

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER 2002**

Present: Cllr Mr I Griffiths (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs A Orton (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr R Hull
Cllr Mrs M Passey
Cllr Mr I Rosindell
Cllr Mr S Walker (arrived at 7.45pm)
Cllr Mr C Womble

Parishioners: 3 +
Cllr Mr J Whetton
Cllr Mr J Lonergan

OPEN FORUM

Mrs Kendall stressed the need for traffic calming on Main Street, having witnessed a teenager experiencing difficulty crossing the road in order to go to school. She suggested another traffic count be undertaken as she felt car numbers had increased substantially. This was discussed together with the increase in traffic due to schools reopening and the need for schemes to reduce school runs etc.

Cllr Orton informed the meeting her husband had counted 87 cars trying to exit Forest Lane onto the A60 at 5.20pm that day. Chairman reiterated that although wishing to see an improvement at this junction in order to help Mansfield Road residents accessing the village, if it was improved he felt more traffic would use it.

Dr Stephan of Main Street said he was attending the meeting in order to raise awareness of the problems being experienced on the bend next to his property at the top of Main Street. He asked the Council to consider better road markings and for traffic calming measure at the entrance to the village. He reported three incidents where vehicles had left the road on the corner, knocking down the lamppost and mounting his bank. He informed Cllrs he had met Ian Parker of Notts. County Council who was prepared to increase the size of the chevrons and improve the signage. Mrs Barker confirmed she had discussed this herself with Mr Parker who had confirmed he would fund larger chevrons together with an earlier bend warning sign.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Walker had confirmed he would be arriving late.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10TH AND 17TH JULY 2002**

Chairman proposed acceptance of the minutes for both the 10th and 17th July meetings, seconded by Cllr Passey and agreed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Skateboard Facility (Pages 1, 2 & 3)

Clerk reported receipt of skateboarding equipment brochures from a number of companies. Cllr Walker to be asked to progress the setting up of a steering committee.

Matters Arising

BT Pole on Moor Road – Clerk reported two-month period in which BT had said the complaint would be dealt with had ended. A further letter had been sent with no response which left the Council with the option of Court action. Chairman proposed that as Cllr Hull had agreed to contact BT direct the problem be left in abeyance to enable a sensible conclusion to be reached.

Queens Golden Jubilee (Page 4) Cllr Orton to confirmed the committee still had to meet to discuss the ascertain the balance of monies to Papplewick but she thought it was approximately £500. Cllr Orton confirmed the committee wanted to use the money for a permanent momento of the Jubilee and a suggestion for a new seat was discussed. Cllr Orton to report back after the committee meeting.

Highways (Page 7)

Linby Lane Parking – Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to the owner of No 51 with no response received and the bollard had not been replaced. She also reported the regular parking of a van on the verge by a resident of No 47. Chairman agreed to approach the residents – Clerk to provide him with the names.

Tarmac – First Liaison Committee meeting organised for Thursday 26th September, to commence on site at Bestwood Quarry II and then at Ravenshead Parish Council Office. Chairman, Cllrs Hull and Womble agreed to attend.

Double White Lines – Clerk had contacted Notts. County Council about the delay and understood that following surfacing dressing, due to be carried out in mid September, the double white lines would be installed.

Signs – Clerk confirmed she had been unable to obtain an answer from County and agreed to contact Gedling BC.

Conservation Area Grant – No decision yet regarding the allocation of this funding.

Accounts (Page 10)

Audit and Year End Accounts to 31st March 2002 – Clerk confirmed the accounts had been submitted to the external auditor.

Representative/Committee Reports (Page 10)

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr Womble had strimmed the corridor section of the Moors footpath following the letter of complaint. Cllrs were also informed a work evening had been held to cut back the overgrowth. Cllr Walker stated Notts. CC had

an obligation to fund grass cutting but difficulty was being experienced in obtaining the grant application form. Clerk to chase Mr Andy Jee the new Footpaths Officer.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Countryside Agency/NACRO Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 guide
Clerks & Councils Direct July 2002

Commission for Racial Equality – Statutory Code of Practice (Ian)

CPRE

Press release re Best Kept Village competition – Papplewick through to second round
Newsletter Summer 2002

DEFRA

Local Access Forums/Countryside Rights of Way report / Role in Planning
Support for initiatives including quality Parish Councils/Vital Villages/Parish Plans

Environment Agency – Focus Annual Review Newsletter Issue 1

Resident of Moor Road complaining about pavement obstruction on Moor Road. Chairman informed Cllrs that a polite letter had been sent to the resident causing the obstruction. He had noted, however, that on Sunday afternoon a wheelie bin had been left in the middle of the pavement causing which would cause an obstruction until emptied the next day.

EMDA - Annual Public Meeting – 5th September

Gedling BC

Launch of Breck Hill Playing Fields / Healthy Newstead Partnership
Forward Plan for Sept 2002 to Dec 2002
Carlton Cemetery Garden of Rest Extension
Notts Youth Games 2002
Enforcement Action July 2002
Local Government Act 2000 (Model Code of Conduct) (Amendment) Order 2002
with copy letter from Deputy Prime Minister.

Gedling CVS

Community Eye August 2002 / Notts Youth Organisations' Network News June 2002

NALC.

Beacon Councils – Implications in acquiring this status werediscussed and discounted.
Annual Subscription/article from chairman re proposed revised calculation – discussed under Accounts.

Freedom of Information Act 2002 – Chairman felt the Council's documents should be available free for inspection but a charge should be made for providing hard copies made.

Notts. CC

Travel & Transport Briefing Notes August/September
Planning & Property Briefing August
'By the Way' Issue 2 & 'Your Environment' Issue 13
Environment Dept - Annual Report & Performance Review 2001/2002
Guide to services

Notts. RCC

Energy audits in village halls – not appropriate to the Council
 Virtual village Forum meeting – 18th September at Newstead – Cllr Hull agreed to attend.

Playdale recreation equipment brochure

Woodward –skateboard ramp brochure

BTCV Conserver Magazine Summer 2002

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ACTIONED BY THE CLERK

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister - acknowledgement of comments on 'Local Investigation & Determination of Misconduct Allegations'.

Ricoh UK Ltd. invoice

MOOR POND WOOD CORRESPONDENCE

Community Service Volunteers – 'Make a Difference Day'

Countryside Agency - grant application received

Greenwood Community Forest - Community Awards Scheme – nomination forms

Notts. CC - Action for Wildlife Grant Scheme

Sherwood Forest Trust

Grant application form and 'The Sherwood Broadcast' Newsletter Summer 2002

Nottm B Society - acknowledging grant application.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – Referred to September meeting

CPRE 'Rural Matters' Issue 24 August 2002

DEFRA – Minister for Rural Affairs to Chairman of Parish Councils re Rural Services Standard 2002 – giving website details – copies given to Cllrs at meeting

Gedling BC - Planning Dept re siting of footpath noticeboard & responses to the Revised Deposit Local Plan.

Gedling CVS - Registration form and membership information sheet – Cllrs agreed to continue with membership.

NALC 'Local Council Review' September 2002 - circulated

Notts. CC - Heritage Open Days – 14th & 15th September

'Notts Heritage News' Issue No 14 Summer 2002 & 'Living for Tomorrow' Issue No 3

E.MAIL from Stephen Bramley of Australia re family tree information. Details passed to Cllrs Walker and Womble.

6. CAPITAL GRANT

The Council had agreed to spend its Capital Grant allocation on two items: (a) Main Street Pavement and (b) Traffic Calming which were discussed at length. It was noted that Gedling had agreed to input £1,000 from the maintenance budget. Cllrs agreed to obtain the best result the kerbs needed to be lifted at the cost of £3,200.

Cllrs Womble gave an estimated cost for replacing the pavement in York paving but Chairman suggested such a scheme could not be funded in the short term and it was agreed early improvement was needed.

Clerk reminded Cllrs that an undertaking had been given to residents on Main Street that they would be consulted on any traffic calming scheme. Clerk also confirmed that the £2,000 allocation awarded under the Rural Traffic Calming scheme for Moor Road needed to be spent in that area of the village and that Notts. County Council needed to know the type of scheme being considered so that it could be costed before the end of the year, otherwise the funding could be lost. Clerk reiterated that the Council had the power to raise the precept to pay for traffic calming.

On the basis of the £3,000 funding from Gedling BC and Notts. CC and the Parish Council utilising its 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 capital grant allocations the Chairman proposed both authorities be asked to produce schemes and once these were received residents to be consulted

Cllr Lonergan informed the meeting that following a discussion with the County Highways Officer, it was understood Government was pushing for a reduction in speed limits and some positive directives could be issued within the next few months.

7. VILLAGE BONFIRE

The Council agreed to give permission for the annual bonfire to be held on the playing field. It was understood the event would probably take place on Friday, 1st November but this to be confirmed. Clerk to check insurance following comments made about fireworks for the Jubilee celebrations. As in previous years, the Chairman asked that he be given a copy of the risk assessment prior to the event. Cllr Hull informed the meeting that he would be attending a training course for handling fireworks with Cllr Rosindell.

8. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Chairman was proud to announce that the village had won its section and was now entered in 'the best in county' with the other three winners. A further round of judging would take place during the last two weeks of September.

Clerk confirmed the award comprised an oak post approximately 8/9 feet high with a wrought iron top. The local Young Farmers would install it and following a discussion with CPRE a date in October needed to be agreed for the installation. It was also understood that some villages held a celebration

The Clerk reported that she had met a Gedling supervisor to discuss the cutting of the verges, especially the area along Moor Road. An assurance had been given this would be strimmed back. Gedling also to be asked for the Main Street road and pavement to be cleaned.

9. **Cemetery Provision** (Page 3) Chairman reported on a meeting with Linby and Ravenshead to discuss this matter, at which Ravenshead PC supported the provision of a local cemetery. However, it felt strongly that it should be provided at no cost to the parish councils. Gedling Borough Council to be pressured to make provision.

10. **PARISH PLAN**

The draft plan produced by Cllr Womble and written by him together with the Chairman and Cllrs Hull and Walker had been circulated with the agenda. Chairman confirmed the plan would be issued following any amendments made at the meeting. He congratulated Cllr Womble on his work in producing the report. The plan was then discussed under each section and amendments made.

Cllr Womble stated he would not have time to make the alterations. Chairman agreed to amend the summary document, which was due to be distributed to all households and the Clerk agreed to make the necessary amendments to the plan. An open meeting had being organised on 9th October for parishioners to attend and comment on the plan.

Chairman adjourned the agenda at this point for PC Andy Vale to give his report. He informed the meeting there had been eleven crimes, seven in the village involving burglary and car thefts and four at the Burntstump Public House. PC Vale confirmed the four police officers located at the Ravenshead contact point now had a computer link and they hoped to be out and about in the parish on a regular basis.

11. **PLANNING**

(a) **General**

2002/1533 – Bestwood 2 Quarry, Devils Elbow (Relocation of Grade II Listed parish boundary stone). No objections made. The Council was pleased with the report and the proposed action.

(b) **Definitive Footpath Map Cabinet – Location**

Following the Clerk's discussion with Gedling BC the following five locations had been identified and been sent out on consultation:

1. Linby Lane - the crossroads side of the bus shelter.
2. Main Street - next to the post box.
3. Church Lane - in the vicinity of the Church noticeboard.
4. Linby Lane - Papplewick Dam layby.
5. Moor Road - in the vicinity of the layby next to the telephone box.

Clerk reported she had discussed the Church Lane location with Mr Dobson of Papplewick Lodge, as the proposed position would be next to his outbuilding. He had confirmed he would be delighted for it to be sited in that location.

All locations were discussed and Cllrs unanimously agreed to locate the map cabinet at the end of Church Lane. It was also agreed that Councillors would install it, as it could be erected in the verge.

12. ACCOUNTS

<u>Income:</u>	Countryside Agency	578.50
	Interest on Deposit Account	57.23
	Jubilee Committee (repayment of insurance premium)	80.00

Accounts paid:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee & Reason</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
000227	Playground Management Services	73.00	12.78	85.75
000228	TBL Midlands (strimmer accessories)	38.72	6.78	45.50
000229	Gedling BC (grass cutting June)	36.96	6.47	43.43
000230	Papp. & L V.Hall (hall hire 17/7)	7.00	-	7.00
000231	Cllr C Womble (strimmer line/accessory box)	13.47	2.36	15.83
000232	Ordnance Survey (licence – parish plan)	47.50	8.31	55.81
	Transfer of VAT to MPW			73.40

To be paid:

Notts. CC (stationery for parish plan)	32.81	5.74	38.55
BT (computer telephone)	31.91	5.58	37.48*
*difference due to package benefits.			
Mrs M Barker (petty cash)	32.63	-	32.63
Telephone	-	5.60	
Postage	-	3.03	
Bus Shelter 8 x £3	-	24.00 (11/7 to 29/8)	

MOOR POND WOOD ACCOUNTS

<u>Income:-</u>	BTCV (Action for Wildlife Grant)	917.17
	Friends donation (Ikea products)	40.00

To be Paid: None

The article in Local Council Review proposing a change in the way the NALC subscription is calculated, i.e. an affiliation fee of 40p per elector with 30p retained by the County Association, was discussed. The Clerk confirmed if implemented the Council's subscription for 2003 would be £204.80 as against £82.92 in the current year. Cllrs agreed a letter be sent to objecting to the revised calculation.

13. **REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) **Moor Pond Wood** - Due to lack of time this was not discussed.
- (b) **Parish Paths Partnership** - No further comments.
- (c) **Playing Field** – Cllrs Orton and Hull reported an accident on the playing field that occurred on Tuesday, 3rd September when a boy had fallen out of one of the trees near the entrance to the playing field. The ambulance had been attended and the paramedics then called the air ambulance as they felt the boy

might have suffered a back injury. Chairman asked the Playing Field Committee to investigate and report back on any action needed.

- (d) **Village Hall** – Cllr Passey had nothing to report, as there had not been a meeting.

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Chairman reported that the Mansfield Road footpath to the north and south of the Forest Lane/A60 junction was overgrown with nettles and needed cutting back, especially between Nos 49 and 63. Chairman agreed to contact Gedling direct.

Cllr Walker reported that the grate at the Papplewick Lane junction needed cleaning out.

Clerk reported that part of the grass verge on Moor Road was devoid of grass. Cllr Walker informed her that Gedling's grass mower had cut the verge too deep.

Cllr Rosindell reported Nigel Newton of Notts. RCC was waiting for confirmation regarding funding for the computer course.

Cllr Orton reported the footpath waymark signs at South Lodge indicated the route along the diverted path, rather than along the drive. Clerk to contact Notts. CC Rights of Way.

15. ANY ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 13th November.

The meeting closed at 10.45 pm.

