarded and protected than has hitherto been the case.

Clerk to write PPC letter of support for project and ask anyone appropriate on her mailing list, e.g., Mr Hull and Mr Griffiths, to write individual letters of support

063/10 *REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS*

- a) Village Hall - no report
- b) Julien Cahn Trust - Cllr Roberts reported that following replies for tenders being received for the front windows, this work will be going ahead shortly.

064/10 *COUNCILLORS REPORTS*

a) Moor Pond Wood Steering committee - Cllr. G McCracken reported: BBC bid - no news yet as to whether they are going to receive it; Moth survey - which is due to take place this summer has been postponed, a new date will be announced next year; A new lease has been agreed for the site but not signed as yet. At some time in the future when the new lease is formalised, it was felt that an appropriate sculpture be erected in a prominent position on the Grange Cottages woodland site; Barn Dance - held on 19th March raised £380; The re-vamped website was unveiled on 26th May at the Friends' meeting and was well received; Site Model now finished, the frame and mount construction shortly to go out to tender so that this model can be displayed; Plughole (brick lined shaft) - Richard Shepherd the archaeologist has completed his survey and has recommended that a spindly Ash tree is felled from near the works to enable further excavation to take place; On 30th June a guided tour of the whole MPW site will take place; On 28th July a BBQ event in the usual location of the picnic area behind the Linby Lane lay-by. If wet it will be transferred to the barn at Grange Farm; On 29th September the AGM at the Village Hall; Round Table are giving money away to worthy causes, so it was agreed to apply for some of this money; Rolls Royce PLC are offering financial help to work days to community groups and it was agreed that work days would be more beneficial.

Cllr Else said she had recently been on a crayfish training day at Bestwood Country Park, the fishing ponds on Moor Lane and Moor Pond Woods - organised by the Friends of Moor Pond Woods. The course taught participants how to identify English and American crayfish to help prevent the spread of American crayfish which are wiping out the smaller, protected English species. Fortunately only English crayfish were found, however the aggressive and plague ridden American crayfish are spreading rapidly throughout Britain so the new "crayfish spotters" were taught to be vigilant. More training is to follow, with the intention that a few people will become officially licensed to remove and destroy non English crayfish from local waters.

b) Parish Paths Partnership - Cllr C Womble reported that he had spent a day cutting grass in May. The broken stile at Stanker Hill has been replaced and the corridor has been cut.

c) Any other business - Cllr Roberts raised concerns about the field behind 177 Mansfield Rd at some stage an application might go in to put a dwelling there. Cllr Roberts also reported that she had been informed that there were some dead branches on the wood side of Forest Lane.

Cllr G McCracken reported that whilst they had been away on holiday the distribution folder had been left outside their house.

Cllr Womble reported that he had signed up for the Neighbourhood Alert on behalf of PPC and it is on our website.

Cllr Roberts reported that she believed there had been a break in at the top end of Mansfield Rd.

Cllr D McCracken reported that they had recently attended the NCC Civic Service on 27th June.

Cllr D McCracken asked for volunteers to help set up and clear up after the Play Day.

065/10

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 8th September 2010
7.15pm at the Village Hall**

The meeting ended at 11.05 pm

Signed Chairman