

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at
Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick
Wednesday 11th March 2009**

Present:

Cllr Mr C Womble (*chairman*)

Cllr Mrs S Roberts (*vice chairman*)

Cllr Mr D McCracken

Cllr Mrs G McCracken

Cllr Mrs J Robinson

Clerk Kay Mackenzie

Parishioners: 4, Cllr P Andrews (Gedling)

OPEN FORUM

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

Mrs Joyce Kendal complaint re HGV's using Forest Lane. Mrs Kendal expressed concern over what appeared to be European 40 tonne vehicles using the lane with a weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes clearly visible on signage. A penalty of £20 would be nothing to a haulage company. The bollard at the crossroads on Moor Rd was regularly knocked down by vehicles unable to make the turn onto Forest Lane. Mrs Kendal suggested that it should be the Police and Highways monitoring/auditing traffic and not local parishioners, and that Council Tax took no due cognisance of road wear and speed limits. Mrs Kendal requested a letter be sent to both Highways and the Police.

Action: Clerk to write to Highways and Police re above issue.

It was reported that this week pot holes on Main St had been filled in by Highways and that the 'sharp bend' sign had been put back into its intended position.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minute

Action

No.

17/09

APOLOGIES

Ian Griffiths - Village Hall Representative

Cllr Zinn - away due to work

18/09 *DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

Cllr Womble - NCC matters
Cllr Robinson - Leisure Enterprise Group

19/09 *MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING*

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr. J Robinson seconded Cllr. S Roberts and signed by the Chairman.

20/09 *MATTERS ARISING*

Open Forum

Chairman had not been able to inspect the footways and compile a list requiring resurfacing due to the number of other matters which required attending to.

4/09 Matters Arising

The Jones Trust had now declined the Council's application for a grant.

6/09 Accounts

In expenditure items at 31/08 a), item 587 had been inadvertently entered. The payment correctly appeared at item 593 in minute no. 6/09.

9/09 Playing Field

Chairman confirmed that he had met the occupier of no. 33 Linby Lane on 24th January. The occupier had conceded that an encroachment had taken place because he had not been able to determine the line of adjacent fences due to overgrowing vegetation when his fence was installed. He had now agreed to restore the fence to its original line. The Chairman had also given the same person permission to cut back branches of a horse chestnut tree on the Playing Field which were overhanging his property.

12/09 Newsletter

Circulated along with the 'Hidden Valleys' leaflet in February.

15/09

b) Parish Paths Partnership

Cllr. D McCracken reported that the noticeboard was now in situ again.

i) Illegal advertising signs

Clerk had contacted both GBC and NCC (BBC) and received email response from Caroline McKenzie (GBC) stating that approximately 30 signs had been removed from the Papplewick/Linby area with the developers name on. They

are in the process of writing to all known developers in the area to remind them that such signs are deemed as fly posting. Should we spot any further signs we are to let her know but that they can only remove those with the developers name on.

21/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received and circulated as appropriate:

- a) E-mail from GBC - acknowledgement of Precept request
- b) Gedling BC - Parish Finance 2009-10
- c) P & L Village Hall - change of keys for access
- d) E-mail from Cllr P Andrews - planning applications at GBC
- e) E-mail from Mick Taylor (resident) - traffic issues Moor Road at Goosedale
- f) E-mail from John Bentley (resident) - Church Lane
- g) E-mail from Cllr P Andrews - complaint received from elector
- h) E mail from Andrew Shadbolt - re traffic on Moor Road
- l) E-mail from George Machin of Savills - proposed housing development Moor Road.
- j) Playdale completion certificate for recently installed equipment.
- k) Bus User Group meeting letter
- l) NCC letter re highway matters raised from last meeting

Chairman to write to Savills re questions about development.

22/09 **ACCOUNTS**

- a) Parish Council General

Income: £4447.39 HMRC VAT refund

Expenditure:

601	£8.00	Village Hall	Room Hire
602	£50.00	Kay Mackenzie	Petty Cash
603	£80.00	Trade Waste	Skip Hire
604	£180.00	A1 minimix	Concrete
605	£506.00	Action Alarms	CCTV
606	£104.57	TLC	conduit
607	£80.50	LNER	Cctv pole
608	£18.69	GBC	Grass cutting
609	£982.48	PC World/Apogee	Laptop & printer
610	£160.74	Allianz	insurance
611	£121.35	Proweb	website
612	£122.60	NALC	membership
613	£77.00	SLCC	membership
614	£425.27	Kay Mackenzie	Clerk wages
615	£76.18	Sherwood office supp.	newsletter
616	£6.00	Sherwood Office Supp.	Office stationery
Total	£2,999.38		

Chairman submitted expenses claim accumulated over the last year totalling £32.94p.

b) Moor Pond Wood Income: £ nil Expenditure: £ nil

23/09 *PLANNING*

The following planning applications had been received since the previous meeting:

a) 2009/0165 23 Main Street, ground floor kitchen extension, no objections raised.

Clerk to write to GBC returning plans and raising no objections by PPC

24/09 *PLAYING FIELD*

a) General

Work day on 7th March when three new benches and a picnic table installed. Chairman thanked all those taking part, particularly Playing Field committee member Richard Hull for organising the concrete, skip etc. The opportunity had also been taken to remove much of the old safety surfacing taken up when the agility equipment was removed. The next work day is planned for 14th March, all volunteers welcome on site from 9.30am.

The playing field inspection book was passed from Cllr. Robinson to Cllrs. McCracken.

Richard Hull reported that the ground on the field still needed levelling and that cable for the CCTV camera still needed running from the Village Hall gate, the latter of which could be completed at another work day in the future.

Work day to be organised for CCTV equipment

b) Play Day

Richard Hull reported that the next meeting due to take place was on 25th March 2009, 1pm at the Village Hall. Mr Hull asked for councillor presence at this meeting alongside himself. Report to follow after this meeting.

Cllr presence required at next mtg on 25/03/09

Cllr. Robinson reported that she had liaised with the Head Teacher at Linby-cum-Papplewick Primary School with regard to the children designing a poster for the event.

25/09 *HIGHWAY MATTERS*

a) Chairman had received e-mails from Mick Taylor, resident of Moor Road, whose daughters needed to catch buses at Goosedale. Mr. Taylor had expressed concern

about the lack of a footway and the speed of passing traffic. As a result of replies from the Chairman, which had been circulated to councillors, it was agreed to request NCC provide a footway between the three properties in question and the entrance to Goosedale with 'pedestrians in roadway' warning signs as an interim measure.

Clerk to write to NCC Highways re footpath or interim warning sign for Moor Rd (Goosedale end), and salt bin for Church Lane. Also request vehicle and speed counts and a request for interactive signs to be installed on Moor Rd

b) In response to an e-mail received from John Bentley regarding the state of Church Lane following recent snowfall, it was agreed to ask Notts. County Council for a salt bin to be placed on Church Lane in preparation for the following winter at a location to be agreed.

c) The letter from Andrew Shadbolt, who lived on the Ashfield side of Moor Road, raised concerns about the speed of traffic on Moor Road. It had been circulated to councillors and it was agreed to refer the matter to the County Council, as the highway authority responsible for implementing traffic control measures, with a request for interactive signs.

d) Chairman reported that he had again written to NCC Highways requesting attention to a number of items that had been reported previously (see item 10/08) and those raised at the last meeting. NCC had replied stating that they would be attended to. Overhanging branches on Mansfield Road between the railway bridge and Seven Mile Cottages had now been cut back.

e) Cllr. G McCracken reported that there were lamp-posts askew on Moor Rd which would need checking for safety. The old concrete columns need replacing as someone reversed into it and another is askew overhanging the field opposite their residence.

Cllr. D McCracken to get numbers of relative posts that need attention.

f) Cllr. Robinson reported that it was possible a foul drain was going into a surface water drain on the footpath at the back of the cottages opposite Altham Lodge. If this is the case then this will eventually drain into the River Leen. At present there is a foul smell within the vicinity.

Clerk to write to Environment Agency/NCC re foul drain issue.

26/09 CAPITAL GRANT

a) Chairman reported that a new laptop and copier/printer had been obtained for the Clerk's use as previously agreed at item 11/09 d) and e). However, the model initially identified was no longer made and therefore the next model had been chosen. It had also been necessary to purchase a toner cartridge which was not included with the machine. The copier/printer had, however, not functioned correctly. Efforts were being made to ensure the suppliers carried out

repairs. They had, however, suggested that the Council enter into a Service Agreement at a cost of £150 per annum.

After discussion, it was agreed that the new machine should have 12 months guarantee under the manufacturers warranty. Clerk confirmed that an engineer was due out to the machine on Tuesday 17th March.

b) The Clerk confirmed that the first tranche of Capital Grant amounting to £1,985 had been recovered from Gedling BC for items 11/09 a) and b). A further claim had been submitted for £1894.83 which was due. A final claim in respect of the concrete invoices would be submitted shortly. £918.32 left gross (exc VAT).

c) Other Capital Grant ideas - MPW surfacing of path from north end of Papplewick Dam to Meadows path cost about £2,000.

d) Quotation from Moorwood Joinery for fencing around grassed island at junction of Hall Lane and Main Street. It was felt that further thought would be needed to address the potential problem of cars parking. Suggestions consisted of a 'no waiting' or 'no parking' sign but also signage to indicate the lay-bys on Blidworthe Way for safe parking. For the benefits of residents, farm vehicles and the cricket club it was felt that something needed to be done about parking on the 'triangle'.

e) As the decision needed to be made swiftly with regard to the next Capital Grant project expenditure, it was agreed to go with the MPW path surfacing project on this occasion and look at the other project in more detail.

Clerk to email Stephen Walker re path surfacing project and grant aid.

27/09 *SUMMER CHARITY BALL*

Cllr. Robinson reported following a recent meeting initiated via contact through two ladies in Linby. In principal the idea was good but it was difficult to it seemed no funds would be raised initially for charitable purposes and therefore it was agreed not to offer support on this occasion.

28/09 *REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS*

a) Village Hall

No report. Apologies had been received from Ian Griffiths.

b) Julian Cahn Trust

Cllr. Roberts reported that trees had been pruned around the gardens, which the residents were delighted with. Also that

advice was being sought with regard to the windows which needed work doing as the building was Grade 2 listed.

c) Association of Gedling Parish Councils

No report. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Zinn.

29/09

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a) Moor Pond Wood Steering committee

A report had been received from Stephen Walker as an update to activities, as follows:

MPW - a) no progress on Pond scheme - water too high at the moment. (b) Dam Banks has been cleared of undergrowth to allow the archaeology to be exposed and surveyed. Proposed to manage hence forth for hazel coppicing - traditional woodland management. (c) Have had grant from Greenwood + Breathing spaces grant to plant a hedgerow and some trees on the new meadows path, and to 'gap up' the hedges around the site. (d) Proposed Breathing spaces events in the summer to conduct a series of moth events to establish information about biodiversity. Applied for BBC grant (radio/TV not county council !). (e) If we are to surface the meadows path will need about £2000 in total - not in the MPW project area so can't be paid for by FoMPW or from the PPC Moor Pond fund. (f) Planning has taken place for the interpretation panels which will be placed on the bridge over the sluice (at the s. end of Dam Banks). g) Have had an offer to rewrite the detailed Moor Pond sections of web site and they are to be temporarily disabled until they are updated - except the Friends of Moor Pond Woods for dates.

Margaret Kerr reported that a student had asked to complete the website work as part of his dissertation. A second student had asked to do podcasts for downloading which would accompany markers throughout the wood as part of the interactive experience.

Margaret Kerr also reported that a moth survey was to be carried out once a month from April to monitor species, but they won't know about the grant until the 24th April for the mercury lamps, which attract the moths.

b) Parish Paths Partnership

No report. Grant form expected soon.

c) Any Other Business

i) Cllr. G McCracken asked about the snowdrops and bulb

planting. Cllr. Roberts was able to advise that some of the plants were quite slow to establish and also quite small.

ii) Chairman advised that Stephen Walker was currently updating the website and was looking for up to date details on groups and activities, which could be forwarded directly.

iii) Cllr. Roberts commented that the Gardening Club meeting appeared to coincide with this meeting which seems to defeat the object of availability

iv) Clerk passed the Chairman papers to advise of a telephone call received by the Clerk from Mr Arthur Sweeney to advise that he and his wife were now resident at Sherwood House in Linby, having moved out of their home at Severn Acres Ranch off of Mansfield Rd. Mr Sweeney wished to advise local parishioners that the property would be going to auction shortly and for any interest to be directed to him.

30/09 *DATE OF NEXT MEETING*

The Council's AGM will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 13th May. A full Council meeting will be held immediately after conclusion of the AGM.

The Annual Parish Assembly would be held at 7.15pm on 8th April followed by a full Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman