

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at
Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick
Wednesday 17th February 2011

Present:

Cllr Mr D McCracken (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Roberts (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr C Womble (arrived at 7.40pm)
Cllr Mrs G McCracken
Cllr Mrs M Else

Parishioners and visitors: approx. 30

Public Meeting to Discuss Gedling Borough Council's Consultative Draft Papplewick Conservation Area Appraisal

It was noted with regret that a representative of Gedling Borough Council was not present to discuss issues arising from the Consultation Document.

Discussion was generally in favour of extending the area as it will give greater control to residents over any new development.

Issues that concerned some residents included:

- reduction in house prices
- restriction in developments individuals may want to do eg brick v stone walls
- no advantage to residents
- potential problems with tree felling
- increase in permissions needed to do alterations
- potential problems with parking on Linby Lane if residents can't use their front "gardens" for parking.

General issues were:

Mistrust of GBC, eg the land now occupied by "Blacksmiths Court" has always been in the conservation area, yet GBC still gave permission for this unsympathetic development. There is still a lot of bitterness about this development as the villagers wanted this area to be a village centre and a village green. Despite massive local opposition, GBC allowed the development to go ahead and have still not enforced measures put in place by English Heritage.

Some areas not in Papplewick have been included eg Castle Mill.

Further areas to be included:

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- There was a strong feeling that views and aspects should be protected all around the village, including all hedgerows and adjoining land - notably - the area between Papplewick and Linby; the area from the junction of Moor Road and Papplewick Lane to Stanker Hill
- Moor Road to number 69.

Corrections:

Paragraph 6.16 should read Moor Road not Moor Lane.

The privately owned Cricket Ground is erroneously referred to as a playing field.

Other comments:

Enforcement Officers for planning are ESSENTIAL.

Some residents persistently don't receive notification eg in the last few months land owners have seen electronic signs and new bus stops erected on or adjacent to their land and see their fields included in the new conservation area, yet no-one from GBC or NCC has contacted them.

Questions for GBC:

Cllr Else to ask:

- Clarification over what conditions apply to stone/brick walling
- Who the conservation officers are
- Can we see a copy of the Schedule of Viewing for 2010 and the proposal for checking compliance
- Where the name Mill Pond Wood (instead of Moor Pond Wood) came from
- Why had an area in the original conservation area been removed

After conclusion of the above discussion, Mrs Kerr raised the question of the worn and defective footway and carriageway on Main Street and enquired if EU funding might be available for these repairs. Cllr Womble said he was not aware of any parish council obtaining EU funding and this would probably need to be pursued either by Notts County Council or East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA). Mrs. Kerr enquired whether it would be possible to pursue this through our MEP.

Mr. Kerr also referred to escaping sewage again from the sewer on Forest Lane at Stanker Hill. It was thought repairs might be carried out during the course of resurfacing works which were due to begin on 19th February.

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Cllr L Montgomery - holiday

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Cllr J Lewis - holiday

Cllr S Roberts - left at 8.10pm to attend Julien Cahn Homes meeting on Council's behalf

023/11 *DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

Cllr Womble - NCC matters

Cllr Else - NCC matters

024/11 *MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING*

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2011 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Womble and seconded by Cllr. Else and signed by the Chairman Cllr. D McCracken.

025/11 *MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

006/11 - Cllr G McCracken commented on the number of applications for the Clerk's post. Only one C.V. had so far been received.

008/11 - The BBC Radio Nottingham programme had taken place. Cllrs. McCracken thought that Papplewick had been portrayed well.

009/11 - Cllr. Else said that she had a meeting next week with Sue Jacques, Nancy Astbridge and Cllr Barnfather to finalise plans. The village welcome signs were in the process of being produced following amendments regarding the Pumping Station.

026/11 *RESPONSE TO CONSULTATIVE DRAFT PAPPLEWICK CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL*

Cllr Else said that most people in the public meeting seemed to be supportive of increasing the conservation area. A few people thought that there were no particular advantages to the proposals. People had also commented on the fact that the design of Blacksmith's Court was inappropriate but had still been allowed. There were also some concerns about preservation orders on trees and the protection of the views as identified in the document, including hedgerows on the way to Linby and from Stanker Hill across the Moors.

Cllr. Else referred to a number of questions that had been posed for the borough council to answer including in relation to stone walls, the identity of the conservation officers, the schedule of viewing and how they proposed to check compliance.

Cllr Else to speak with GBC on these points.

Cllr. Womble stated that real commitment from Gedling was required to protect and enhance the Conservation Area and it had not always been forthcoming in the past. He outlined a number of points that had been identified from the Consultation document as follows:

Section 3 Development & Setting - the long views identified were an essential part of the village's character, especially in relation to Papplewick Hall and the view westwards across Papplewick Park and beyond.

Section 6 Factors Affecting Character - there was no reference as to how GBC proposed to deal with such items as satellite dishes, TV aerials, burglar alarm boxes and other such miscellaneous paraphernalia which had caused difficulties in the past.

Appendix 5 Boundary Revisions - Similar considerations applied to that section of Moor Road encompassing properties 57-69 as did to Forest Lane and Linby Lane and this area should be included in the revised Conservation Area. No protection was being offered to the open spaces and countryside surrounding the village despite GBC's recognition of its importance in relation to Papplewick's rural character at several places within the Consultation document.

Map 4 Key Views and Vistas - Failed to illustrate the important view westwards from Papplewick Hall.

Map 5 Significant Landscape Features & Green Space - Highlights the importance of landscape features but offers no means of protecting them.

Map 6 Contribution Analysis - Although various opportunities had been highlighted to improve the Conservation Area, this analysis would be wasted unless there was real and meaningful commitment from GBC towards carrying those opportunities through to fruition, and that included ensuring sufficient funding was made available.

Map 7 Development of the Settlement - The categorisation criteria were not clear and several buildings had been incorrectly dated.

It was agreed to respond to the Consultation document along the lines of the public comments made above together with those identified by councillors. Response to be drafted before the next Parish Council meeting and finalised for submission thereafter.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Assembly -Wednesday 9th March 2011

7.15pm

at the Village Hall

Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 9th March 2011

8.00pm

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Signed Chairman

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