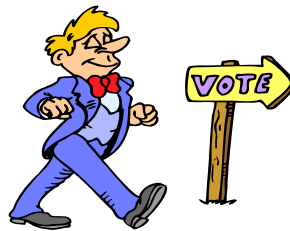


# ***PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL***

## ***NEWSLETTER      EDITION 30      April 2007***

It has been a very busy year so far for the Parish. Spring has sprung and there are lots of ambitious plans to get the year off to a good start. Ideas are always welcome from parishioners, as are comments and observations, the more response we have the more we have a consensus of opinion regarding village affairs. At the beginning of each Parish Council Meeting time is allocated for an open forum for all residents to air their opinions or bring to the meeting anything that they wish for the Council to take action on. You do not have to stay for the whole of the Parish Council meeting! So if you have any ideas, projects, comments or are concerned with anything that is happening, or not, in the village, take half an hour to come to the next meeting and tell us about it.

It was excellent to have so many people turn up for the Parish Council meeting in November 2006 to discuss traffic problems. Thank you to all whom helped in collecting evidence to present to Gedling Borough and Nottingham City Councils.



### **Council Elections**

The local government elections take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A number of long serving parish councillors will not be seeking re-election and new recruits are needed from all parts of Papplewick if we are to continue looking after the well being of this parish. The duties of a councillor are varied and each has their own particular interest in the administration of the village: upkeep of the footpaths, finance, planning, liaising with the borough council, playing field, police and community groups, funding for projects – the scope is varied and interesting. To be a councillor you need to live or work in or near the parish and be nominated by two parishioners. You must also be a British citizen and free of any major criminal convictions. Contact the Electoral Registrations Officer at Gedling Borough Council if you require further details or a nomination form (tel:- 0115 9013917 or e-mail:- [elections@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:elections@gedling.gov.uk)) Nomination forms are also available from the clerk.

## **Skatepark**



Playdale are to install the skate equipment in May. Installation has had to be put off due to the awful weather making the grass on the park boggy. Apart from a generous donation from The Enterprise Group, we also secured a grant of £17,175 from Waste Recycling Group (WRG), administered and distributed by Waste Recycling Environment (WREN).

The skate park has been designed and installed, to the latest specification by British Standards, and the Parish Council will ensure it is maintained and inspected accordingly. Please make sure your youngsters are aware of the conditions of use, new signs are to be available soon on the park.

An additional hangout shelter, commando climbing frame, interactive playboards and additional waste bins have been applied for under the Big Lottery Fund. We have been successful in Phase I and are awaiting the result of Phase II in the next few months. The Enterprise Group have also applied for funding for a combined slide and multifame for 3 – 8 year olds. It is hoped that if our bids are successful the present slide and commando frame can be eventually replaced with the new equipment.

Just in time for the better weather we have had two new picnic benches installed on the playing field which should make watching the children at play more pleasant, especially if picnics are brought along. The benches are made from recycled plastic bottles; it takes 2,000 bottles to make one bench!

## **Village Hall**

Extra CCTV cameras have been installed at the Village Hall following on from the success of the initial installation, and the alarm system has been upgraded. A number of cautions and prosecutions have resulted from the CCTV cameras, which provide extremely clear pictures of the car park and beyond. All acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour caught on the cameras are given to the police to take further action.

The present caretaking team of Kath and John Stokes are to retire, for the second time. Their good work has been much appreciated, but the Village Hall Management Committee is looking for a new caretaking team. If anyone is interested in this position please contact Brian Clarke on the Village Hall booking number:- 07817 649643

## **Police Group**

Andy Vale, our local community constable, is to lead a group to discuss crime concerns in the parishes of Linby & Papplewick, Newstead and Bestwood. Meetings are to held in which priorities can be set, according to each village. Priorities can change according to how successful targets are reached and each village will have their turn at 'priority policing'. At the Parish Council meeting car crime, speeding, fly tipping and a lack of police visibility were of concern. If you have any further ideas on policing in the village or would be interested in joining the group please contact the clerk.

## **Website**

Please notify the Webmaster if your group has any events to advertise. Changes to your group or committee can also be forwarded to the Webmaster for inclusion on the Parish Website ([www.papplewick.org](http://www.papplewick.org)) Please help to keep the information up to date.

## **Parish Council Accommodation**

The Council consistently strives to improve the service it offers to the community. At present we have nowhere to call home and the Council's property is spread amongst the councillors and clerk. It is often necessary to hold committee meetings and meet representatives from outside bodies in less than ideal conditions.

The Council is therefore looking for suitable premises in the parish to use as a small office, meeting room and access point for members of the public, either for purchase or rental. If you have any buildings that might be suitable for this purpose please contact the Chairman on 01623 798722

## **Recycling**

Gedling Borough Council informs us that there have been some changes to the types of plastics that can be included in the green bin. Only plastic bottles and clean yoghurt pots can now be included. Other plastics, even if they carry the recycleable logo, are not included in the scheme. Contact [recycling@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@gedling.gov.uk) or telephone 0115 9013621 for further information.

Regulations came into effect at the beginning of the year that mean car and van owners will no longer have to pay for their old vehicles to be scrapped. Manufacturers are now responsible for disposing of the cars they made. Further details can be found at [www.autogreen.org](http://www.autogreen.org) and [www.cartakeback.com](http://www.cartakeback.com)

## **Newsletter Sponsorship**

Following on from the successful Enterprise Group and Parish Councils Bonfire Leaflet the Parish Council is offering an A6 advertising space in the Parish Newsletter for £25. Would your company like to sponsor the Village Newsletter? The circulation is in excess of 360 households. For further details contact Janet Robinson 9632430

## **DIARY DATES**

Village Ladies Quiz Night - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Contact Carol Spencer 9635455

Papplewick Village Fete – Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm. Contact Claire Hardstaff 9638512

The Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group Gardens Open Afternoon, Papplewick Village - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Contact Janet Robinson 9632430

**Next Council meeting is on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm  
All parishioners welcome**

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