

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12th SEPT 2007

Present: **Cllr Mr C Womble (Chairman)**
 Cllr Mrs S Roberts
 Cllr Mrs J Robinson
 Cllr Mr D Clayton
 Cllr Mr B Zinn

Absent **0**

Parishioners 22 + Cllr J Lonergan, Cllr Mrs Patricia Andrews
 PC Andy Vale, PCSO Joe Partlett and
 Station Officer Craig Dooley

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm

OPEN FORUM

PC Andy Vale introduced his new colleague PCSO Joe Partlett who will be patrolling Linby, Papplewick, Newstead and Bestwood villages. PC Vale advised that there had been 16 crimes committed since the last meeting mainly thefts and car related incidents but also highlighted that four of these involved arson.

Station Manager Craig Dooley (Notts Fire & Rescue Service) attended the meeting in his capacity as a member of the Arson Task force and outlined how the Police and Fire Services were working together to reduce arson related incidents.

There were many questions from the floor about concerns on police cover and increasing antisocial behaviour on the playing field. Station Manager Craig Dooley agreed to make arrangements for fire personnel to visit the playing field and talk to youths.

There was a general feeling that trouble had increased since the opening of the skate park and that this was caused mainly by users from outside the village. This had had a knock on effect of more vandalism in the adjacent Moor Pond Woods.

Following comments about lack of police over in the area PC Vale explained how policing resource are allocated across the County. Records of reported crimes and incidents are analysed and resources committed in proportion. It was therefore

paramount to report all incidents however trivial so that these will be included in the database. This may enable more resources to be allocated locally. To assist in this Police contact numbers will be posted on the village Notice Boards.

PC Andy Vale had visited some residents on Linby Lane (properties backing on to the Playing Field) and agreed to visit the remainder in the near future.

Incident numbers will be notified to the clerk so that a record can be maintained locally.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs J Robinson declared an interest in respect of the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise group. (skate park funding)

Cllr Mr B Zinn declared an interest as a member of the Parochial Church Council, in agenda item 11 Cemetery Provision

3. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11TH JULY 2007

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk had met with representatives of Severn Trent to discuss the placement of the new notice board on Mansfield Road. There are no objections but clearance must be received from ST Legal Department whose response is awaited.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A questionnaire had been received from Playdale regarding customer satisfaction re installation of the skate park. This was returned noting the unsatisfactory state of the Playing Field surface.

A request has been received from Black & Veatch on behalf of the Environment Agency for information on areas at risk of flooding. This will be circulated to all councillors.

Mrs S Sale, monitoring officer at Gedling BC had asked to attend the next meeting to advise on the new members code of conduct.

The chairman had received e-mail correspondence from Cllr. Joe Lonergan, Chairman of Ravenshead Parish Council, regarding planning and installation of the skate park to which he had replied.

A letter from NALC notifying us of the 'Crash Course in Planning' training event they were organising.

A further complaint from a parishioner regarding the state of the footway outside 34 Forest Lane had been referred to NCC Highways.

A Gedling BC questionnaire had been received and completed.

6. ACCOUNTS.

Parish Council General

Income

None

Expenditure

508	£	18.51	Gedling BC	Grass cutting
509	£	14.00	P & L Village Hall	Hall rental
511	£	19.81	R Hull	Fencing Sundries
512	£	524.99	North Notts landscapes	Fencing materials
513	£	24636.23	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	Skate park Equipment
514	£	127.79	SP Rose Ltd	Grass cutting
515	£	213.71	Allianz Insurance Ltd	Additional Ins. Premium for Skate Park
516	£	108.00	Barrie Woodcock	Internal Audit Fees
517	£	15.00	NALC	Course fees
518	£	37.01	Gedling BC	Grass cutting
519	£	41.13	UHY Hacker Young	Audit fees
520	£	1450.23	W V Whyley	salary and allowances half year
521/2	£	77.72	Colin Womble	Signs and fittings

Moor Pond Wood

Income

None

Expenditure

088	£	35.81	Progressive Office Supplies	Ink Cartridge
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All payments were approved.

7. PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received

91 Mansfield Road 2007/0464 Install underground propane gas
no objections

Altham Lodge 2007/0675 Erect two stables and tack room
No objections

Griffins Head 2007/0695/6 Crown reduction on chestnut tree
Fell ash tree
No objections

53 Main Street 2007/0673 Install wood burning stove and fit
replacement windows
No objections

53 Linby Lane 2007/0732 Erect new dwelling

It was noted that two mature trees at 34 Forest Lane where planning approval had already been given to build two new dwelling and been felled despite the application stating that the trees would be maintained. The clerk was asked to write to Gedling BC expressing the concerns of the Parish Council.

8 PLAYING FIELD

a. GENERAL

The chairman had reported two incidents to the Police in respect of damage to fencing and benches. PC Vale also requested that offensive graffiti should also be reported.

Some asbestos shards were still on the field. The clerk will arrange for a specialist contractor to carry out removal.

It was agreed that a claim would be made against the Council's insurance in relation to the vandalised seat on the Playing Field.

b. SKATE PARK

Ground damaged during the installation of the skate park had still not been made good. The Chairman had written to Playdale (the equipment suppliers) but had yet to receive a response. The clerk will seek quotes from local contractors to make good the damaged area.

It was agreed to seek quotations for the extension of the existing Village Hall CCTV system together with a "Mosquito" anti vandal system, to be extended to cover the Skate Park area. However the final decision will not be taken for six weeks to evaluate the effects of increased police presence.

A grant of £7K had been received towards the costs of new equipment

Cllr C Womble is holding discussions with Gedling BC regarding a Service Level Agreement. Presently there are differences in the required indemnity.

9. HIDDEN VALLEYS PROJECT

Cllr C Womble attended a meeting at the offices of Ashfield DC who are keen to continue as this seen as a low cost way of publicising footpaths. Gedling BC appear to have dropped the project in its area.

It was agreed to contribute £50.00 towards the costs of signage for routes within the Parish.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr D Clayton informed the meeting that 300 leaflets had been delivered but to date only 20 (7%) replies had been received. Two parishioners agreed to help. Smart water marking raised most interest. A decision is required on the best way to proceed.

11. CEMETERY PROVISION

Cllrs S Roberts and C Womble attended a meeting with Gedling BC about burial provision within the parish. Two plots of land have been donated to the church. The Reverend Canon K Turner updated the meeting on the churches position. The church would like to take possession of the lands donated so that local burial facilities can be continued (current provision is almost exhausted) but surveys are needed to establish if the ground is suitable. If so the church would need to seek planning consent from Gedling BC and if successful suitable fencing would need to be erected.

It was agreed that the Parish council would in principal provide financial support towards the costs involved. Exact amounts to be determined at a future Council meeting.

12. ANNUAL BONFIRE

Cllr Mr D Clayton is arranging a planning meeting with Richard Hull.

13. RISK MANAGEMENT

Cllr Mr C Womble reported that had reviewed the Parish Councils Health and Safety document and risk assessments.

14. BANKING ARRANGMENTS

It was agreed to continue with the existing banking arrangements with the Yorkshire Bank Plc.

15. WEB SITE MAINTENANCE

Cllr Mr C Womble agreed to review the current arrangements and report back at a future meeting.

16. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a). Village Hall

b). Linby School

No report

c). Julian Cahn Trust

No report

d). Association of Gedling Parishes

No report

17. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a). Parish Paths Partnership

Cllr Mr C Womble will arrange for grass cutting on the Stanker Hill Path. He also advised the meeting that he had attended a "Discovering Lost Ways" seminar. The right to redesignate new paths will soon be withdrawn. Parishes are being asked to participate. There are none in the Parish. Nottinghamshire CC is still trying to acquire the discussed Calverton Mineral Railway line in order to convert to a public path. Following a review of matters an Appraisal would be arranged for the Clerk in accordance with his terms of employment.

b). Playing Field

It was agreed that the sum £20.00 be spent on bulbs.

c). Moor Pond Wood Steering committee

As the project is coming to a close it is necessary to close down the Parish Councils accounts. The clerk was asked to liase with Stephen Walker, chairman of the Moor Pond Wood Steering group, to effect this.

It was reported that the plughole was now being restored and the intention was to install a Perspex cover to provide protection but still allow public viewing

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th November 2007

19. OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that councillor's details shown on the Parish Notice Boards would be restricted to name and telephone number only. The clerk would be the main point of contact for the public

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Signed Chairman Vice Chairman