

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 2001**

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

Parishioners: 3 +
Cllr J Lonergan – Notts. County Councillor
PC Andy Vale

OPEN FORUM

PC Andy Vale reported five crimes since the last meeting, three involving thefts from motor vehicles at the Griffins Head. He emphasised the need for items to be placed out of sight.

Mr Wensley of Linby Lane gave a letter to PC Vale detailing a number of points he was concerned about including: speeding cars and motorbikes, position of the deregulation signs, warning signs approaching a 30mph area; speed traps and cameras. These items were discussed at length but due to a lack of resources PC Vale explained only hot spots were targeted and Papplewick was not included.

Mrs Kerr reported the 30mph signs on Forest Lane were obscured. House owner and farmer to be contacted.

Following the installation of traffic calming in the village Chairman asked those present if it had made a difference. The consensus was that there had been an improvement. Chairman confirmed the Council was working towards traffic calming measures for the north and south approaches including a 30mph restriction along Moor Road.

PC Vale confirmed appropriate warning letters would be sent to speeding drivers if registration numbers were passed on.

Mrs Kerr asked if further progress had been made re double white lines on Blidworth Waye. Cllr Womble confirmed County had marked the road for longer white lines but the area did not fit the criteria for double ones. It was understood work would not be undertaken until after the result of the fatality inquest was known.

Cllr Lonergan asked PC Vale the position with regard to the reorganisation. PC Vale understood Arnold would be the Area Command with a possible contact point at Ravenshead. He was still unable to confirm his own working area.

Mrs Kerr asked the Council to consider an extension to the pavement in front of the properties on the east side of Main Street. Cllr Womble suggested this would not be possible without the acquisition of land from property owners or reduction in the road width. Bearing in mind the cost and problems progressing the west side pavement improvement scheme he felt it would be too expensive and would prefer to see the other side improved.

Rubbish in the Linby Lane layby was discussed in view of the temporary closure of the Hucknall tip. Clerk confirmed 'Friends of Moor Pond Wood' to install a fence and Gedling had been approached regarding a 'No Tipping' sign. Mrs Womble reported tyres tipped on Forest Lane.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11TH JULY 2001**

With the addition of PC Andy Vale's name to the attendance list and an amendment to Item 9 (a) to read 'Parish Council resolved' Cllr Walker proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Passey and agreed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Open Forum – Item 1 'Adding Up – Linby School. Clerk confirmed school not proceeding with the project. Cllr Walker pointed out the project had been undertaken on the basis of a planning exercise for the children but with only Papplewick village interested it was felt there was insufficient support for the project.

Matters Arising:

Queen's Golden Jubilee (page 3) Information provided of activities held during other events in the village. It was noted members of the Millennium Committee would help to organise an event. To be on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Passey proposed all residents of Moor Road be included which was agreed.

Moor Road Verge Improvements – Clerk to liaise with Cllr Walker.

Correspondence:

Gedling BC – Local Interest Buildings – The Oaks, Main Street. Letter sent pointing out the relevant features identifying it as a building of local interest.

Access Study for Greenwood Community Forest – Cllrs Hull, Walker, Womble and Clerk attended a meeting at Notts. RCC Offices, Newstead on 19th July. Footpath network discussed and suggestions for additional paths put forward. Cllrs felt it had been worthwhile attending.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ashfield DC planning decision re Barn at Grange Farm

Audit Commission – Councils' Accounts Your Rights

Countryside Agency -Action for Market Towns convention /seminar 8th October

Clerks & Councils Direct July and September 2001

Cornhill Insurance – response to our query re cover for volunteers

CPRE

Newsletter Summer 2001

Press release re Best Kept Village Competition

Confirmation of reaching final round / being runners up in our section of the Best Kept Village Competition

Rural Matters July 2001 issue

DEFRA – Framework for regulations on Local Access Forums – Council's comments forwarded.

East Midlands Development Agency email July 2001

Greenwood C Forest 'Growing Success'

Gedling BC

Planning Dept re Cornerstone Lodge – letter being sent to owner to remove vegetation.

Planning Dept re decision notice re 6 Clover Court

Standards Committee – *Cllrs felt any complaints about Parish Councils should be handled by the Committee and not a specially formed sub committee – Clerk to write.*

Policy Statement on Flood Defences – *Chairman pointed out the flood plane would affect the River Leen and properties near Warp Mill, which in turn will affect the housing in the local plan. Response sent requesting inclusion of river through Linby and corner opposite Papplewick Hall.*

Visibility Splay Cornerstone Lodge, Main Street

Best Value Audit Report – June 2001

Crime & Disorder Partnership – *no comments sent*

Helping Hand Co. – courses at Windsor Racecourse

Help the Aged – Launch of Village Voice on Monday, 3rd September at Telford

Linby PC – copy correspondence with Newstead PC re cemetery provision Chairman *to progress with Chairman of Linby PC.*

Neighbourhood Watch meeting minutes – no mention of Papplewick. *To be included in the Newsletter.*

New Opportunities Fund 'Initiative' Newsletter – June & August 2000

Nottingham Health Authority

Haz News/Notts Youth Organisations' Network – consultation meeting

Community Eye – August / Notts. County Drug & Alcohol Action Team

Gedling Access Group meeting/Notts. Law Society Conference

Notts. CC

Foot and mouth formal opening of all footpaths as from 27th July

Chris Charnley copy letter to Mr Nirmalendran at GBC re A60 footpath

Planning and Property Briefing July/August/September

Feedback on Access Study consultation – information requested following meeting.

Countylink

Strategic Plan 'Building a Future' consultation - **response by 5th October**

Nottinghamshire Heritage News

Notts. Police Authority – poster re 'Custody Visiting Scheme – Recruitment Drive'

Notts. RCC

Confirmation of application dates for South Notts. Local Community Funds
Rural Voice – Summer 2001 – *information being obtained re IT Village of the Year competition.*
Every Penny Counts Newsletter Issue 19 May 2001
WREN 'Funding the Future'
Act (International Year of Volunteers) Notts. Newsletter Issue 2
Training Courses – Disabled Access/Employment Law/Village Hall Conference
Rural Voice September
Vital Villages – meeting with Angie Essom of Countryside Agency – 20th September – *Cllrs Hull, Walker and Womble attending.*
Virtual Village Forum – Thursday, 13th September at East Leake
Monitoring Form for computer equipment grant – *Clerk completed*
Notts. Fire Authority Burning Issues July 2001

Notts. Police Authority

Follow up consultation after meeting with questionnaire for Clerk to complete.
Divisional staffing figures for Hucknall/Eastwood Local Area command
Annual Report 200/2001

Paddy Tipping MP – copy letter to Notts. CC re flooding Moor Rd/Papplewick Lane

Ramblers Association re new footpath Blidworth Way. *Acknowledged by Clerk and Cllr Womble to respond.*

Shell Better Britain 'Interactive' Summer 2001

Sherwood Industries – invoice for typist chair – Village Hall computer

Sovereign – playground equipment company re 'sale' of equipment.

RECEIVED AND DEALT WITH

NALC - Clerk's salary review for June 2001 – referred to Finance Committee

Ricoh UK Ltd- photocopy account to 30th June - £20.90 plus VAT

MOOR POND WOOD

BTCV application forms re insurance and grants /acknowledgement of application
Local Groups Assoc./Joint Local Groups Committee Elections – nomination request
Training courses Sept 2001 to May 2002

Environment Agency letter re outstanding work for Powergen. *Information sent to RSNC as part of final report.*

Gedling BC response re request to tarmac in front of disabled access on Moor Road – referred to Mr Groves

Greenwood Community Forest

Community Conservation Grant received £629.57
'Growing Success' circulated to Steering Committee members

Oakleaf Graphics – interpretation panel info – referred to Steering Committee

Sign Centre – safety signs

E-MAILS:

Various emails from Virtual Village re funding opportunities + conference on 4th October 'Community Accounting Plus' covering issues around managing voluntary and community groups.

Brian Meakin re traffic problems.

Gedling BC - Dean Bellingham re our Local Plan submission and the position of the Sherwood Forest boundary. Cllr Walker pointed out the mature landscape boundary was being used rather than the ancient boundary as per the countryside appraisal document.

4. **HIGHWAYS**

Blidworth Way - Cllr Womble had met Mr G Woods (Gedling engineer) on site to discuss the flooding problem. The grates had since been cleaned out.

Moor Road - Clerk met Mr G Woods to discuss various problems. He had confirmed the grate on Forest Lane (outside No 2 Main Street/opposite Griffins Head) would be cleaned out. Also that flooding on the corner of Moor Road/Papplewick Lane would be tackled when scheduled drainage work was undertaken along Moor Road from No 269 down to the Grange Farm entrance. However, as they were four men down he could not confirm when this would be carried out.

Following the above meetings a letter received from Mr Nirmalendran of Gedling BC stating that as Agents, Gedling could not rectify the problems because 'they are only responsible for the maintenance of the existing infrastructure'. Cllrs felt this was an inadequate response and that maintenance was not being undertaken. Chris Charnley, Notts. CC Highways Manager to be informed cleaning schedule of grates inadequate and confirmation of their schedule to be requested.

Footpath Forest Lane junction to Seven Mile House – Clerk confirmed that Chris Charnley, had put forward this area as a contender for the Community Priorities Budget 2002/3 and Rural Footways Budget.

Chairman reported the footpath from No 43 to 63 Mansfield Road was overgrown with nettles. Clerk to contact Gedling BC.

Linby Lane – work to create layby anticipated during highway works in Linby/Bestwood. Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to Mr Russell of 23 Linby Lane about the missing bollard. No response received – further letter to be sent.

Cllr Orton asked if Severn Trent could be contacted about the leak by the telephone box on Moor Road. This appeared to happen in heavy rain but the flooding was not rain water.

5. **PLANNING**

Gedling Borough Council:

2001/1063 - 51 Linby Lane (two storey extension) **No objections** but point made

that the plan was incorrect, in that there is no 'public footpath' to the rear of this property.

2001/1259 - 52 Main Street (single storey rear extension) **No objections.** However, on the application form it states no trees will be felled but on the plan it states that the applicant will confirm the evergreen trees to be removed. Could you please clarify this point.

2001/1309 – Papplewick Hall (Sundial to south front elevation) **No objections**

Decision Notice - 2001/0797 - 6 Clover Court (garage/porch extension, internal alterations and roof alterations) Application amended to incorporate facing stone to match existing dwelling.

Appeals: 2001/0252 - 145 Moor Road (first floor side extension)
2001/0145/5 - 3, 4 and 5 Hall Mews (rear porches)

Cornerstone Lodge, Main Street – following complaints about the lack of visibility when existing from Church Lane, this had been checked by officers from Gedling and Notts. CC Highways Dept. The Borough Council's legal department being consulted.

Ashfield District Council

2001/0437 - Barn at Grange Farm (barn conversion/alteration) No objections but the following points made:

1. Traditional materials should be used, i.e. no plastic windows.
2. There is no mention within the application of garage or parking facilities. As it is likely that such a large property will need provision for parking/garaging of at least two vehicles we would wish to see a condition to ensure that this is included within the application site. Especially as this is a very busy farm access road used by large machinery.

6. **VILLAGE HALL COMPUTER FACILITY**

Computer equipment now fully connected and operational. Clerk completed Notts. RPA's monitoring report and the first quarter's telephone account had been received. Agreed the facility now needed to be progressed. Cllr Hull confirmed letters sent to all Village Hall users but only one enquiry received. Action: To be included in the next Newsletter; Chairman to speak to Matthew Walster and Cllr Rosindell to set up a meeting of interested Cllrs to discuss way forward.

Cllr Hull confirmed software installed to enable digital camera connection.

7. **VITAL VILLAGES**

Cllr Womble confirmed working group met to discuss outline of the Parish Plan. He then gave a computer presentation of what was proposed. The following headings would form the format of the report: Environment; Housing; Business; Transport; Community Services and Recreation. Draft proposals to be drawn up under these headings for consultation with the following timetable suggested:

September 2001 - February 2001 – compile consultative draft.
March 2001 – launch consultation period at Parish Council meeting.

March-April 2001 – Six week consultation period (Cllrs to have copies for parishioners to see and comment on + public meeting)
 June-September 2002 - Adopt final plan

The working group had budgeted for a total cost of £1,300 with 25% contribution from the Parish Council. Application completed for signature by the Chairman.

8. **VILLAGE BONFIRE**

Cllr Walker proposed permission be given to the bonfire committee to use the playing field, subject to the appropriate safety plan being drawn up and approved by the Chairman as in previous years. Cllr Rosindell agreed to represent the Parish Council.

9. **INSURANCE**

Clerk contacted Cornhill to ascertain if volunteers working in Moor Pond Wood would be covered under the Council's policy. Following receipt of their letter and further discussion between the Clerk and Cllrs Passey/Womble, as there seemed to be some anomalies which could affect volunteers including P3 work, an application had been submitted to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers for insurance cover.

Chairman felt that if taking out the BTCV policy had covered all reasonable risks then he proposed ratification of that action which was unanimously agreed.

10. **ACCOUNTS**

Clerk confirmed the Audit had been finalised and approved accounts would shortly be received.

Income:

Bank interest on deposit account	-	£62.87
HM Customs & Excise – VAT refund 1.4.01/31.7.01	-	£241.89

Accounts paid:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Nett</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
000157	Gedling BC – road closure	330.00	-	330.00
000158	Gedling BC – grass cutting (2 x June)	35.64	6.24	41.88
000159	Ricoh UK – photocopy charges	20.90	3.66	24.56
000160	Moor Pond Wood A/C VAT refund	215.11	-	215.11
000161	BTCV – Insurance Premium	40.00	-	40.00

Accounts to be paid:

000162	Gedling BC – grass cutting (1 x Aug)	17.82	3.12	20.94
000163	BT – Village Hall tel. account	30.61	5.35	35.95
000164	Notts. CC – typist chair (computer)	85.56	14.97	100.53
000165	Petty Cash:	49.58	1.74	51.32
	Telephone	-	9.40	
	Postage	-	6.25	
	Filing Box/stationery	-	9.93	
	Bus Shelter	-	24.00	(8 weeks @ £3, 12/7-30/8)

MOOR POND WOOD ACCOUNTS TO 11TH JULY 2001

<u>Income:</u>	Bank Interest	-	£5.50
	Greenwood Community Forest Grant	-	£629.57
	Papplewick PC VAT refund 2000/01	-	£215.11
	HM Customs & Excise VAT refund 1.4.01-31.7.01	-	£1,188.84
	RSNC – Final payment of Powergen grant	-	£4,990.00

Accounts paid:

000016	5th Hucknall Scouts – workday photos	10.00	-	10.00
000017	North Notts. Landscapes	£1,200.10	211.75	£1,421.75
000018	Papp & Linby V.Hall hire 27/7	7.00	-	7.00
000019	Environ Agency – 3 sprayings	£2,736.00	478.80	£3,214.80
000020	Nottm University – archaeologist (desk top study)	995.00	174.13	£1,169.13

Accounts to be paid:

000021	Papp & Linby V.Hall hire 31/8	7.00	-	7.00
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Cllr Womble asked for clarification of chq 000017 to North Notts Landscape. Clerk confirmed it was for the purchase of disabled access gates/fencing. He also queried the cost of the archaeologist. Cllr Walker/Clerk confirmed the total included a contingency plus the educational day when two local schools visited the site.

Chairman confirmed that he was one of the signatories on all large cheques, which was important as an internal audit measure.

Clerk reported a particularly high telephone account in respect of email connections. She had requested an itemised account to check this and would claim an appropriate amount at the next meeting. It was noted that as all Cllrs were now on email there would be a cost increase.

Chairman proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded Cllr Passey and agreed.

11. **NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Hull requested items for the next edition. Agreed this should be produced by the 28th September. Cllrs to forward items/information for inclusion.

12. **REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- (a) **Moor Pond Wood** – Cllr Walker confirmed 'Friends' meetings organised for the last Friday of each month and the AGM on 28th September, at which a group member will be showing his birds of prey. He confirmed the group would be working to a short-term action plan, as the major works could not be undertaken until the autumn. A calendar of meetings with speakers and educational working parties being compiled.

The 'Friends' had installed a second disabled access gate plus chicane entrance on Papplewick Lane. A start was to be made on clearing the Grange Cottage site to

find out exactly what was needed. Ashfield DC being approached in case planning permission was needed to tip soil onto the site in order to regenerate it.

Events organised included 'Fungi' walk at 2.00 pm on Sunday, 30th September and Concert on 5th October at the Village Hall when the Shirland Band's 'mini-minstrels' training band would be performing with proceeds to the project.

Funding – Clerk confirmed a number of applications were being completed in respect of further funding towards disabled pathways, new paling fencing on Moor Road, seeding and strimmer.

- (b) **Parish Paths Partnership** – Cllr Womble confirmed the Strategy document consultation period ends 30th September. The next meeting would be on the 9th October and an account for cutting the Stanker Hill corridor section had been received from the contractor. It was noted that the VAT would need to be apportioned between Papplewick & Linby.
- (c) **Playing Field** – Cllr Orton reported work needed to the fence between the field and the Village Hall carpark. Cllr Hull estimated the cost at £85 for timber. The Committee recommended a new post and rail fence be installed. Wire along the rails was suggested for extra strength. Working party suggested to consider other remedial works including uneven slabs and pruning conifers. As part of the Moor Pond Wood project Cllr Walker confirmed that the 'Friends' were going to install a planked bridge across the leat from the wood to the south west corner of the recreation ground.
- (d) **Village Hall** – Cllr Passey reported that although work had been undertaken as part of the subsidence claim, an expert had inspected the main hall floor and the problem identified as the builder's responsibility. Forthcoming social events included a Barn Dance on the 22nd September and Tramps Supper on the 10th November.

13. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Orton reported that the hedge just below the Papplewick Lane entrance to Moor Pond Wood needed cutting back. Farmer to be contacted.

Cllr Walker reported overgrown vegetation on the footpath between Papplewick and Linby. Clerk to contact Gedling BC.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 14th November

Meeting closed at approximately 10.00 pm