

Elections for Parish Councillors

The General Election will be held on 7th May. At the same time, if sufficient people have stepped forward, elections will also be held for councillors serving on Papplewick Parish Council. As a number of our existing members will be stepping down, vacancies have arisen. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please see the accompanying flyer.

Use Your Votes X

In the event that insufficient people stand to occupy all seven Council seats, we will be looking for willing volunteers from any part of the parish to come forward and help out. The duties of a councillor are interesting and varied and all of us have our own particular interest in the administration of the parish: upkeep of the Playing Field, finance, highways, planning, funding for projects or editing this Newsletter! Councillors also represent the Council on other bodies in which we have an interest including the Friends of Moor Pond Woods, Village Hall Committee and Julien Cahn Homes.

To be a councillor you need to live or work in or within three miles of the parish. You must also be a British citizen and free from any major criminal convictions. Why not visit our next Council meeting to see us in action?

Elections also take place for Gedling Borough councillors. Following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission, Papplewick now falls within the Newstead Abbey ward. Votes can be cast at any voting station within the ward, including Papplewick and Ravenshead Village Halls.

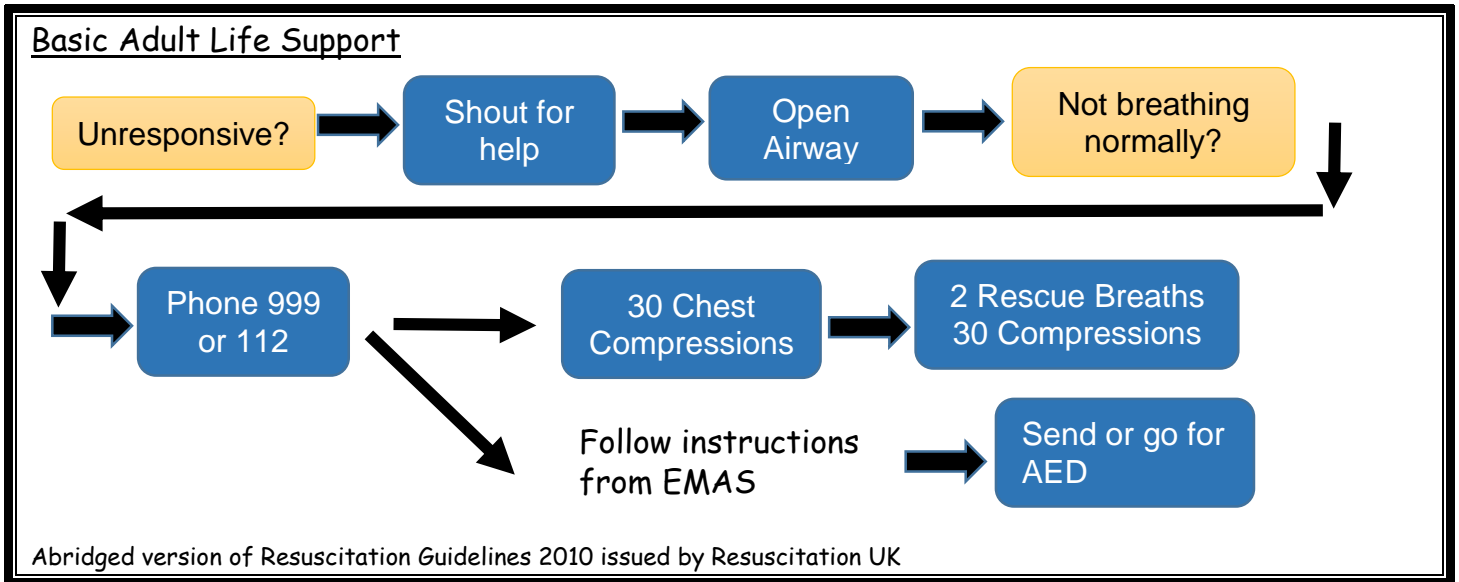
Defibrillator



Although not everyone can be saved from sudden cardiac arrest, studies show that early defibrillation can dramatically improve survival rates. Graham Whitehead from the charity Community Heartbeat Trust attended the Council's January meeting. During the course of a presentation, he described how a defibrillator machine works in practice. The machines require no training to use and provide clear audible instructions to the operative throughout all necessary steps. It then assesses the patient and decides whether or not to administer a shock. Mr. Whitehead emphasised how using these machines can radically improve the chances of a recovery from around 6% of heart attack victims when not available to up to 50% when put into use.

Afterwards, the Council decided to purchase a defibrillator machine for installation on the exterior of the Village Hall. The model purchased, a Lifepak CR Plus, manufactured by Physio Control, is compatible with similar equipment used by EMAS and has cost £1,416.

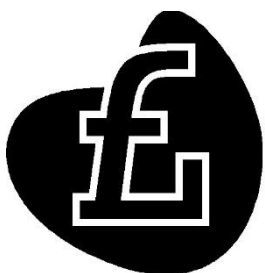
The machine is fully automatic with a simple two-step process that gives the first person to respond to a cardiac arrest the confidence they need to help save a life. A responder only needs to turn on the device and apply the electrode pads to the victim. The fully automatic nature of the machine is designed to deliver a shock only if it determines a heart needs it. No one even needs to press a shock button.



The defibrillator is located in the Village Hall porch, on the right hand side, in a bright yellow container. It can only be accessed by obtaining a code from EMAS when dialling 999.



We have received kind donations towards the cost of purchase from Hucknall Probus group (£100), Friends of Moor Pond Wood (£155), Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group (£250), the Marshall family (£100) and Village Ladies (£35). We are also grateful to the Village Hall Management Committee for permission to install this equipment on their building. On behalf of the parish, we extend our grateful thanks to all the individuals and organisations who have contributed towards this potentially life-saving equipment.



Finance

During the Council's meeting in January, the precept for 2015-16 was set at £9,819. Recommendations regarding insurance, banking arrangements, appointment of our internal auditor and a review of the Council's risk management policy by the Finance Committee were all accepted.

The precept works out at £35.31 per annum for a Band D property out of a total of £1,678.36 levied by Gedling Borough Council on behalf of the various authorities they collect Council Tax for. The precept per household in Papplewick is nearly half that paid by residents in Linby (£68.37).

The Council's Account balance at 27th February 2015 was £16,420.05 with the Term deposit account balance standing at £15,601.89. These balances have been accumulated over several

years, mainly to ensure funds are available for the long-term future of the Playing Field, and the Council is opening a dedicated account for this purpose.

Annual Parish Assembly

In his report to the Annual Parish Assembly, Chairman Cllr. David McCracken, said that the Council had remained active, in conjunction with Linby Parish Council, in fighting Gedling's housing plans for the area because both parishes will suffer from such large developments.

- He stated that the final flower bed in the sensory garden project was now in situ and had utilised the last railway sleepers obtained from Ruddington Heritage Centre.
- On Parish Council finances, he said that they reflect the good money management we have implemented during the past few years (the Council has again received an unqualified report from our external auditors) and that a dedicated bank account was being established for future Playing Field upgrades.
- David added that the annual Play Day event supported by Gedling Borough Council and Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group continues to astound us by its popularity, as does the annual Bonfire and Firework evening. He also commented on the defibrillator (see above) and looked forward to seeing new members on the Council after the election with refreshing ideas for parish work.

The Council would like to place on record its thanks and appreciation to David for all his hard work as Chairman over the last three years.



Road Works

Notts. County Council have announced the following road works:

- B6011 Forest Lane between the Crossroads and A60 Mansfield Road will be **CLOSED**. This involves all traffic including pedestrians, cyclists and emergency services from 08.00 Hours on Monday 30th March 2015 until 17.00 Hours on Friday 17th April 2015 for the replacement of a failing culvert. Anticipate long delays on surrounding roads.
- Burntstump Hill between the A60 Mansfield Road, Papplewick and A614 Ollerton Road, Calverton. These works will take place between 27th and 29th May, and 8th and 9th June for surface dressing. No Overtaking and 30 mph speed limit will apply from 27th May until 8th June 2015.
- Ash Lane, Papplewick. From its junction with Burntstump Hill eastwards for a distance of 50m. The same dates and restrictions will apply as above.

Dates for your Summer Diary

Friday, 5th May - Village Ladies Quiz Night. Contact Carol Spencer (0115 963 5455) for details.

2.00-5.00pm, Sunday, 10th May - The Royal British Legion will be holding a VE Day Celebration Street Party in the Village Hall (outside weather permitting). Bring your own 1940's themed picnic tea with admission tickets available on the gate at £3 adults, £1 children and under 3's free (tea, coffee and soft drinks included). The Nottingham Ukelele Orchestra will be present together with a Punch and Judy Show and children's entertainer. 1940's fancy dress optional but Papplewick Village Ladies will be organising a competition.

Sunday, 28th June - Annual Linby -v- Papplewick cricket match at Papplewick Cricket Club's ground, Hall Lane.

Sunday, 26th July - Open Gardens in Linby organised by Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group.

Wednesday, 29th July - (First day of the school holidays) Play Day on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Linby Lane, organised by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Leisure Enterprise Group.

Charity POhWER

POhWER provide the following advocacy services throughout Nottingham and Nottinghamshire under the Your Voice, Your Choice umbrella: NHS Complaints Advocacy, Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) and Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy and Community Advocacy (in partnership with Age UK). All of these services can be accessed by calling Your Voice, Your Choice on 0300 020 0093.

The NHS Complaints Advocacy Service provided by POhWER is a free and independent service helping people to raise their NHS complaint using the formal processes available. The service is not part of, or funded by, the NHS and as such they remain impartial to help those who have experienced problems with their NHS care and treatment, or a family member or friend to raise this on their behalf.

Anyone who wishes to make a complaint or raise a concern regarding NHS care has the right to do so, and POhWER supports all members of the community to do this, including people in prisons and secure accommodation.

The service helps people through the complaints process by providing information, advice and guidance about their rights/options within the formal complaint system. Where people require additional assistance, an experienced and qualified advocate is assigned to support people through the complaint process - and through to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman if required.

Further regional information regarding help from this charity can be found at: <http://www.pohwer.net/in-your-area/where-you-live/index>.

Need Some Help?

For older residents living in the parish, the following charities are here to provide help:

<p>The AGE UK Advice Line - 0800 169 6565 - is open 8am-7pm, 365 days a year for help with: Money, Benefits, Retirement, Mobility, Care Homes, Staying independent, Health and wellbeing, Combating loneliness. More information is available from www.ageuk.org.uk</p>	<p>The Silver Line Helpline - 0800 4 70 80 90 - www.thesilverline.org.uk Available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Offer information, friendship and advice▪ Link callers to local groups and services▪ Offer regular befriending calls▪ Protect and support those who are suffering abuse and neglect
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And Finally - Our Thanks

To those organisations and individuals listed above for their kind and generous support of the defibrillator project.

Next Council meeting and AGM will be on 13th May 2015 at 7.15pm

All parishioners welcome

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