

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2006

Present: **Cllr Mr I Griffiths (chairman)**
 Cllr Mr R Hull
 Cllr Mr D Hubbard
 Cllr Mrs S Roberts
 Cllr Mrs J Robinson
 Cllr Mr S Walker
 Cllr Mr C Womble

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The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Chief Superintendent Peter Moyes and PC Andy Vale, the local Beat Manager, advised on the latest crime figures. Overall crime levels had dropped by 24% over the previous year, the only area of increase being auto crime which had increased by 39%. Most of the reported crime had occurred in the vicinity of the two public houses in the area and this was being addressed by working with landlords on the Pub Watch Scheme. When questioned it was reported that there is only one mobile CCTV unit operating in the northern half of Gedling.

CS Moyes advised that crime reduction figures were the best in the South Notts area. This was acknowledged to be mainly due to the good work put in by PC Vale and his team.

CS Moyes also outlined the new policing policy. Local Beat Manager lead teams were now being replaced by Neighbourhood policing providing a larger group of officers (23 in this area) covering a wider area supported when necessary by specialist teams. This enabled greater flexibility with resources being targeted towards the worst crime spots. However the concept of a single point of contact (Ravenshead Police Post) was being continued. Police transport issues had now been resolved.

A question was raised about the number of police vehicles travelling at high speed through the village. It was explained that this was for essential driver training. CS Moyes did agree to take this up with the driver training unit to establish whether some of the journeys could be rescheduled.

On a separate topic the question was raised as to whether Papplewick Parish Council would in future submit bids for funding support for Christmas lights. It was agreed to place this on the agenda of a future meeting.

There were also concerns expressed about the condition of the verges adjacent to Papplewick Hall. The Chairman agreed to take this up with the new occupiers.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Griffiths declared an interest in respect of agenda item 11

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 9th NOV 2005

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Health & Safety Executive had issued revised guidelines on bonfire safety. The Health and Safety Policy Document produced by the Parish Council is updated annually and the new requirements would be addressed as part of this years review.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The four recipients of the Donations (agreed at the last meeting) had sent letters of thanks.

A letter requesting funding assistance had been received from Victim Support. This is to be including in the general discussions on donations at the November meeting.

Linby Parish Council had written requesting funding assistance towards the cost of the hiring the band at the Christmas Carol event in Linby village.

It was agreed that this request be not supported.

The Land Registry had sent documentation in respect of the new voluntary code for land registration. Cllr Womble agreed to circulate the details to all Councillors and this will form an agenda item at the next meeting.

6. ACCOUNTS.

Parish Council General

Income		
£604.86	P & L Enterprise Group	contribution towards cost of fireworks
Expenditure		
£ 69.00	SLCC	Annual subscription
£ 45.82	Progressive Computer Systems	Software removal
£ 75.20	NCC	Playing field repairs
£141.00	Hacker Young	Audit fees
£ 45.00	Sherwood Office Supplies	Newsletter printing
£ 65.00	Internet Listing Corp	Annual charge
£ 44.39	W V Whyley (clerk)	Petty Cash
£ 41.12	Moorwood Joinery	Repairs to notice board

Moor Pond Wood

Income	None
Expenditure	None

7 BUDGETS AND PRECEPTS

Revenue Support from Gedling BC was higher than anticipated. It was agreed that the net precept would remain at £4704 as recommended by the Finance Committee, the extra revenue being generated would be used to assist in funding the playing field enhancements including the skate board project.

8 PLANNING

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting

9. GAG 5

The meeting of the newly enlarged group held on 3rd Jan was poorly attended. The next meeting was scheduled for 27th February and in view of the enlarged membership will be held at Gedling BC offices, being more centrally located in the district.

10. DOG FOULING

Gedling BC had contacted the clerk following complaints of increased dog fouling in the vicinity of the entrances to Moor Pond Wood. Gedling BC can provide larger signs at no cost if required but they are somewhat intrusive. The clerk would obtain samples and it was agreed that the signs, their number and positions would be determined by the Moor Pond Wood Steering Committee.

11. PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

The chairman, Cllr Mr I Griffiths declared an interest in this item. There was concern that the group might conflict with the existing play group as a result of which children may be taken away to the new group. The new group was meeting away from Papplewick due, it is understood, to lack of access to the village hall at the times required.

It was agreed to support the group in principle if based in the village and the clerk will write to clarify the position.

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a. Village Hall

Cllr Mr R Hull reported that a new secretary is needed following the death of Peter Welling.

The Village Hall Management Committee is still seeking funding assistance for the new CCTV installation. Cllr Hull was asked to draft a report on this to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

b. Julian Cahn Trust

Cllr Mrs S Roberts reported that a couple had now accepted the tenancy of no 6 although another house had been vacated.

The trust is now in more secure position and will be able to continue.

b. Linby School

No report

13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a. Moor Pond Wood Steering committee

Cllr Mr S Walker reported that Sycamore felling was continuing. Work on pollarding and coppicing willow in Papplewick Dam Wood is now complete and soon there would be renewed work undertaken in Moor Pond Wood to take out sycamore. This may last for approximately six weeks

A meeting of the Friends of Moor Pond Woods Group had been held to discuss the community sculpture but no decisions had yet been made. No costings are yet available.

b. Parish Paths Partnership

Cllr Mr C Womble had reported that all Paths were presently in reasonable order. The Parish Paths Strategy had been updated and copies presented to Chris Jackson and Paddy Tipping MP. The Parish Paths Strategy had also been raised with NCC Countryside Access Team officers. Cllr Womble had met with Chris Jackson (NCC) to discuss funding assistance. New maps (for the notice boards) had been promised as well as replacement stiles. A meeting had been arranged with NCC to discuss conversion of disused railway lines into footpaths and cycle ways.

c. Playing Field

Damage has been caused to the gatepost of the path between the field and the woods which will require repair.

14. OTHER

Quotations had been received for the replacement notice board on Linby Lane. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Metrosigns. The clerk was accordingly asked to place an order.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th March 2006

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman