

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9th January 2008

Present: **Cllr Mr C Womble (Chairman)**
 Cllr Mrs S Roberts
 Cllr Mrs J Robinson
 Cllr Mr J McCracken
 Cllr Mrs G McCracken

Absent Cllr Mr D Clayton
 Cllr Mr B Zinn

Parishioners 0 + Cllr J Lonergan (NCC), PCSO Joe Partlett,
 Cllr Mrs Patricia Andrews (GBC)

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm

OPEN FORUM

PCSO Joe Partlett provided an update of the latest crime figures for Papplewick. Only five crimes had been reported including the theft of a Royal Mail Van. Car related offences at public houses were now reducing due primarily to improved car park lighting. Such crimes were now taking place at lunchtimes.

Mrs Sue Sale, Head of Democratic & Community Services at Gedling BC advised the meeting of the new standards requirements for members as laid down in the revised Code of Conduct. Under the revised code Mrs Sale is the monitoring officer for Gedling BC and all Parish Councils in the borough. (LGA Act 2000)

A major change is that the code applies to Parish Council Members only when acting in their capacity as councillors. The one exception to this rule is where a criminal conviction applies. Prejudicial interest rules have also been revised and now only apply where interests are either financial or regulatory.

Confidentiality issues between councillors and “ friends” is now relaxed to cover only relationships where there is deemed to be close association. Discussions outside the Council must be shown to be in good faith, responsible and in the public interest

Complaints or breaches of the regulations are now dealt with by standards Committee set up by Gedling BC.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mr B Zinn
Cllr Mr D Clayton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs S Roberts in respect of Papplewick Cricket club
Cllr Mrs J Robinson in respect of newsletter production
Cllr Mr C Womble in respect of NCC issues

3. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14TH NOV 2007

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Mansfield road replacement notice board. The clerk will select the lowest quotation.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Gedling BC had advised of the levels of Capital and Revenue support grants for 2008/09. Whilst these are still estimated amounts it is unlikely that there will be any later changes. As a result the previously accepted decision to set a precept inline with the previous year was re-endorsed .
A precept of £5,597 will be set (subject to rounding requirements by GBC).

8. PLAYING FIELD

Repairs to the damaged boundary had now been affected. It was noted that bid submissions to the Big Lottery fund had to be submitted by 14th April 2008.

Cllr Zinn is talking to the National School with a view to inviting pupils to “decorate” the skate park with artwork to reduce incidences of distasteful graffiti.

9. INSURANCE – RISK MANAGEMENT

A revised Risk Management Policy document, incorporating amendments suggestions made by the internal auditor had been circulated prior to the meeting. The revised policy document was formally approved.

10. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a). Village Hall

No report

b). Linby School

No report

c). Julian Cahn Trust

No report

d). Association of Gedling Parishes

No meetings had been held

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a). Parish Paths Partnership

No meetings have been held

b). Playing Field

No Report

c). Moor Pond Wood

There have been complaints of dog fouling in the woods. NCC are negotiating a longer term management contract with the Coop with the objective of securing access to more grants and other sources of funding.

Surface flood water is accumulating on Moor Road adjacent to the woods. It thought that this is surface water coming form the woodland due to excessive rainfall.

Cllr Roberts has asked Stephen Walker (chair of the MPW steering group) about planting the more bulbs both in the woods and along adjacent verges. Cllr Mrs S Andrews (GBC) has some funding available that could be used for this purpose.

New interpretation boards are anticipated to be installed within the next2/3 months.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th March 2008

16. OTHER BUSINESS

A hit counter has now been included on the council website. Approx. 9 hits per day are being recorded.

A Neighbourhood Watch page is to be included in the website.

There had been complaints about the state Moor Road. Water was accumulating on the surface and grass verges were again not being mown regularly. The clerk will take this up with NCC.

It was noted that the gate on Hall lane was now being locked at 6.30pm because of the excessive parking by visitors. All residents have a key.

The meeting closed at pm 9.45

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman