

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 2003**

Present: Cllr Mr I Griffiths (Chairman)
 Cllr Mr R Hull (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Mr D Hubbard
 Cllr Mrs S Roberts
 Cllr Mrs J Robinson
 Cllr Mr S Walker
 Cllr Mr D Wensley

Parishioners: 1

OPEN FORUM

Mrs Kerr reported the grass verge on Moor Road by the entrance to Moor Pond Wood was in a terrible state following Severn Trent roadworks. The road conditions and verge in this area were discussed. Gedling to be contacted again re reinstatement of the verge and a site meeting regarding the road levels..

1. **APOLOGIES**

Clerk reported apologies had been received from the District Councillor, Mr McCauley.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9TH JULY 2003**

Clerk confirmed amendments already made on Page 6. Cllr Hull proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Hubbard and agreed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Matters Arising (Page 2)

BT Pole on Moor Road Cllr Hull confirmed he had telephone BT to pass on the Council's thanks for putting the cable under ground.

Cemetery Provision (Page 2) Cllrs informed no response had been received from Gedling to the Council's letter. Chairman reported on a meeting with Rev Canon Turner and that there was possibly two further grave places. Cllr Walker stated that the area currently used for tipping could be opened out to give one to two extra years but the water table needed to be checked.

Highways – Linby Lane Parking (Page 2) Building works being carried out at No 45 with materials left on the verge. It was felt no action could be taken until work completed. Cllr Wensley reported he had asked the builders not to park over the footway.

Seat on Moor Road (Page 2) Gedling confirmed rural seats are not the District Council's responsibility. Response sent querying the decision to abdicate its responsibility when adjoining District Councils do not.

Correspondence (Page 4)

BT Broadband - Apparently the required 'trigger level' had now been reached and Broadband would be available from 10th December 2003 - details to be included in the next newsletter.

Highways (Page 5)

Papplewick Lane - Request made to Notts. CC for anti-skid surfacing as another car had gone through the fence on the Grange Cottage Wood side. Cllr Hull reported on a meeting with Ian Parker, Highways Officer at Notts. CC. It was felt the problem was caused by speeding traffic but anti-skid surface could not be used due to insufficient serious accidents. However, Mr Parker agreed to have slow markings installed on the road in two/three places. Also to edge mark the pavement; to renew the white lines and give way signs at the Moor Road junction

Planning (Page 5)

Goosedale Lakes - Letter read to Cllrs from Bestwood Parish Council apologising for lack of consultation.

Crossroads Garage Development - Gedling BC recommending acceptance but the application needed to be submitted to the Government Office of the East Midlands as it did not meet Local Plan criteria. Cllr Walker read out the Gedling notes submitted to the Planning Committee and it was noted the conditions suggested by the Parish Council had been made with the exception of the number of houses, which remained at 10. It was agreed site works would need to be monitored to ensure conditions were adhered to.

Accounts

- (c) Audit and Year End Accounts to 31st March 2003 (Page 6) Receipt of accounts acknowledged by Hacker Young but as yet not returned audited.
- (d) Internal Auditor's Recommendations (Page 7) Insurance proposal form obtained and completed to increase fidelity guarantee insurance cover. Chairman to sign the form.

Parish Plan (Page 7)

Countryside Agency queried the final account submitted but following negotiations they agreed to make a final payment of £56.22.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerks & Councils Direct July 2003

CPRE

Rural Matters Issue 28 July 2003

Planning Update Issue 30 July 2003

DEFRA

Rural Services Standard 2003 – questionnaire on website

Quality Parish Council Scheme

East Midlands Develop. Agency – Annual Public Meeting/'Email' Issue 17 August 2003

Environment Agency – Focus newsletter Issue 2 June 2003

Gedling BC

Contacts Issue No 4 Summer 2003

Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct Seminar – 31st July

Anti-social behaviour and data share protocols – available at www.gedling.gov.uk Local Plan Inquiry responses

Acknowledgement of letter re Papplewick Lane road surface – passed on to Notts. CC

Conservation Area Enhancement Grants – funding available 2003/04 – suitable schemes requested. The area in front of the cottages at the top of Main Street was discussed. It was felt this area could be tidied up with a new litterbin and seat.

Gedling CVS

Community Eye August 2003 / Volunteer Bureau Viewpoint August 2003

Voluntary Sector health Briefing July 2003

Compact Working Group What's News / Community Accounting Plus

Gedling NHS - Patient & Public Involvement Strategy

Greenwood Community Forest – Newsletter No 10 Summer 2003

Cllr J Lonergan – re Community Priorities Budget - nothing awarded to Papplewick

NALC

AGM 12th November – nomination forms / Countywise Issue 7 August 2003

Budgeting Seminar – Tuesday 14th October / Local Council Review No 55 July 2003

Legal Topic Note 24 (revised) Councillors Allowances

Legal Topic Note 56 Code of Practice for Local Councils in Handling Complaints

National Playing Fields Association -

Info re annual inspection service – passed to Playing Field Committee

Notts. Police Authority – Strategy Plan – Cllr Hull reported on the launch meeting he had attended. Clerk reported that in Gedling meeting notes there was a recommendation to grant fund six police community support officers.

Nottingham University – 'Vision' research magazine Issue 3 Summer 2003

Notts. CC

By the Way Newsletter Summer 2003 / Your Environment Issue No 17 Summer 2003

Travel & Transport Briefing July & August 2003

Planning & Property Briefing July & August 2003

Ian Parker response to letter re car accidents causing damage to the woodside fencing.

Replacement Minerals Plan – revised deposit draft

Notts. RCC - Rural Matters issue 28 July 2003

AGM invitation – 22nd October at Kinoulton Village Hall (Ceiledh dancing)

Rural Voice Summer 2003

Notts. Assoc. of Village and Community Halls - Membership application

Virtual Village Forum meeting – 24th September at Newstead

Notts Rural Priority Area – 'Coalfield Contact' Summer 2003

Notts. Wildlife Trust - Newsletter Summer 2003 / Wildlife Garden Catalogue / Natural World / Wildlife Magazine

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

Providing indemnities to relevant authority officers and members

Papplewick Pumping Station - 'On the Beam' Issue 1 July 2003

Prima advert

Standards Board for England

Standards Committee determinations – guidance for monitoring offices/standards committee

Zurich Municipal – CIC News July 2003

RECEIVED AND ACTIONED BY CLERK

Allianz Cornhill – Proposal form to complete re increasing Fidelity Guarantee premium.

Alliance Leicester - Free banking information

Bestwood Parish Council – Goosedale Lakes – letter of apology re lack of consultation.

Countryside Agency

Letter confirming balance of £56.22 to be paid towards Parish Plan
Local Heritage Initiative monitoring form

Countryside Training Services – Certificates for participants of brushcutter course

DEFRA - Quality Parish Council – delayed acknowledgement on Consultation Paper

Hucknall Local Area Forum – Poster/leaflet re walking way to health project – put in noticeboards/circulated.

LexisNexi UK – Info re publications they offer.

NALC - Letter re clerk's qualification needed if Council becomes a Quality PC.

Newark & Notts. Agricultural Society – poster re vintage tractor show 22/23rd Nov.

Notts. Assoc of Village & Community Halls membership – not relevant

Papplewick Pumping Station – circular received re closure of station during renovation works – details read out.

Sid Paver & Sons Ltd – quotation for play equipment repair/maintenance – to be discussed under playing field.

TurfTrax – information re services offering remediation of recreational surfaces – Noted for future reference – circulated to Playing Field Committee

MOOR POND WOOD

BTCV Conserver magazine Summer 2003

Greenwood Community Forest – Friends meeting 29th September at Brinsley

Newstead Miners Welfare – invoice for IT suite booking

Woodland Trust – Living for Tomorrow newsletter Issue 5 Summer 2003

6. PLANNING

2003/1463 – 57 Main Street (Kitchen extension) - No objections in principle providing reclaimed materials are used for the external walls and roof, and the size of the extension is within current planning guidelines.

2003/1464 – 57 Main Street (Listed Building Consent for Kitchen extension) - ditto-

2003/1523 – Home Farm, Hall Lane (Two storey extension) - No objections in principle providing the size of the extension is within current planning guidelines.

2003/1655 – Ward Cottage, 83 Main Street (Replace sectional Garage) - No objections

7. HIGHWAYS

No specific items were raised. Cllrs felt the Severn Trent Water contractors had undertaken a reasonable job on Main Street and Forest Lane. Cllr Walker said the cleaning up on Moor Road following works had been superb. Clerk reported the traffic lights set up on Main Street had been knocked down in the middle of the night by a motorist and her husband had re-erected them.

8. ANNUAL VILLAGE BONFIRE

Cllr Hull confirmed he had spoken to the members of the Bonfire Committee about the event and a new committee had been set up. The original members had been asked to carry on but two members were unavailable. He had also spoken to Mr Kerr about possible funds from the Papplewick Players. Mr Kerr agreed to check this out with a view to any balance monies being presented to the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group who had expressed interest in helping organise the bonfire. Cllr Hull suggested local businesses be contacted with a view to sponsoring the event and the local farmer to move bonfire material.

Following a detailed discussion it was agreed the Playing Field Committee should run the event on Friday, 7th November and Mr Ian Rosindell be contacted with regard to updating the safety plan for the Chairman to approve prior to the event.

9. ACCOUNTS

(a) **INCOME:** Countryside Agency 56.22

Already paid:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Nett</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
000289	Notts. Wildlife Trust (Subscription)	27.00	-	27.00
000290	Cllr I Griffiths (Chairman's expenses)	20.00	-	20.00
000291	Ordnance Survey (licence fee)	47.50	8.31	55.81
000292	Ricoh UK – photocopier	13.54	2.37	15.91
000293	Cllr S Walker (ink cartridge Parish Plan)	18.49	3.23	21.72
000294	Gedling BC (grass cutting June)	18.48	3.23	21.71
000295	Gedling BC (pavement contribution)	197.14	-	197.14

000296	Gedling BC (pavement contribution VAT)	-	34.50	34.50
000297	Gedling BC (grass cutting July)	18.48	3.23	21.71
000298	BT (Village Hall computer telephone)	31.91	5.58	37.49

To be paid:

000299	Mrs M Barker – Petty Cash		42.30	.58	42.88
	Tel.	- 4.40	-	4.40	
	Postage	- 7.55	-	7.55	
	Plastic Folders	- 3.35	.58	3.93	
	Bus shelter cleaning (10/7 to 4/9)	- 27.00	-	27.00	(9 weeks @ £3)

MOOR POND WOOD ACCOUNTS**Already paid:** NIL**To be paid:** NIL

Chairman proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Cllr Hubbard and agreed.

Clerk informed Cllrs that the Government had agreed Parish Cllrs could be paid allowances and she explained Ashfield District Council had approached its Parish Councils on this matter. It was agreed Gedling BC be approached to clarify its position on this matter.

10. BESTWOOD QUARRY II

Chairman and Cllr Hull reported on the recent site visit they had made with the Clerk, followed by a meeting held at Ravenshead Parish Council office. Cllrs were informed the site was kept in excellent order, especially the entrance and roadway. Unfortunately one of the Listed monuments had been damaged by a fallen branch but Tarmac had again confirmed the Parish Council would be given the opportunity to attend the dismantling and movement of the monument in due course.

Chairman confirmed he had reiterated the Council's wish to see footpaths around the site when it was restored. Tarmac had also agreed to organise a Saturday morning visit for other interested Cllrs. Clerk suggested Cllr McCauley the Gedling District Councillor be invited to the meetings and she agreed to contact him with details.

Cllrs informed the delays in proceeding with the extension were due the Electricity Company not moving electric pylons and cables. Concern was expressed that once the poles and cables were taken down there would be no alternative routing for electricity for a period of two to three months which could have an affect on Mansfield Road properties. Cllr Mrs Roberts agreed to investigate this.

HGV lorries leaving accessing the site were discussed and Tarmac confirmed that any driver contravening the company's ruling would be banned from all its sites.

11. REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Moor Pond Wood

Cllr Walker reported that the Countryside Agency Local Heritage Initiative grant was nearing completion but the group had a wish list for a Phase II application. Grange Cottage Wood still needed to be completed but the area already seeded was growing well including wildflowers. Cllr Walker also confirmed the invertebrate survey was going well. As the pond was at an all time low the opportunity had been taken to excavate the original sluice and arrangements were being made for a lot of the dead timber to be taken out.

Cllrs were informed the Environment Agency had confirmed successful spraying of the invasive Crassula. Cllr Walker reported ways to improve the pond were being considered using the balance of the Powergen grant.

Clerk reported a successful BBQ held in Papplewick Dam and six members of the group had attended the Friends of Greenwood Community Forest BBQ at Burntstump.

(b) Parish Paths Partnership

Cllr Walker confirmed grass cutting had gone ahead on an ad hoc basis and he had asked the farmer to put the fence on Moor Road prior to the seat being reinstated. Cllrs were informed the hedge was overgrown in the section between the woodlands on the Walters Hill path. As a result Cllr Wensley confirmed he had to walk on the road. Chairman agree to speak to Mr Cundy to see if he could arrange for this to be cut back.

Clerk reported on her attendance at a meeting called by Ashfield District Council to discuss Phase II of the Hidden Valley project. She confirmed that a leaflet showing a second circular walk taking in Papplewick parish had been delayed due to problems with access through Newstead Abbey. However, it was anticipated these had now been overcome. Mrs Barker informed Cllrs she felt it had been worth while attending in order to put forward Papplewick's ideas for a 'Steam Theme' which could incorporate footpaths through the parish including those in Moor Pond Wood.

(c) Playing Field

Cllr Hull and the Clerk reported on an inspection of the equipment with Sid Paver & Son to discuss repair of the slide and renovation of other equipment. Clerk recommended to Cllrs that these works should be undertaken and confirmed the quotation of £800 provided by the contractor included the following works:

1. Log Cabin Slide – take off all timbers, renovate, paint and rebuild with new timber.
2. Log Beam Equipment and ball cone – fill all cracks and paint
3. Swings and climbing frame metalwork to be sanded down and painted.
4. Amenity seats – the wood to be sanded down and treated.
5. Netball post – metal to be sanded and repainted.

Clerk confirmed she had tried to contact Gedling BC to obtain a second quotation but despite leaving several messages no contact had been made. Following discussion Chairman proposed acceptance of the quotation, seconded by Cllr Hull and agreed.

(d) **Village Hall**

Cllr Hull reported there would be a meeting the following week. At a previous meeting he had asked the Management Committee if it was interested in taking over the computer. The Committee had asked if the Parish Council would continue to pay for the telephone line rental. Following discussion it was agreed the Council should not undertake this. Cllr Hull confirmed a note had been included in the last newsletter about the closure of the computer facility unless someone came forward to run it but no-one had made contact.

Cllr Walker suggested that if the Management Committee was prepared to run the facility for external users, the Parish Council should consider making a contribution towards the telephone cost for a trial period.

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Walker reported that the roadside grate outside Old Fayling on Main Street was now in a dangerous condition. Gedling to be contacted.

Cllr Walker also reported Prima was changing its service provider and that another server would therefore host the Council's website.

Cllr Walker informed Cllrs that the Parochial Church Council was undertaking a parish mapping exercise as part of a Hucknall churches project. This would look at the distribution of activity centres, housing recreation etc. He confirmed it had been agreed the Parish Council could have access to the information obtained.

Cllr Wensley asked if the Village Hall Committee could be asked to persuade its users not to throw their paper plates etc., over the recreation ground.

Cllr Hull confirmed the newsletter had been sent out, albeit hastily but that the next one would be sent out with assistance from new Cllrs in a more orderly manner in October prior to the bonfire. He asked Cllrs if they were happy with the format, and they confirmed they were.

13. ANY ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Clerk informed Cllrs that it was her intention to give notice and finish as Clerk at the end of the financial year. She felt she was unable to give the position sufficient time to undertake the job efficiently and also the need to relinquish the ever increasing paperwork from her cottage. Mrs Barker informed Cllrs she hoped she was giving sufficient notice to enable a local person to be found who would be committed to the village as she had been. Chairman and Cllrs expressed their regret at the Clerk's decision.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 12th November

