

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2001**

**Present:** Cllr Mr I Griffiths (Chairman)  
Cllr Mr R Hull  
Cllr Mrs A Orton (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Mr I Rosindell  
Cllr Mr S Walker

**Parishioners:** None  
PC Andy Vale

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs M Passey  
Cllr C Womble (to arrive late)  
Cllr Mr J Whetton

**OPEN FORUM**

PC Vale reported five car crimes in the parish since the last meeting, four in the Griffins Head car park and one on Linby Lane. Chairman queried a car crime at St James' Church but PC Vale had only been made aware of this by Mrs Barker - it had not appeared on the crime list.

Neighbourhood watch scheme and shed alarms were discussed. PC Vale strongly recommended the use of shed alarms – to be mentioned in the next Newsletter.

Subject to final confirmation PC Vale reported that after the reorganisation it looked as if he would carry on working in the parish and possibly based at Ravenshead.

**1. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5 SEPTEMBER 2001**

Clerk confirmed two minor amendments following circulation. Cllr Hull proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Orton and agreed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Open Forum** (page 1)

**Forest Lane** – obscured 30mph signs. One side now clearly visible but the farmer still has to cut the hedge on the field side.

**Blidworth Way** - new white line markings installed plus two new 'hidden dip' signs.

**Correspondence** (page 2/3)

**Linby PC** – Cemetery provision. Chairman reported discussions between himself, the Chairman of Linby Parish Council and Cllr J Lonergan from Ravenshead resulted in an agreement to pursue cemetery provision within one of the parishes.

**Gedling** – Cornerstone visibility splay – nothing further to report.  
Council's response to Gedling's statement on flood defences acknowledged. Noted report related to buildings and not watercourses.

**Notts. CC 'Building a Future'** – Chairman's comments sent.

**Highways** (page 5)

**Blidworth Way** – flooding still in heavy rain, although better than before. Grates need to be regularly emptied. No response received from Notts. CC re cleaning schedule. Clerk to chase

**Mansfield Road** – footway from No 43 to 63 now cut back.

**23 Linby Lane** – Clerk confirmed further letter sent re missing bollard but still no response. This and reseeded to be discussed with Gedling. Also, erection of bollard outside No 47 which had been missed in original scheme.

**Village Hall Computer** (page 6) Working Group met 31st October to discuss promotion of the facility. Matthew Walster had been invited to join the group due to his computer expertise. Various user groups had been approached re use of the facility and positive responses received from the Sunday School and Day Centre. Cllr Griffiths agreed to speak to Rev Turner about having the facility on display at the Autumn Fayre with Matthew Walster manning it. 'Open Day' to be organised for Sat 1st December – Cllr Rosindell to book the room and Cllr Hull to produce posters.

**Village Bonfire** (page 7) Chairman confirmed he had received and approved the safety plan. He felt it had been another excellent event, although the fire had still been burning two days later. Cllr Orton reported children had been fuelling the fire and cooking. She confirmed there had been more people than the previous year, despite it being half term. £201 had been collected after expenses for St Johns Ambulance volunteers. Chairman acknowledged receipt of Tony Orton's letter thanking the Council for use of playing field.

**Newsletter** (page 8) Clerk confirmed delivered weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> October including all Moor Road properties. Inclusion of all properties at Papplewick Pumping Station discussed and it was agreed to deliver to all in future. Cllr Hull asked for feedback re the design/content. Chairman had received good comments from a new resident.

**Councillors' Reports** (page 9) Clerk had reported to Gedling the overgrown vegetation on the footway between Papplewick and Linby. Some areas still to be cut back - Linby Clerk informed.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been circulated to Cllrs:

**BTCV** – Certificate of Insurance

Conserver Magazine – Autumn 2001/Local Action Update/holidays

**Clerks & Councils Direct** issue 18 November 2001

**CPRE**

Planning Update Issue 4 – Aug 2001 / Press Release – Best Kept Village Competition  
Voice – Autumn 2001 / Rural Matters / Letter re Incorporation of CPRE

**East Midlands Development Agency** - Annual Public meeting 27th September  
Annual Report and Business Plan

**Gedling BC**

Acknowledgements – Policy Statement on Flood Defence and Local Plan Review –  
Local Interest Buildings

Planning appeals: 3, 4, and 5 Hall Mews (porches to rear)

Ashfield/Gedling Tourism Initiative requesting donation - no response as yet

Kerbside recycling boxes – Letter from Gedling confirming Papplewick not to be  
included as recycling facility at Griffins Head. However, it appeared bottles, paper  
and plastic was, in fact, now being collected. Details to be included in the next  
newsletter.

**Gedling CVS**

Voluntary Sector Health Briefing – Issue 9 – August 2001

Invitation to GVAN meeting – 2nd October / Haze / Every Penny Counts

**JRB Enterprises – info on dog glove dispenser & waste bins**

**NALC**

Local Council Review September & November 2001

Seminar – 'Managing a Project' – 24th October

Countywise – September 2001

National Training Strategy for Parish & Town Councils

**Allowances for Members** – Council's response 'no to expenses but yes to travelling  
allowance when on parish business outside the parish boundary'.

**AGM/Corporate Plan** - Cllr Orton and Clerk attended. Cllr Orton reported on the  
proposal to increase the subscription level to include a one off payment for the  
National Association to cover its 'Corporate Plan' details of which she read out.  
Clerk confirmed authority given for the Notts. Representatives to vote in favour of the  
national increase at its November AGM subject to the maximum of £22.25 + 12.29p.

Cllr Orton accepted the 'runner up' certificate awarded to Papplewick in Category C  
of the Best Kept Village Competition.

**Nottingham City Council** – Newstead Abbey Park conservation/development plan.

**New Perspectives** - Tour 26th Feb to 16th March 2001

**Police Authority**

Information re Custody Visiting Scheme – Recruitment Drive

Re breakdown in mobile police service

**Notts Fire Authority** 'Burning Issues'

**Notts. CC**

Travel & Transport Briefing September & November 2001

Act International Year of Volunteers Newsletter

Contact, issue 16 October 2001

Planning and Property Briefing October

**Notts. RCC**

AGM – 26th September at Newstead Miners Welfare  
Funding Opportunities for Communities  
Virtual Village tour of two resource centres – Wednesday 10th October  
Transport & Social Exclusion Consultation Event – 11th October  
Rural Voice – Autumn 2001

**Technix Ltd** – 'safagrass' non-slip impact absorbing safety surface

**RECEIVED AND DEALT WITH**

**Gedling BC** – Final 50% precept and 25% revenue aid

**Helping Hand Co.** – price list

**Papplewick Pumping Station** – news re Sir Michael Nall's death and memorial service.

**NALC** - AGM agenda - Cllr Orton/Clerk attending  
Invoice for Local Council Review / Vital Village information – passed to committee  
Norfolk China Ltd – details of commemorative items – Queen's Golden Jubilee

**Notts. Rural Priority Area** – Funding Seminar 26th Nov – Clerk & Cllr Hull attending.

**Royal Mint** – celebration medal of Queen's Golden Jubilee – further information

**Zurich Municipal** – course on conducting risk assessments at Newark - £50 + VAT

**MOOR POND WOOD**

**Action for Wildlife** - delay in processing grants, decision October

**BTCV**

Joint Local Groups Committee & Local Groups Assoc. – elections/voting paper – Cllr Walker responded  
Chestnut Fund - confirming application forwarded to committee for approval – application rejected from Parish Council - checking to see if it is worth Moor Pond Wood submitting it.

**Greenwood C. Forest**

Launch of Break Free Walk leaflets – 23rd November – M. Hollinrake attending  
Brainstorming session on volunteering 23rd January

**New Opportunities Fund** – funding for green spaces & sustainable communities

**Notts. RCC – South Notts. Community Fund** – confirming award of further £2,500

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISCUSSED:**

**Countryside Agency** – Vital Village leaflets.

**Church Lane** – Hedge cutting - Clerk reported Garry Longdon had cut the hedge, donating the use of his machinery and his time free of charge towards the work of the church and parish. Letter of thanks sent to him - acknowledgement to be made in the next newsletter.

**Rev K Turner** – re parking on playing field for Autumn Fayre. Chairman away so Cllr Orton agreed to judge on the day if the ground would be suitable.

**DEFRA** – Quality Parish Councils – Consultation Document to be circulated.

**The Standards Board for England** - New Model Code of Conduct for local councillors. A copy of the 'Quick guide to the Act' leaflets given to each Councillor.

Gedling confirmed its Standards Committee would commence work on this in December.

#### 4. **HIGHWAYS**

Clerk confirmed that a soakaway had been installed in the verge on the corner of Papplewick Lane/Moor Road, which connected to the road-side grate.

Clerk reported she had emailed Chris Charnley for an update with regard to the various highway matters. However, no response received as yet. Chairman asked to be contacted if a response was not received within a week and he would chase.

Cllr Walker reiterated that the Moor Road grates just needed cleaning out to alleviate the flooding problems.

Traffic Calming in Bestwood – Cllr Hull had noted two vehicles mounting the pavement to avoid the road humps. It was hoped that there would be a reduction in traffic along Moor Road as drivers used other routes to avoid Bestwood.

Cllr Orton reported a tailback of approx. 100 cars along Forest Lane from the A.60 back to Stanker Hill.

#### 5. **PLANNING**

The following applications were received and no objections made:-

**2001/1471 – 279 Moor Road** (Erect conservatory)

**2001/1528 – 31 Linby Lane** (First floor extension over existing ground floor extension) + revised plan

**2001/1687 – 35 Linby Lane** (Loft conversion with side dormer)

**2001/1510 – 179 Mansfield Road** (Erect two storey side extension)

##### **Planning Appeals:**

**2001/0144 & 0145 – 3, 4 and 5 Hall Mews** (Rear porches) Hearing to be held 9th January 2002.

**2001/0252 – 145 Moor Road** (first floor extension) Dismissed

6. **ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Half Year Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2001**

Copies of the Parish Council and Moor Pond Wood half year accounts had been circulated. Chairman felt the Moor Pond Wood accounts needed to be re reviewed due to the amount of money going through the accounts. Cllr Hull queried the nominal interest. Clerk confirmed the account was only a current account as large amounts of grant money was being paid out.

(b) **Wages and Expenses**

Chairman confirmed Clerk on .21 of the NALC/SLCC scale and taking into account the recommended 3.5% increase this equated to £2,074 per annum, which was slightly higher than the budgeted figure for 2001/02 of £2,063. For five hours per week this gave a first half year figure of £1,037.

He informed Cllrs the Finance Committee had looked at the number of hours the Clerk worked, in particular relating to the Moor Pond Wood project. He proposed from the half-year point an extra half-hour per week be paid to cover the Clerk's time on accounting for the Moor Pond Wood project. This gave a second half salary payment of £1,140. Both payments plus £40 expenses.

Cllr Walker felt it was a good way in which the Council could support the Moor Pond Wood project. Vice Chairman seconded the proposal, which was unanimously agreed.

(c) **Budget/Precept 2001/02**

The budget and recommended precept had been circulated to Cllrs. Chairman confirmed the budget had been prepared in accordance with increases known plus 3%. He pointed out that included in the budget were figures to cover election costs and the website/computer project. The Finance Committee's recommendation was not to go for an increase in balance but include an increase at a reasonable level. The recommended increase was therefore 5.99%, which was mostly accounted for in the additional salary.

Cllr Hull queried the level of expenses paid to the Clerk and if it was adequate. Chairman confirmed this had been discussed and the figure proposed was at an acceptable level to cover expenses incurred. He pointed out that the Clerk was now on the maximum salary scale.

Chairman proposed the budget be accepted and a precept of £6,048 be approved. Seconded by Cllr Orton and agreed.

(b) **General Accounts**

<b><u>Income:</u></b> Gedling BC precept & revenue grant	£2,888.75
CPRE Best Kept Village Competition	50.00

**Accounts already paid:**

<b><u>Chq No</u></b>	<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Nett</u></b>	<b><u>VAT</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
000166	Gedling BC – (grass cutting 1 x Aug)	17.82	3.12	20.94
000167	Linby & Papplewick P3 A/C (VAT)	-	55.48	55.48
000168	Portland College (letterhead printing)	25.00	4.38	29.38
000169	Ricoh UK (photocopier charge)	13.33	2.27	15.26
000170	Gedling BC (grass cutting 1 x Sept)	17.82	3.12	20.94

**Accounts to be paid:-**

000171	<b>Notts. Wildlife Trust Subscription</b>	<b>24.00</b>	-	<b>24.00</b>
000172	Papp & Linby V.Hall (hire 31st Oct)	7.00	-	7.00
000173	NALC Local Council Review	9.99	-	9.99
000174	Petty Cash:	55.17	-	55.17
	Telephone - 6.70			
	Postage - 7.41			
	Bus Shelter Cleaning - 30.00	(10 weeks @ £3 6/9-8/11)		
	Petrol to Southwell - 11.76	(NALC AGM/Best Kept Village)		
000175	Progressive Office	28.68	5.02	33.70
000176	Mrs M Barker - Half year salary	1,037.00		
	Half year expenses	40.00	-	1,077.00
000177	Mr I Griffiths	20.00	-	20.00

**MOOR POND WOOD ACCOUNTS**

<b><u>Income:</u></b>	Ashfield District Council (seat/fencing grant)			£200.00
	Membership Subscriptions			50.00
	Friends donation			17.00

**Accounts paid:**

000023	NALC - seminar	30.00	-	30.00
000024	Cancelled			
000025	Mrs Barker (velcro & display card)	9.50	1.66	11.66
000026	Papp & Linby V.Hall hire 19/10	7.00	-	7.00
000027	Mr S Walker (book Rodwell British Plant)	29.95	-	29.95
000028	Mrs M Hollinrake (petty cash)	50.00	-	50.00

**To be paid:**

000029	Environment Agency – Sept spraying	915.00	159.60	1,071.60
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**7. QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE**

Clerk reported Mr Doug Wensley of Linby Lane had offered the services of his band if an event was organised. No other positive response received from the newsletter article although organisers of the millennium event had previously offered assistance.

Cllr Orton agreed to take this project forward with other parishioners and to report back to the Council with a suggested programme of events at the January meeting. Cllr Rosindell suggested a beacon and agreed to investigate.

#### **8. BEST KEPTVILLAGE AWARD**

Cllr Orton showed members the framed award certificate and confirmed a cheque for £50 had been received which the Clerk had banked. She informed Cllrs the areas that are judged which included the verges etc. bordering parishioners' properties. It was also understood the judges look for a map showing footpaths within the parish.

Mrs Barker confirmed speaking to Stephen Jones at Notts. CC regarding a digital map which could be provided free to the Council. This could be mounted in a dedicated noticeboard at a cost of £300 for which Notts. CC would pay 50%.

The purchase of bulbs using the £50 prize money was discussed and possible locations for planting. Chairman proposed corner of Mansfield Road/Forest Lane. Seconded by Cllr Orton and agreed subject to Gedling being contacted to discuss actual location in relation to the grass cutting.

#### **9. NEWSTEAD ABBEY CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Letter from Nottingham City Council had been circulated and Cllrs asked to put forward suggestions that could be passed on. It was felt Papplewick's response should revolve around access between Newstead and the parish, in particular the footpaths. Therefore any plan to encourage people to walk between the two area should be encouraged.

#### **10. REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) **Moor Pond Wood** – Cllrs were handed notes giving an update on the project to date. These reported a well attended AGM on 28th September at which Joyce Kendall stepped down and Stephen Walker was elected Steering Committee Chairman, with Jonathan Rhodes and Margaret Kerr elected as Committee members. A 'Friends Group member had given an interesting talk on birds of prey and Mr Stevenson of 5th Hucknall Scouts had agreed to produce membership cards.

The Shirland Band's 'Mini-Minstrels' concert had entertained approx. 80 people and had proved very enjoyable raising £156 towards the project. The Steering Committee had met and produced a calendar of meetings together with a six months action plan including workdays planned for the 8th and 11th December. Discussions were being held with the Environment Agency about the control of the weed in the pond and the contractor had commenced work on the new footpaths but these could not be completed until the archaeologist had completed his survey.

- (b) **Parish Paths Partnership** - In Cllr Womble's absence, the Chairman reported that the Committee had met on the 9th October when the responses to the Strategy document were considered. The committee had agreed to pursue two new paths, one from Linby Lane through Papplewick dam to join the 'Meadows' footpath and the second from the A60 to Papplewick Pumping



Station. A meeting was to be arranged with the Pumping Station Trust to discuss the latter. On the 27th October Cllr Womble accompanied 15 ramblers around the parish. Capital grant money to be used to provide the dedicated noticeboard for footpath map.

- (c) **Playing Field** - Work needed on the playing field was discussed including trimming back the trees to the sitting area; installing a new fence along the car park boundary and remedial repairs to the slide. Capital grant aid to be considered towards fencing. Playing Field Committee to meet to progress these matters.

## **11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Passey had asked the Clerk to mention the problem being caused to residents on the east side of Main Street when leaving their drives. Traditionally poor visibility was a problem but as there was now a number of parked cars opposite it meant south-bound drivers did not have any road width in which to manoeuvre if avoiding exiting vehicles. This was discussed but Cllrs felt there was no immediate solution

Cllr Walker reported that the lamp holder to the light on the corner by Grange Cottages had been smashed. Clerk to report to Ashfield DC/Gedling. Clerk confirmed the street light outside the barns on Main Street had been reported.

Cllr Womble reported the bus shelter by Seven Mile House needed cleaning. Clerk to speak to Gedling.

Clerk informed Cllrs of Linby Parish Council's request to join them in a social evening. It was felt this would be better organised for January as everyone was busy before Christmas period.

Chairman confirmed a change of operating company and reduced service in respect of the No 200 bus.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 9th January 2002

