

Public Meeting **Regarding Papplewick Conservation Area**

Village Hall, Thursday, 17th February 2011, 7.00pm

All Parishioners Welcome

Gedling Borough Council has recently carried out a Character Appraisal of the Conservation Area. Originally established in 1973, the Conservation Area is designed to protect those areas of the parish which are of special architectural or historic interest. It currently includes all of Main Street and parts of Linby Lane, Moor Road, Hall Lane and Blidworth Way.

As a result of the Character Appraisal, Gedling now intend to extend the Conservation Area to include all properties on Linby Lane (including Castle Mill), those on Forest Lane up to number 68, Hall Lane (including the Walled Garden) and an additional section of Blidworth Way. Gedling are also proposing a number of other minor extensions to either side of Main Street. The proposed Management Strategy introduces an Article 4 Direction which would remove certain permitted development rights to residential properties.

As these proposals could have implications for affected properties for years to come, it is important that everyone involved is aware of the scheme and has an opportunity to raise any queries they may have. Maps detailing the proposed changes will be available to view before the meeting. In addition, before sending our response to Gedling the Parish Council needs to know what you think. Are the proposed extensions too large or too small? Should the Area be extended at all? - let us know what you think.

To see the Appraisal document and comment on the proposals visit www.gedling.gov.uk/index/pe-home/pe-lp-home.htm Consultation will run until 17th March 2011.



Lorry Watch

Trading Standards are continuing their push against vehicles contravening the weight limit on Forest Lane, Linby Lane, Main Street and Blidworth Way. On 20th December a driver was fined £300 by Nottingham Magistrates after pleading guilty to two charges of breaching the 7.5t weight limit on Forest Lane. He also had to pay £100 in costs. Lorrywatch can make a difference and NCC now intend to roll out the scheme at various other locations across the county. If you wish to join see www.papplewick.org/lorrywatch_index.html for more information.

Both the Parish Council and County Council are grateful to the people who have volunteered to take part in this scheme. Without your assistance it would not be a success. Many thanks.

Parish Clerk

We regret to announce the resignation of Kay Mackenzie as Parish Clerk. Kay has served the parish enthusiastically and efficiently over the last two years and her presence around the parish will be sadly missed. The Mackenzie family leave Papplewick to live abroad and we wish them every success for the future.

As a result of Kay's departure, the Parish Council are looking to recruit a new clerk. The Clerk is responsible for ensuring that all provisions governing the Parish Council are complied with. He or she also prepares and distributes agendas for meetings and attends the meetings to prepare minutes. As Responsible Financial Officer the Clerk maintains the Council's financial records and submits them for audit. It is a varied and interesting part-time role amounting to some 8 hours per week on average. Previous experience is not essential but a willingness to take an interest in parish affairs most certainly is! The role attracts a salary of £19,126 per annum pro rata or £9.94 per hour.

Anyone interested in this position should contact the Chairman, Cllr. David McCracken, on 0115 963 2940 for an information pack. Closing date for applications - 4.00pm 28th February.

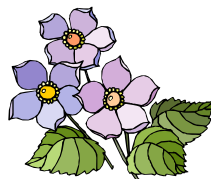
New Councillors

Following our request for volunteers, Jean Lewis and Laurence Montgomery have stepped forward to fill the two vacant seats by co-option.

Adopt a Papplewick Planter (free) Scheme

PLLEG (Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise group) have installed 7 new planters around Papplewick village centre, on Moor Road and outside Papplewick Lodge to make the village more attractive at all times of the year and to provide swathes of colour on main routes through the village in the summer. As well as making the village a more attractive place to be, there is also some evidence from other parts of the country that a well kept village helps to deter bad driving - drivers tend to be more respectful and slow down slightly, for example.

They have been placed near to the houses of people who have adopted them - who will generally nurture them and more crucially, water them in the summer months. All planting will be carried out by Enterprise group members. If you think there is enough space and would like to adopt a Planter near your house, please get in touch with Maggie Else 07740845474 or Richard Hull 0115 9681968 to organise it.



The planters have been funded by PLLEG with profits from fundraising events such as Open Gardens and Bonfire Event and a generous donation from Cllr. Barnfather.

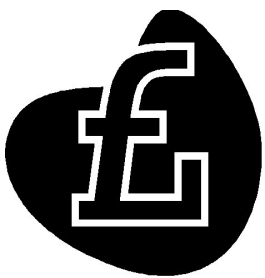


Forest Lane Resurfacing

We have been notified by Notts. County Council Highways that resurfacing of Forest Lane will take place over a three week period commencing on 14th February. Traffic management arrangements are likely to be in place during these works so delays seem inevitable.

Forest Lane/Mansfield Road Junction

You may have heard in November last year that Notts. County Council were proposing improvements at this junction following some 16 injury accidents over a five year period. For many years now the Parish Council has been attempting to persuade the highway authority (Notts. County Council) to do something to improve conditions at this junction. We therefore welcome this initiative and hope that no more accidents will occur before work begins. We are now be pressing the County Council to implement these proposals at an early date.



Finance

The Council's Finance Committee met in October last year to prepare a budget for 2011-12 and to make recommendations regarding the Council Tax precept. Each year we carefully analyse our spending to ensure that we get value for money. If we have to raise more money from you, our parishioners, we only do so if there is a clear and identified need. The Committee's recommendations were subsequently approved at the full Council meeting on 10th November. Despite a 13.8% drop in the level of Revenue Aid we receive from Gedling Borough Council, it has subsequently been decided to keep the precept at the same level for 2011-12 as for 2010-11.

Moor Pond Wood

The Friends of Moor Pond Wood have continued to make steady progress on the project. You may have noticed that marker posts have been erected to relate to the points on the new audio trail. The recordings for this are already on the website if you would like to review them. At the Papplewick Lane entrance we have made some progress with landscaping the area around the paths and by the pond outfall.

Over the next few months a new path and viewing area will be created here. The interpretation panels for the bridge have finally been completed, and will be installed any day soon. March marks the 10th anniversary of the project. Watch out for our special events throughout the month, and why not join us at the 10th anniversary celebration in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th March?



Have you noticed?

Linby Lane has been fitted out with brand new noticeboard. Obtained through the County Council's Local Improvement Scheme. The previous noticeboard has been moved to Moor Road to replace the old dilapidated one.

Diamond Jubilee

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012.

Celebrations will centre around an extended weekend on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. Should the parish celebrate this event in some way? If so, how? We would welcome your suggestions. However, the Department for Culture has indicated that celebrations should reflect current economic conditions.

Redhill Ladies Hockey Club

Redhill Ladies Hockey Club is looking for new players, umpires and coaches. They train on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm at Southglade Leisure centre and play matches on Saturdays. If you are interested or want to know more please contact Emily Spencer at redhill.ladies.hockey@live.co.uk.

And Finally - Our Thanks

To members of the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group and Linby Parish Council for assisting with yet another successful and hugely enjoyable Bonfire and Fireworks event last November.

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, 17th February 2011 at 8.00pm
to consider our response to the Conservation Area Appraisal
The ensuing Council meeting and Annual Parish Assembly will be on
Wednesday, 9th March 2001 at 7.15pm
All parishioners welcome

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