

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick Wednesday 12th January 2011

Present:

Cllr Mr D McCracken (Chair)
Cllr Mr C Womble
Cllr Mrs S Roberts (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs G McCracken
Cllr Mrs M Else
Cllr Mr L Montgomery
Cllr Mrs J Lewis

Clerk Kay Mackenzie

Parishioners and visitors: Cllr Mick Murphy, Cllr Patricia Andrews, Mr R Hull, Mrs M Kerr, Mr S Walker, Mr D Lewis, Miss J Lewis, Mr I Griffiths, Cllr Chris Barnfather.

Open Forum

Cllr Murphy, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, introduced himself to those present and gave feedback on the Lorry Watch Scheme which he said was very successful. Cllr Murphy said that BBC East Midlands Today would be visiting Papplewick tomorrow at 12.30pm, meeting at the Griffins Head car park. If the scheme continues to be successful it is hoped that it will be rolled out county wide. Cllr Murphy thanked the volunteers in the Parish for their involvement.

Cllr Womble asked Cllr Murphy about the Forest Lane/A60 junction. As Cllr Murphy is not the portfolio holder he could only confirm that NCC had been approved Government funds for the investigation works which were already being undertaken. Cllr Womble hoped that NCC would work with Papplewick Parish Council on this. Cllr Murphy agreed to take this back to Highways and Cllr Richard Jackson. Mr Hull asked if NCC could put temporary traffic lights at the junction to see how it goes but Cllr Womble said a true picture is not always obtained from this. Mr Hull stated that the roundabout scheme works in Epperstone. Cllr Roberts said that the Parish Council and residents on Mansfield Rd had recently objected to a decrease in speed to 40mph on the A60 in Papplewick and asked if this will be linked to the Traffic Regulation Order for the junction. Cllr Murphy said he would keep the Parish Council informed.

Cllr Else raised the issue of speeding traffic along Linby Lane and being able to safely cross the road in the area. Cllr Murphy said that Cllr Barnfather would need to pick up on this unless it is also a community safety issue. Cllr Murphy also suggested that the PCSO's from Gedling/Ravenshead had access to the portable speed camera based at Hucknall Police Station. Mr D Lewis asked whether people had the right to cross the road safely. The village gets a lot of walkers too, there is only one pavement on Main Street and after Blacksmiths Court people are forced to cross the road onto Linby Lane as there is only pavement here too. A pedestrian crossing is needed. Clerk outlined the response she had received from Highways following the last meeting when this subject was initially raised. Highways have looked at this site to see if there is a need for a crossing point near the bus stop and found that it is extremely close to the cross roads junction. When the Blacksmiths Court development received planning permission it was part of the conditions that a new foot way should be installed, however, a new dropped crossing at the requested location was not recommended as it is not a safe crossing point and they would not encourage people to cross so close to the junction. There is a suitable crossing point with a dropped kerb at

the junction where visibility is much better all ways. There is a pedestrian guard rail at the bus stop and Highways say this is to prevent crossing at this point and they cannot recommend the installation of a crossing point at this location on safety grounds.

Mr Stephen Walker, Chairman of the Friends of Moor Pond Wood, said that they were looking at ways to mark the 10 year anniversary of the group and the end of the first phase. They are looking at a variety of activities including a celebratory newsletter and asked whether the Parish Council want this to be part of the regular Parish Council Newsletter or an independent one. Cllr Womble explained that the Parish Council had been exceeding the budget on newsletter production but that the next edition was due out at the end of January/beginning of February as the Parish Council were holding a Consultation Meeting on 17th February for parishioners to talk about the Conservation Area Appraisal recently undertaken by NCC/GBC. Mr Walker agreed that MPW will produce their own as they were unable to get their contribution ready in this time. Members of the Parish Council agreed to help MPW with distribution. Mr Ian Griffiths expressed his thanks to MPW and their success.

Mrs Kerr thanked Kay, the Clerk, for her contribution to the Parish Council.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minute
No.

Action

001/11

APOLOGIES

Mrs J Maddock, Mrs J Robinson, Cllr C Barnfather who would be late.

002/11

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Womble - NCC matters

Cllr Roberts - Cricket Club

Cllr Else - NCC matters

003/11

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2010 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Womble and seconded by Cllr. Roberts and signed by the Chairman Cllr. D McCracken.

004/11

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Roberts wished to thank Cllr Montgomery for the Christmas Tree.

Cllr Womble asked when the consultation period was due to begin on the Conservation Area Appraisal as the Parish Council has a meeting planned for February 17th. Cllr Andrews agreed to speak to Alison Gibson at GBC and advise the Chairman.

Mr Hull advised that Playdale came on Monday to carry out the remedial works on the skate park.

Mr Hull asked about Item 104/10 C from the last minutes which said 'plenty of volunteers needed if next year is to go ahead'. Cllr Womble said that there has to be sufficient volunteers to hold the event as it can affect the Parish Council's insurance. Cllr Roberts suggested taking up PCSO Chris Shaw's offer of using volunteers who are on Community Service Orders as they will be supervised by him.

Mr Hull also questioned Item 104/10 C 'set of keys to be left in the kitchen at all times so that access can be gained'. Cllr J Lewis explained what had been discussed at the last meeting.

Cllr Andrews to advise Chairman of the dates for the Conservation Area Appraisal from Alison Gibson at GBC.

005/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received and circulated as appropriate:

- 1) Ashfield DC let re Grange Farm development
- 2) NALC annual report 2010
- 3) Affordable Rural Housing guide for Parish Councils
- 4) Rev Canon K Turner thank you let for donation
- 5) PPS thank you let for donation
- 6) LCR winter 2010

006/11 **CLERKS VACANCY AND INTERIM PROJECT DIVISION**

Clerk had prepared a paper as part of her handover to the Parish Council. Each item will need to be taken on by the Parish Councillors. Clerk went through the list and the work was allocated to each Cllr who agreed to undertake the work.

Cllr Womble said that last time they had drawn up an information pack for potential applicants. Chairman asked about Clerk sharing but Cllr Womble said it is more common for a Clerk to work for several Parish Councils. Cllr Womble suggested asking SLCC/NALC and an advert in the Newsletter. Cllr Womble advised that there had also been a Personnel Committee to make the appointment.

It was agreed that the Personnel Committee would comprise of Cllr Womble, Chairman, Cllr D McCracken, Cllr Else, and Cllr Lewis.

Clerk agreed to pass on the up to date pay rates and home use allowance to Cllr Womble in order to update the information he holds.

Clerk to pass on to Cllr Womble up to date pay rates and home use allowance

007/11 **ACCOUNTS**

a) Parish Council Income

Date	£	Payer/Details
------	---	---------------

ai) Parish Council Expenditure

Date	Chq No	£	Payee/Details
02/11	731	5.00	R. Hull
03/11	724	33.37	Playdale
10/11	732	19.68	GBC
15/11	730	680.43	Clerks wages
17/11	727	50.00	PPS donation
17/11	733	255.56	P3
19/11	722	23.50	Proweb
24/11	729	50.00	Day Centre donation
30/11	734	79.31	Newsletter
22/12	726	50.00	Cricket Club donation
24/12	735	23.50	GBC bonfire event bins
24/12	736	19.68	GBC

aii) Unpresented Chqs

Chq No	£	Payee/Details
725	100.00	PCC donation

aiii) **Balance of cheque a/c as of 28th December is £12963.83**

b) Moor Pond Wood The balance is £4746.95
Outstanding chq of £39.95

008/11 **BBC RADIO NOTTIGHAM**

Email received from Michaela Atkins: BBC Radio Nottingham is starting an exciting brand Afternoon Show on Tuesday 4th January which will be presented by Mark Dennison (who has previously presented our Lunchtime Show). The programme will be broadcast every Monday to Friday from 12 until 4. One of the successes of our previous Afternoon Show was our 'Village People' feature where each week, on a Wednesday at 3, we invited three people in from one of Nottinghamshire's many villages to talk about how great their village is. (Our studio is small so accommodating more than three is difficult unfortunately). Feedback has confirmed, that those who have joined us in past weeks have really enjoyed the opportunity to promote their village. We would like to continue the series on our new Afternoon Show and wondered if you might like to take part? What we would need from you is three people from a cross section of your community to join us in the studio one Wednesday afternoon at a date to suit you. Guests would need to get here for 2.45 to be on air for 3.15 and would be finished by 3.40. We have parking facilities for our guests. Mark would chat to you about life in your village, its history, how it has changed over the years, any current news or issues (but we prefer not to dwell on anything too political if that's ok?), the importance and availability of local facilities and how instrumental they are in village life. We are hoping to start the feature again on Wednesday 5th January but appreciate this might be short notice for you if you are interested. These are the dates I am booking in at the moment. (all for on air at 3.15) Wednesday 19th and 26th January, 2nd, 9th and 16th February.

Mr Hull agreed he would be willing to participate and he would approach Maureen Barker to represent MPW. It was also agreed that Clerk would ask Ashley Smart to represent PPS.

009/11 **LIS BIDS**

Clerk reported that the Village Welcome Signs are ready to be cast and both the Clerk and Cllr Else will be going to Malcolm Lane to view the signs before casting takes place.

No news as yet as to when the finger post at Hall Lane island will be installed. Clerk has received two letters from LIS confirming receipt of our bids for a new noticeboard on Moor Rd and the Playing Field Accessibility improvements. Cllr Barnfather emailed the Clerk informing her that he had met with Sue Jaques before Christmas and they agreed to prioritise our bid amongst the many that had been received from his division. The Parish Council now needs to agree on either one of the plan options drawn up by Nancy Ashbridge or elements of them and confirm this with Cllr Barnfather and Sue Jaques, who have agreed a cash amount.

Clerk recommends that if the Moor Rd noticeboard bid is not successful this month then an order will need to be placed with Malcolm Lane to order the noticeboard to match the one on Linby Lane using the remainder of the Capital Grant monies, as agreed at previous meetings. In the mean time Clerk had approached Joe Chambers to install the one removed from Linby Lane to replace the broken on Moor Rd as an interim measure. Mr Hull and Cllr Montgomery agreed that if Mr Chambers was unable to carry out the work then they would be willing.

It was agreed that Option 3 had the most appeal with a few details to iron out. Cllr Else will be liaising with LIS to finalise this bid which should be approved this month.

010/11 **NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Womble advised that he had received an enquiry for an advertisement to be placed in the next Newsletter which he had quoted at £20 per half page on this occasion. Cllr Womble asked Clerk to prepare an invoice.

Clerk to prepare invoice

Cllr Womble advised that he was hoping to include information on the Conservation Area Appraisal.

Mr Hull to email distribution list to Chairman

Cllr Womble advised that the next edition would be ready to go out end of January/beginning of February. Mr Hull agreed to email the Chairman the distribution list.

011/11 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Non received.

Cllr Lewis asked about the property which is up for auction on Linby Lane. Cllr Womble said outline permission had been granted for a dwelling to be built.

012/11 **PLAYING FIELD**

a) General - vandalism/litter - Cllr Womble reported that there had been little damage, some litter but the park had been well used over the Christmas period. Cllr Lewis requested permission to purchase a litter picker which was agreed.

b) Inspection Duty Book passed from Cllr Womble to Cllr Lewis.

013/11 **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) Church Lane/Main St substation - no report from Clerk. Cllr Roberts believes this should be happening in the next 18 months.

b) Church Lane possessory title acquisition - Clerk had completed all the paperwork with Julia T Betts.

c) Lorry Watch Scheme - Neil Savage from Trading Standards reported to the Clerk that we have had a result against the main driver discovered in July 2010 who breached the restriction on both occasions. On Monday 20/12/2010 at Nottingham Magistrates Court he received a £200 fine and also had to pay £100 costs. **Heavyweight fine sees lorry driver pay Papplewick penalty** Lorry drivers tempted to ignore weight restrictions in the Linby and Papplewick area got a stiff warning this week with the news that it cost one guilty driver £300. John Krause pleaded guilty at Nottingham Magistrates Court, on 20 December, to two charges of breaching a 7.5 tonne HGV Environmental Weight Restriction on Forest Lane , Papplewick, in July. He was fined £200 and ordered to pay £100 costs (the offence carries a maximum fine of £1,000). Since the offences were committed, Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards have worked with Papplewick and Linby Parish Councils to introduce a pioneering 'community lorry watch' scheme in the area. This has seen local residents take to their streets to record details of vehicles travelling through their village which they believe to be over the legal weight limit. "Sadly, some irresponsible lorry drivers will flout the regulations to save themselves time

and effort but they're taking a short cut to damaging our roads, noise pollution and potential tragedy, especially when it comes to the road safety of our children and older people," said Councillor Mick Murphy, Cabinet Member for Community Safety at Nottinghamshire County Council. "With the help of local people standing up for the quality of life in their community, Nottinghamshire Trading Standards have proved the County Council's zero tolerance of lorry drivers damaging communities and dicing with people's lives in this way," he added. Councillor David McCracken, Chairman of Papplewick Parish Council, was delighted at the news of the prosecution: "The roads in and around our village simply weren't designed for heavy lorries but, unfortunately, the occasional lorry driver will feel that the weight restrictions somehow don't apply to them. Hopefully this will deter them." Cllr Lewis proposed thanks be extended to all the volunteers.

d) Parish Plan and Forest Lane/A60 junction -

Cllr Lewis said she had noticed when looking through the Parish Plan that one of the things not achieved was a footpath from Forest Lane to the A60. Cllr Barnfather said this would depend on Section 106 funding from a developer to do works to the junction.

e) General -

Clerk reported that following the representations made at the last meeting she had liaised with Highways and the green board on the A60 before the Blidworth Way turn had finally been cleaned. The posts/bollards opposite Hall Lane island had been straightened and reset, Forest Lane re-surfacing is due to take place on 14th February for 3 weeks, the light inside the bollard at the crossroads junction with Main St has been replaced, and finally the collapsed drain outside Old Fayling near Ward Cottages the gully was found to be defunct and an order has been placed to remove it.

Cllr Else raised that matter of vehicles parking on the foot ways on Linby Lane, Hall Lane and Moor Rd and asked about enforcement action. Cllr Womble advised speaking to PCSO Chris Shaw about enforcement.

014/11 *REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS*

a) Village Hall - no report.

b) Julien Cahn Trust - Cllr Roberts reported that new boilers were going in so there will only be two properties left with the older boilers. The insurance broker had told the Trustees that he felt the properties were undervalued but an independent broker felt they were over valued.

015/11 *COUNCILLORS REPORTS*

a) Moor Pond Wood Steering Committee - Cllr G McCracken reported as follows: 1. New Footpath - negotiations are ongoing with Mr Mrs Cundy; 2. Hidden Valleys - the trail around the woods is to be marked by numbered posts each with an appropriate descriptive display panel attached; 3. Lichen Survey - Lee Scudder is to arrange another survey of the lichens growing in the area; 4. Dam Steps - refurbishment of these steps is no further forward but the group is looking at using reclaimed local stone to complete this project; 5. Friends Group Membership - presently stands at 39 members; 6. New Lease Agreement - due to events at County Hall the new lease agreement remains unsigned. Cllr Barnfather agreed to follow this up; 7.

Cllr Barnfather to follow up on new lease agreement at County Hall

Papplewick Lane Archaeology - apart from the removal of a couple of tree stumps and general tidying of the site, no further work is to take place until the group is in possession of a report on previous findings from the Archaeologist, Mr Richard Shepard; 8. Papplewick Lane (road surface water) - investigation underway to remedy water from the site running onto and along the highway. With the cooperation of householders in the immediate vicinity (possible diversion of this water into an existing garden water feature) an end to this problem is in sight; 9. Site Model - final siting of the model is still under discussion with the Village Hall Committee but it is hoped to have the completed model in place by March 2011; 10. Old Calverton Mineral Railway - this stretch of disused railway formation has now been declared surplus to requirements by Network Rail, with the result that both the Forestry Commission and County Hall (NCC) have been offered parts or all of the old track bed at low cost. This action might impact on the project regarding future footpath link ups. Cllr Barnfather will follow up on this at County Hall.

Cllr Barnfather to follow up on the offer of the old railway by Network Rail to NCC and the Forestry Commission.

b) Parish Paths Partnership - Cllr Womble reported that he has a new map for the Church Lane cabinet. Cllr Womble advised there were to be significant cut backs in Rights of Way and he didn't know how this will impact on P3.

c) Any other business - Chairman, Cllr D McCracken said that speed cameras were needed on Moor Rd in order to catch a few out and get the message out. Cllr Montgomery said that at a meeting of Pub Watch Police had said letters would be issued to cars owners who left valuables in their cars whilst parked in the pub car parks as this was attracting crime. Cllr G McCracken said that the Parish Council normally delivers Papplewick Pumping Station leaflets with its newsletter and would like to continue to do so. Chairman, Cllr D McCracken said that moles were active behind the skate park.

016/11

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 9th March 2011 7.15pm
at the Village Hall**

**Public Consultation meeting for the Conservation Area
Appraisal - Thursday 17th February 2011
7.15pm at the Village Hall**

The meeting ended at 10.20 pm

Signed Chairman

Initials Chairman.....