

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 11th JULY 2007

Present: **Cllr Mr C Womble (Chairman)**
 Cllr Mrs S Roberts
 Cllr Mrs J Robinson
 Cllr Mr D Clayton

Absent **Cllr Mr B Zinn**

Parishioners 5

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm

OPEN FORUM

Andy Bowers, Gedling BC. Leisure Resources Manager, advised the meeting that a Play Partnership had been set up, designed to join up the various play related groups within Gedling. Some Government funding was available and groups were invited to make bids. A portfolio of bids presented to the Big Lottery fund in March had been successful. Limited funding for outreach workers may be available. For further bids to be successful formal SLA's between Gedling BC and Parish Councils would be required. A further condition is that work had to commence by December 2007.

Mr Bowers suggested the setting up of a small working group of Parish Council Representatives to work with him produce a suitable SLA (this would need to be vetted by the Big Lottery fund). The chairman, Cllr Mr C Womble suggested that the existing Playing Field Committee members should form the working group. Initial bids should comprise of two wooden climbing frames and interactive notice boards plus a teenage shelter and litter bins.

Cllr Mr D Clayton reported that he had met with Wendy Morris, the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and would report back on progress at the next Council meeting.

PC Andy Vale, local beat manager informed the meeting that 19 crimes had been recorded since the last meeting. Fourteen of these involved crimes against motor vehicles mainly in the parking area adjacent to the Burnstump Inn. The owners of the property were looking at installing CCTV.

A brief discussion took place on the continuing traffic speeding issues. The analysis of traffic data was not yet available. PC Vale advised that one constable had been trained on the use of a speed gun (currently being shared with another police district). The gun could be used in Papplewick and he undertook to investigate its availability.

It was noted that in Woodborough interactive 'Thank You' signs triggered by vehicles travelling within the speed limit had been installed and it was felt that these were more effective in reducing traffic speeds. PC Vale agreed to investigate the availability of such signs and feed back.

PC Vale advised that a PCSO was still not available, the previous incumbent having been transferred to the City Division. The clerk was asked to write to the Divisional Commander expressing the Council's concerns.

There are still issues with footpath maintenance and fly tipping. Trees at Walters Hill are currently being felled on safety grounds. New trees will be planted but existing under planting will not be replaced. Concern was also raised regarding overgrown grass along the footpath between Church Lane and River Leen (Papplewick 1) which was being used as a route to Linby School. The clerk was asked to write NCC about having the grass cut and pointing out that this was on a "route to school".

The MPW group were holding an open day in the Village Hall on Saturday, 6th October.

Cllr Mrs Patricia Andrews, the newly appointed Gedling BC councillor for Newstead joined the meeting and advised on the planning application at 175 Mansfield Road. The Planning Committee agreed unanimously to reject the application to site gypsy caravans on Land at the rear on the address.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mr B Zinn

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs J Robinson declared an interest in respect of the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise group.

3. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9TH MAY 2007

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting subject to minor changes.

4. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

No volunteers came forward and there was no discussion on this subject.

5. MATTERS ARISING

NCC had agreed to attend to the flooding issues on Mansfield Road once resources become available.

Cllr. Mrs J Robinson agreed to undertake editing of the next newsletter.

The clerk has written to the Severn Trent Water Area Estates Manager regarding placement of the notice board on Mansfield Road. The response is still awaited.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from NALC regarding training opportunities for new councillors which Cllr Zinn has since attended.

7. ACCOUNTS.

Parish Council General

Income

£ 112.99 GAG5

share of Funds returned
on close down

£ 171.50 NCC

P3 contribution

Expenditure

501	£	37.01	Gedling BC
502	£	91.65	Playsafety Ltd
503	£	120.00	J A Rhodes
504	£	27.00	C.P.R.E.
505	£	18.51	Gedling BC
506	£	55.31	Ordnance Survey
507	£	8.05	R Hull

Grass cutting
Annual Safety inspection
removal of stumps P/F
Annual subscription
Grass cutting
Mapping Licence
Fittings for notice board

Moor Pond Wood

Income None

Expenditure None

All payments were approved.

Insurance cover for the new skate park has now arranged.

8. PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received

Griffins Head	2007/0366	Replace Gutters, downpipes and Windows no objections
101 Linby Lane	2007/0325	Repair/replace roof No objections
Griffins Head	2007/0420	Crown reduction on three trees No objections
34 Forest Lane	2007/0464	Demolish existing and build two new dwellings No objections
Bestwood 2 Quarry		Increase depth of quarrying No objections

The chairman reported on complaints received regarding developments at 34-36 Forest Lane and action which NCC had said they would take.

He also updated the meeting on the appeal against refusal to allow planning permission at Altham Lodge for a new access on grounds of being inappropriate development within the Green Belt, that it would cause harm to the green belt and there were no special circumstances to outweigh that harm.

In relation to an application at the rear of 169 Mansfield Road, recommendations had been made at GBC to refuse on grounds of over intensive use in the Green Belt, unacceptable noise and disturbance to local residents and on road safety grounds.

9 PLAYING FIELD

a. GENERAL

The annual ROSPA inspection report was circulated. Other than minor issues such as moss growth it was reported that one swing required replacement chains and repainting, items which were included in last years programme. The contractor will undertake this work as a matter of urgency.

A general request was made for assistance with this year's bonfire event which will take place on Friday, 2nd November. It was agreed to use the existing safety plan.

b. SKATE PARK

It was agreed that detailed playing field inspections would now be undertaken bimonthly by the person on rota duty and the results entered onto a checklist to be retained by the Clerk. The chairman had drawn up and distributed a new rota.

Following discussion on the recent flooding issues it was agreed that field drains were required to keep the field free of excessive water. The chairman, Cllr Colin Womble and MR R Hull agreed to investigate the various options available and liase with local farmers on installation.

There would be no official opening of the skate park until all the planned equipment had been installed. Cllr Mrs J Robinson agreed to organise publicity including suitable press releases.

Two quotations had been received to erect new fencing . It was agreed to accept the quotation of £525.00 from North Notts Landscapes.

Cllr C Womble expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Mr R Hull for his work and assistance during the Skate Park construction.

10 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOMODATION

It was reported that 51 Main Street had been put back on the market after some renovation work has been undertaken. Cllr Mrs J Robinson agreed to check on the current availability of grants .

11. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

The Parish Council agreed to formally adopt the code of conduct as contained in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007. It was agreed where there was a prejudicial interest a member would be allowed to speak on the subject to the resolution contained in para. 12.2 of the Act i.e. to speak, only to make representations, answer questions or giving evidence relating to the business provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

12 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a). Village Hall

A new caretaker had been appointed. Some redecoration is planned as is lining of the cark park.

b). Linby School

No report

- c). Julian Cahn Trust
Number 5 is due to be occupied soon bring all properties to full occupation.
- d). Association of Gedling Parishes
No report

13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- a). Parish Paths Partnership

The footpath on Walters Hill will be subject temporary closures to enable felling of unsafe trees. New trees will be planted. Complaints from parents had been received regarding the overgrown state of the footpath towards Linby Village which is used as a walk to school route.

Maintenance of this path is not covered by the PP3 agreement. NCC will be asked if they will fund grass cutting.

- b). Playing Field

No further report

- c). Moor Pond Wood Steering committee

A BBC grant is being applied for to help fund a new footbridge at Papplewick Dam. It is expected that the Co-operative Society will allow a permissive footpath only.

The chairman suggested the establishment of a Parish Council information ring so that urgent or important information could be circulated quickly around the parish by e-mail, in addition to the Newsletter. An item would be included in the next Newsletter inviting parishioners to join.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th Sept 2007

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman

Initials Chairman.....