

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

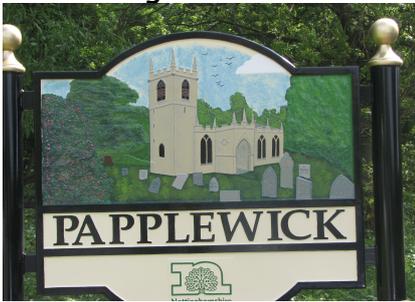
NEWSLETTER

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Local Improvement Scheme Latest

Our new signs have arrived at last! Notts. County Council have gifted these signs to the Parish Council as part of their Local Improvement Scheme initiative. Manufactured by Nottinghamshire sign makers, Malcolm Lane & Son Ltd. of Cropwell Bishop, each sign is of cast alloy and has been carefully hand-painted. These unique signs mark the four entrances to the village with their own individual representation of an important parish feature.

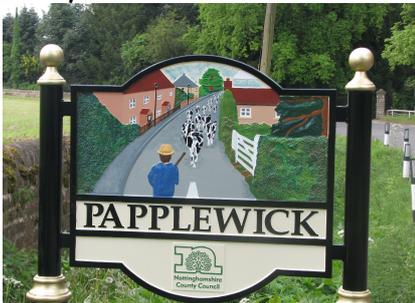
Unfortunately, the sign on Forest Lane was demolished within 24 hours of installation by a car leaving the road. It is currently being repaired and we hope to have it back in place soon.



Linby Lane - St. James' Church



Forest Lane - the Pumping Station



Main Street - Main Street



Moor Road - Moor Pond Wood

Welcome to our New Parish Clerk

Following the article in Newsletter 42, the Council were pleased to receive several expressions of interest and three full applications for the position of Clerk to the Council.



Importantly, a number of applicants lived within the parish and were therefore in direct contact with day-to-day parish matters. Our final decision was not an easy one.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Laura Poole as our new Clerk. Laura began work for the Council in April. She brings a wealth of administrative experience to the role and has lived locally for many years.

New Councillors

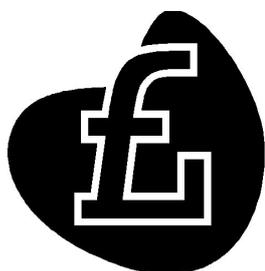
At the local elections in May five out of seven existing parish councillors put themselves forward for re-election. However, because there were insufficient candidates to fill the number of seats on the Council, those candidates standing were appointed without election. A further councillor has since been recruited by co-option. Unfortunately, the Parish Council

is once again short-staffed and we need a volunteer to step forward and contribute towards running the parish. Anyone interested in being co-opted to the Council, or is willing to help out with committee work, should contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Papplewick Conservation Area

Around 30 people attended the Public Meeting in the Village Hall on 17th February. A majority of parishioners attending this meeting were in favour of measures to further protect the village but others could not see any benefit. Several people referred to the development at Blacksmith's Court as being a poor example of development within a Conservation Area and which had been readily permitted by the Borough Council. Concern was expressed that the proposals did nothing to protect the surrounding countryside which defines Papplewick's rural character. Various other issues were raised regarding Gedling's Consultative Draft Appraisal document. It was agreed to incorporate them into the Parish Council's formal response which has since been completed and sent to Gedling. We are now waiting to hear how the Borough Council propose to address these issues.

Finance



Last year the Parish Council spent a total of £21,673. Some of the larger items of expenditure were -

£8,166 - New equipment for the Playing Field

£1,771 - Insurance

£4,837 - to fund various works in connection with Moor Pond Wood

£3,402 - Clerk's salary

£825 - Fireworks

£750 - Donations to St. James' Church, Papplewick Cricket Club, Pumping Station and Papplewick Day Centre.

We funded this expenditure mainly by raising money through the Council Tax precept (£6,675), a revenue grant aid from Gedling Borough Council (£4,203), donations from the Leisure Enterprise Group towards the Playing Field roundabout and fireworks (£7,665) and grants from our district and county councillors totalling £625.

Our accounts are currently being audited both internally and then externally.

Moor Pond Wood



Congratulations to the Moor Pond Wood Steering Group for hosting a highly successful day of celebrations to mark 10 years of this important project. Established as one of the Parish Council's Millennium projects, since that milestone the Steering Group has succeeded in securing around £100,000 in grant money. These funds have been used to create better public access, enhance biodiversity, build a better wildlife habitat, and investigate much of the interesting archaeology around the site.

As part of the day's events, a detailed model of the water system from Papplewick Dam to beyond Grange Farm was unveiled and is on permanent display in the Village Hall. Built by Robin Barton, the model depicts the area as it would have appeared during the late 18th Century.

Future developments in Moor Pond Wood will now be handled by the Steering Group and the Parish Council has passed to them all remaining monies allocated to this project. New

members are always welcome see <http://moorpond.papplewick.org/Friends.html> or call 0115 963 2057.

Summer Events

Play Day There will be another fun-filled Play Day on Wednesday, 27th July, 1pm until 4pm. Amongst the attractions available on the Playing Field will be crazy golf, BMX bikes/go-carts, and a Bouncy Castle. We also hope to have the County Council's Road Safety Team, Gem 106 Radio and an ice-cream van in attendance. Other activities are still being planned. Car parking will be available at the Griffin's Head, by kind permission of the landlord. Please park on the rear grass field.

Open Gardens The Leisure Enterprise Group will be holding their annual Open Gardens Day in Linby this year - see their advertisement on the back page for further details. All proceeds to the Linby Millennium Fund.

National Archaeology Weekend Grange Cottage Wood will be the subject of an archaeological dig to learn more about the system of leats and water storage areas which served Old and New Mills two centuries ago. Starting at 10am on Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th July, and organised by the Moor Pond Wood Steering Group, professional guidance will be on hand from the Trent & Peak Archaeological Unit. Come along and have a dig into your past!

Open Churches Weekend As part of the Diocesan Church History project, St. James' and St. Michael's churches will both be open to the public between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 16th July. On Sunday 17th July, Holy Communion will take place at St. Michael's from 10am with evening prayer at St. James' taking place at 6.30pm. Both churches will again be open between 2pm and 5pm that same day.

Playing Field

Thanks to the generosity of the Papplewick and Linby Leisure Enterprise Group and Cllr. Chris Barnfather we have been able to install another item of exercise equipment on the Playing Field. The Xerscape Body Twister has been supplied by Wicksteed at an inclusive cost of £2,769.30. Apart from the Leisure Enterprise Group's contribution of £2,200, we have also received £450 from Cllr. Barnfather's discretionary fund. Many thanks to both!



We hope to have additional facilities ready for Play Day as a result of a further bid to the County Council's Local Improvement Scheme. These include new swings, a play path and much improved rest area. Regrettably, this means that certain sections of the Playing Field will be closed off during the course of these works. Please bear with us while these improvements are carried out.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour continue to be a problem. An irresponsible few are spoiling it for the great many kids who enjoy this facility. Information about possible culprits and CCTV footage have been passed to the police. If you know who these people are, please contact PCSO Chris Shaw on 0300 300 9999 Extn. 8563470.

Papplewick Planter Scheme



The Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group have agreed funding for additional flower tubs, one on Moor Road, one on Main Street and two opposite the Pumping Station.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

Since joining P3 in 1996, the Parish Council has received an annual grant to undertake grass cutting and other minor maintenance work on public footpaths within the parish. Unfortunately, due to changes in funding priorities at County Hall, we have not been invited to apply for funding this year. In the circumstances, the annual grass cutting at Stanker Hill will not be able to take place.

Lorrywatch



Trading Standards have successfully prosecuted another lorry driver for contravening the weight limit on Forest Lane. During an enforcement day on 26th November last year the driver was observed going through the restriction on four occasions. He was fined £200 plus £100 costs. The trial scheme here at Papplewick has been so successful the County Council will now use our experience to extend Lorrywatch to seven other parishes around the county.

And Finally - Our Thanks

To the County Council's contractors who planed off and resurfaced Forest Lane so expeditiously. They managed to re-open it to traffic within a week of its closure.

Next Council meeting will be on 13th July 2011 at 7.15pm

All parishioners welcome

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2 - 5pm

Sunday 26th June

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