

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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New Parish Council Clerk takes over.

At the March meeting of the Parish Council, the new Clerk to the Council, Pam Clark was formally handed the minute book by Maureen Barker, the retiring Clerk, watched by Chairman Ian Griffiths. Pam, who lives with husband Paul and their children on Moor Road, says she is looking forward to getting more involved in the workings of the Council and village activities in general. After 16 years as clerk Maureen has acquired a wealth of knowledge on all matters relating to the workings of both Parish and District Councils. Prior to becoming Clerk, she was herself a Parish Councillor for 4 years

and would probably agree that there will be plenty of opportunities for Pam to become involved! Ian paid tribute to Maureen's hard work over many years and said he was pleased she would still be associated with the Council as she has taken on the role of secretary to the Moor Pond Wood project!

At the May meeting we were pleased to welcome Colin Womble back onto the Council after a year's absence, replacing Doug Wensley, thanks to Doug for his work over the past year.



Papplewick Gardening Club Annual Flower & Produce Show in the Village Hall on Saturday August 14th. Adult entries are limited to members only but



All children are welcome to enter the Children's Section.
2 prizes in each category: 4 –7 years and 8 – 11 years

- 1) Vegetable Monster - make a monster using any fruit and vegetables
- 2) Garden – Make a miniature garden in a full size seed tray
- 3) Design a flower - Draw or paint a flower of your own design- the more unusual the better!
- 4) And of course - To grow the biggest sunflower Head!

For further details & entry forms contact either Jennie Zinn on 963 6503 or Kay Walster on 964 0286.
Look out for the posters nearer the time.

Two club members, Philip & Michael are opening their garden at 40 Regina Crescent, Ravenshead on Sunday 18th July, 10.00 – 4.00pm, there will be a plant stall and light refreshments.
Admission £1 Proceeds are going to the Arthritis Research Campaign ARC charity.

"This is by all accounts a garden well worth visiting"

Annual Church Summer Fete Will take place this year on Saturday 19th June at 2.00pm.

As usual it will be at Papplewick Hall and admission will be £1.50, under 14's 50p, under 5's free.
This is a fund raising event for the Church; much enjoyed by the community but doesn't run itself!



Twin Bin Trial In the last newsletter it was mentioned that Mansfield Road residents would be taking part in the trial of twin bins and Councillors would be monitoring the trial. Stef Roberts (one of the two Councillors involved) says it appears to have been a successful trial scheme and makes one more aware of recycling, but you need to be diligent in separating the waste.



According to Gedling Borough Council Waste Management Team (0115 901 3842) the trial has been an outstanding success. For the people in the trial, there was a 45% recycling rate compared with 14% in the rest of the Borough. Replies to questionnaires show Papplewick people are 80% more likely to recycle and 90% are satisfied with the service. This is encouraging, as the rest of the village will be getting a second bin later this year, probably after August, as the scheme is extended at the rate of 3500 bins a month until February 2005.

For removal of bulky household items such as fridges, freezers etc call Gedling Borough Council on 0115 901 3621.

The freephone number for reporting fly tipping or abandoned cars is 0800 068 1233.

Classic Car Meetings are again taking place at The Griffins Head, on the first Wednesday of each month during summer from 7.00 pm. If you are interested in classic vehicles this is the place to be...but when leaving home don't forget to lock all doors and windows first.



Our local police officer PC Andy Vale issued a timely reminder recently about the increasing theft of vehicles by opportunist thieves just walking in through unlocked doors and picking up car keys. He also mentioned about open windows during hot weather. His suggestion is to hide keys, mobile phones etc. away out of site and never leave them within reach of open windows or visible just inside doorways. Apparently 50% of thefts from houses in this part of Nottinghamshire occur with no visible signs of forced entry. As some of us found to our cost recently there have been a spate of thefts from garden sheds, again it is wise to check our security arrangements occasionally.

Traffic in the village has continued to cause concern to many residents, particularly on Linby Lane. Among the issues raised with the Council were indiscriminate parking, speeding vehicles and heavy goods vehicles, these were discussed at the last meeting.

Nottinghamshire County Council was due to carry out a vehicle speed and traffic count in the village similar to that carried out recently in Linby, but has had to delay it during the current road works.

The Council has applied to Gedling Borough Council to extend the existing lay by on Linby Lane opposite the houses for a distance of 30metres approx at each end.

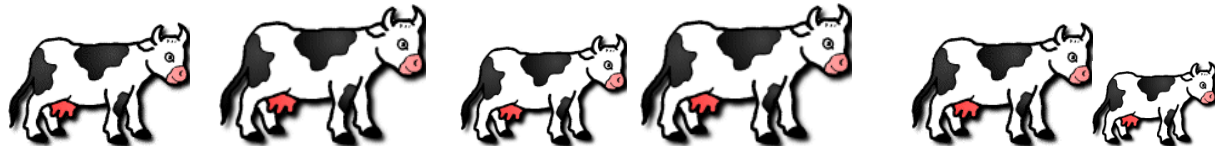
Re-siting the 30 limit signs would need a "traffic order" to be made and this can be a long process, it is however worth considering applying now in order to resite the signs when the road markings are renewed in future. The street lighting may also need to be extended to comply with regulations for 30mph limits.

The police write to heavy goods vehicle operators that regularly ignore the weight limits, when details are forwarded to them. Spot checks have resulted in fixed penalty notices being issued.

The County Council has agreed that Forest Lane meets the criteria for an "interactive speed limit" sign, one that reads the speed of vehicles and flashes up a warning, and will put our request into the current year budget program.

The Playing Field has suffered at regular intervals over the past year, with youngsters holding drinks parties, leaving rubbish and broken glass. Fires have been lit on the edge of the field and also in the woods, which is hazardous for users and annoying for others to continually clear up. The latest incidents have included overnight camping and riding motorcycles on the field and in the wood, which is totally unacceptable. Following discussions with the police, they are now more aware of the situation and will hopefully be including both Linby and Papplewick villages in an ongoing operation. Residents living near the Playing Field will be only too aware of the problems and have been advised of the Council's concern and suggested procedure in the event of further occurrences.

Additionally the notice board in Mansfield Road bus shelter has been totally destroyed and will need replacing. As very few people use the bus stop it has been decided to site a new one in a more open location by the seat at Forest Lane & Mansfield Road junction.



Mars Bar Herd moving to new pastures. You may have heard that the popular herd of pedigree Holstein cattle are leaving the village. Stuart & Suzanne Marshall have taken the decision that the herd will be sold off on August 17th. Stuart says the award-winning cattle are expected to go to various parts of the country, probably to the West where cattle can remain outside and graze on grass most of the year. The herd currently consists of around 80 milkers and 50 young. The existing milking parlour needs improvements and it has been an economic decision to change to arable farming, growing wheat, barley and sugar beet. Naturally many of us will be sorry to see this happening, another change in the village away from traditional rural scenes, but as Stuart says, "farming is business and needs to adapt to survive". As well as a job the herd has also been his hobby, however some pet cattle will stay as will a small number used for breeding and embryo work.

Moor Pond Wood A grant application to obtain funds for rebuilding the footbridge over the leat (or stream) in the Moor Pond Wood has been successful. The existing bridge is in a poor state of repair, not helped by recent acts of vandalism that have broken one section of the side off. Another example of damage was someone digging through the temporary Dam that had been built up to allow work to proceed on investigating the sluice and stonework at the South end of the Pond. This caused a large amount of water to escape from the pond, at least we now know which way the drainage from the sluice runs !



In Grange Cottage Wood the second half of the site has been levelled ready for planting in the Autumn. The next job in this area will be the creation of a footpath through the wild flower meadow.

A large-scale survey of all the trees in Moor Pond Wood has started, using the latest type of positioning system equipment. Details recorded are location, diameter and species of tree. At this stage height is not being recorded. This will be extremely useful information in future, particularly if included on the "interpretation boards" which are planned to be provided. These boards will carry information about the site, for the benefit of visitors. They will also identify trees and plants, examples of wildlife, the landscaping and architectural features carried out when the leats were constructed. Discussions are ongoing regarding providing a new footpath in Dam Banks Wood.

The next Barn Dance will be held on September 24th in the Village Hall.

Papplewick and Linby Leisure Enterprise Group

Papplewick Village Open Gardens Day

All proceeds in aid of improvements to Papplewick Village Play Park

Sunday June 27th From 2.00pm

Adults £2.50 Children free

Tea & Cakes, Plant Stall, Raffle.



(thanks to Gary for allowing this)

Itinerary And Tickets Available

Can be purchased On The Day At The Car Park

or in advance by phoning either:

Shirley Pickering 964 2808, Janet Cotterill Robinson 963 2430,

Jane Key 840 9192, or Lorraine Hillier 963 2886,

This was very popular last year, thanks to all who have opened their gardens.

***PS. If you have any items for the Group's regular winter Flea Market stall,
Please call Jane or Lorraine and they will be pleased to collect them.***

Crossroads Development Work has now started in earnest on the site of the former Crossroads Garage. The size of plots and quantity of houses has been the topic of many conversations; there have been concerns about the development of the 10 houses on the site. Unfortunately due to changing legislation houses may now be built to tighter densities, the size of this plot would allow for between 7½ and 10 houses. Of further general concern is the state of the old Forge (or Smithy) building. The developers have found that there are very little foundations, one wall is considerably out of line and there is concern about putting new roof trusses on the existing structure. It is not known at this stage what will be happening eventually. The Planning Officer for Gedling Council has stated today that the intention is still to retain the building and discussions are taking place with the developers regarding different methods of remedial works to ensure this will be the case.

To see how the old Smithy used to look around 1910 visit www.papplewick.org and follow the links through: local interest, historical information, historical photographs, the village smithy.

New Years Eve Very advance notice that The Friends of Moor Pond Wood have booked the Village Hall for A New Years Eve party, further details later!

Next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday July 14th at 7.15pm

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