

# PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at  
Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Present:

Cllr David McCracken (Chairman)  
Cllr Stef Roberts (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Colin Womble  
Cllr Gillian Winfield-McCracken  
Cllr Maggie Else  
Cllr Nigel Penlington  
Cllr Cathy Burman

Absent: None

Parishioners and visitors: Richard Hull, Margaret Kerr, Cllr. Patricia Andrews, Ian Griffiths (part of meeting)

Open Forum commenced: 19.17

Mr. Hull raised concerns regarding shed burglaries around the village and in the wider area. Cycles in particular were being targeted. Cllr. Gillian McCracken agreed to take the problem up with the police.

Mr. Hull also raised the question of Christmas lights for this year. The Griffin's Head had a tree last year using the Council's lights. He enquired whether the Council would be prepared to sponsor lights on the cottages along Main Street. Cllr. Else suggested a Local Improvement Scheme bid.

Mr. Hull handed over a cheque from the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group for £300 towards the Playing Field's sensory garden project.

Mr. Hull reported that the rowing machine had now been installed on the Playing Field.

Mr. Hull also raised the recent problem of flooding on the Village Hall car park and its overflow onto the Playing Field during recent heavy rainfall. He said that the car park drainage went to soakaways and drainage was therefore gradual.

Mrs. Kerr wished to thank the Clerk for passing on details of her enquiries regarding the sewage overflowing onto Forest Lane at Stanker Hill.

Mrs. Kerr enquired about the marquee located on the Field behind the Griffin's Head and why it had been in place for so long. In the Clerk's absence the position was not known. Cllr. Andrews offered to make enquiries with Gedling BC.

Mrs. Kerr stated that the condition of the footway on Main Street was poor. However, it was understood that repairs were unlikely to be carried out in the current economic climate.

Mrs. Kerr pointed out that there had recently been problems regarding the closure of Moor Road at Bestwood due to flooding. Insufficient signs had been used to warn motorists at the Crossroads and trouble had been experienced contacting NCC to report these problems.

Mr. Hull had written to both the Hucknall Dispatch and Nottingham Post regarding the fatal accident on Forest Lane last year. He stated that the local newsagent on the Vaughan Estate was still sending out delivery people without helmets, hi-vis clothing or lights on their cycles.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting commenced: 7.52pm

| Minute No |   | Action |
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| 1/13      | <p><b><i>APOLOGIES</i></b></p> <p>Clerk: Laura Poole<br/>Cllr. Barnfather</p>   |        |
| 2/13      | <p><b><i>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</i></b></p> <p>Cllr Colin Womble - NCC matters<br/>Cllr Stef Roberts - Cricket Club<br/>Cllr Maggie Else - NCC matters<br/>Cllr Cathy Burman - Ashfield DC &amp; Nottm City Council</p>   |        |
| 3/13      | <p><b><i>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</i></b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Womble and seconded by Cllr Roberts and signed by the Chairman Cllr David McCracken.</p>   |        |
| 4/13      | <p><b><i>MATTERS ARISING</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman reported on a meeting with Linby PC regarding the Aligned Core Strategy and Cllr. Roberts read a report on the same subject. The consultant, Rob Hughes, had not been tasked with representing the Councils at the Public Enquiry. A further meeting of the protest group was due to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>Mrs. Kerr stated that she had attended the meeting yesterday evening. A letter had been emailed to every member of the Cabinet at Gedling raising</p> |        |

objections. The consultant had specifically raised concerns about the lack of co-operation between Gedling and Ashfield. Mrs. Kerr was also concerned about the impact of additional traffic in the parish which had not been properly addressed.

Cllr. Roberts stated that a Country Park was being built at Gedling Colliery and if that could be built on contaminated land so could housing. Also, there were plans for a solar panel farm on the same site.

Cllr. Andrews said that there was likely to be a supermarket on the Top Wighay site, possibly operated by Asda.

It was agreed that a cheque for £500 would be sent to Linby PC as the Council's contribution towards the cost of fighting the Aligned Core Strategy.

Cllr. Womble said that Newsletter had not been issued as contributions from other councillors had not been forthcoming. The Chairman apologised for not having passed over his contribution.

It was agreed that the next Play Day would be on 24<sup>th</sup> July and Bonfire on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr. Womble said he had yet to sign up for the GIS system as the trial period was still running.

Cllr. Else confirmed that the new noticeboard had now been erected on the Hall lane island.

Cllr. Roberts stated that she had phoned certain estate agents regarding 'For Sale' boards which were cluttering Hall Lane island.

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### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

The following correspondence had been received and circulated as appropriate:

- 1) Letter GBC re: Aligned Core Strategy consultation feedback
- 2) Letter GBC re: Outstanding capital aid reminder
- 3) Letter GBC re: Precept application forms
- 4) Letter NCC re: LIS Scheme event to be held on 7th March
- 5) Letter from GBC re: Aligned Core Strategy's next steps.
- 6) A small oak and the plaque from Fields in Trust had been received and both required installing.

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### ***ACCOUNTS***

#### **a) Parish Council Income**

| Date     | £   | Payer/Details                                     |
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| 05.11.12 | 250 | Cllr Barnfather (NCC) donation for sensory garden |
| 09.11.12 | 500 | PLLEG - donation for sensory garden               |

*Clerk to  
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**b.i) Parish Council Expenditure**

None

**b.ii) Unpresented Chqs**

| Chq No | £        | Payee/Details                           |
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| 887    | 60.00    | Proweb - website hosting                |
| 888    | 2,790.42 | Wickstead Leisure (Playing Field rower) |
| 889    | 689.22   | Clerk's bi-monthly wages                |
| 890    | 6.75     | Chairman's expenses                     |

a) Account balance at 28th Dec: £21,890.25.

Cllr. Roberts reported that there was still money in the Capital Grant allocation to be spent before the year end. She suggested that the balance be used to properly mount the Fields in Trust plaque on the Playing Field and protect it so that it did not become damaged. It was agreed to spend the balance of Capital Grant on this project.

It was also agreed that the oak tree would be planted inconspicuously in the triangular area of woodland at the southern end of the Playing Field to avoid vandalism. The sapling in question had been grown from an acorn gathered from a royal estate.

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***LIS BIDS UPDATE***

Cllr Maggie Else asked if we intended to bid during the current round of funding. However, due to the bidding process, Christmas lights would not be available this year. She pointed out that an electricity supply would be required and possibly planning permission. The possibility of installing a Christmas tree on Moor Road, just south of Clover Court was discussed. Cllr. Else and Cllr. Burman to investigate further.

An article to be placed into the Newsletter asking people to decorate their houses next Christmas.

Cllr. Else said that there had been no developments regarding the replacement Moor Road noticeboard.

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***PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED***

None received since previous meeting.

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***PLAYING FIELD***

- a) General - Vandalism and litter. Cllr Womble reported that despite the very wet weather recently and sodden ground, the Playing Field had still been used
- b) Inspection Duty Book. To be passed from Cllr Womble to Cllr. G. McCracken.

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|              | <p>c) Cllr. Else reported that she had discussed the sensory garden with Halcyon Days, a landscaping company. They would charge £200 to remove an ash on the northern boundary. A range of plants suitable for all senses had been discussed. It was noted that former railway sleepers could not be used due to the nature of the chemicals contained in their treatment. Agreed to proceed.</p>  |  |
| <p>10/13</p> | <p><b><i>HIGHWAY MATTERS</i></b></p> <p>a) General - It was noted that Ian Parker at NCC Highways had moved to Highways North.</p> <p>b) The Chairman said that the police were trying to get road markings outside schools replaced to reduce parking problems.</p> <p>c) Cllr. Womble reported on drainage difficulties on Burntstump Hill, Mansfield Road and over Papplewick Dam.</p> <p>d) It was reported that the police based at Ravenshead no longer had a vehicle in order to travel to Papplewick to deal with matters here.</p> <p>e) The Chairman stated that the police had now noted that the interactive speed sign recently installed on Moor Road needed altering because they were no longer able to enforce the speed limit on Moor Road.</p> <p>f) Cllr. Roberts stated that the hedges and verges on the east side Mansfield Road had recently been cut.</p>   |  |
| <p>11/13</p> | <p><b><i>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS</i></b></p> <p>a) Village Hall - Cllr. Else said she had recently attended a meeting. Users attending the meeting provided reports and Cllr. Else reported to them from the Council's point of view.<br/>The only contentious item raised related to the Chairman making a hire of the Hall free of charge.<br/>A new shed had been provided for the Playgroup.</p> <p>b) Julien Cahn Trust - Cllr. Roberts referred to problems with the flat roofs and that the work had not been completed satisfactorily. Other contractors would now be instructed to complete the job.<br/>The weekly maintenance contribution had risen with effect from 1.1.2013 to £55 per week.<br/>Recent changes to Housing Benefit could affect the ability of tenants to pay and this was being looked into.<br/>Estimates were being obtained to replace the main roof.<br/>Ashfield's representative had again not attended a meeting.</p> <p>c) Moor Pond Wood - Cllr. Penlington reported that a bid had been put together for Lottery Funding. There would be a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January to resolve details.</p> |  |
| <p>12/13</p> | <p><b><i>COUNCILLORS REPORTS</i></b></p> <p>a) Cllr. Penlington said that salt had been distributed around the salt bins and he held a bag in reserve.</p>   |  |

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| 13/13 | <p>b) Cllr. G. McCracken said she had reported litter on Forest Lane to GBC.</p> <p><b><i>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</i></b></p> <p>Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the Village Hall following Annual Parish Assembly.</p> |  |
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The meeting ended at 21.37

Signed Chairman .....