

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick on Wednesday 8th March 2017

Present

Cllrs: S Roberts (Chairman), C Hesketh (Vice-Chairman), S Walker, T Savage, J Salmons, N Penlington and the Clerk

Parishioners & Visitors: Cllr C Powell and 3 members of the public

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm

Minute No.	
69/17	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllr C Barnfather, M Else</p>
70/17	<p><u>Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 9th March 2016</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2016 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Hesketh, seconded by Cllr Roberts and signed by the Chairman Cllr Roberts</p>
71/17	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <p>Cllr Roberts presented the following report:</p> <p>When I started to look back and make notes on what the Council had been involved in since the last APA, I realised I needed a bigger piece of paper! Firstly thank you to all the councillors for their work on behalf of the Council; I have already thanked Baz Mayoh for his work. There have been highs and lows during the last 12 months. We had a beacon in April 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and we had continued traffic problems with the closure of the railway bridge in Hucknall, adding to the already congested crossroad in the village. We have a new Priest in Charge for the ecclesiastical Parish of Linby-cum-Papplewick, Rev Trevor Raaf who came to our meeting to introduce himself but still the discussions continue about the proposed housing in the area, with the Gedling Local Plan being subject to inspection as I report. The mini roundabout at the junction of Moor Road and Papplewick Lane should be in place before too long. Gedling Borough Council have acknowledged the problems at the Griffin Crossroads and we are advised that changes will be in place before too long. The funding for this should come from the development of the site known as 'Land North of Papplewick Lane'. Although this will fund any alterations, the addition of these homes will unfortunately add to the problems at the junction.</p>

There was once again a very successful Play Day in July. It really is a joy to see the playing field so full of children, parents and grandparents having a lovely time. November saw the Bonfire and what a fantastic event it was. We are very much victims of our own success with this event, the numbers attending each year continue to increase and as a result there will have to be changes in respect of crowd safety in 2017 which have been discussed and plans are in place to implement these. A big thank you must go to Richard Hull for his efforts on the Play Day and also to Richard and the members of the Leisure Enterprise Group for their unstinting work on the Bonfire, thank you once again to Baz for the use of the field for car parking and to the excellent marshals from the Explorer Scouts in the car park.

The administration of the Council has been developed with the Clerk undertaking training and the Councillors have updated and in some cases rewritten a number of the Council's policies. I would like to thank Cllr Stephen Walker for his work on the newsletters. They are always a 'good read' with matters of interest to the whole parish and not just those who live in the village itself. The Council has had updates on the review of the Conservation Area and Cllr Walker spent some time walking round the village pointing out particular places of note to ensure our views were understood and included in this review. We have yet to have this signed off.

We had a presentation from the Community Road Safety scheme but we decided not to take an active part in this at this time. The village was entered once again in the Best Kept Village Competition but didn't make it through to the second round. We will keep trying, no phone box mentioned this year! The County Council has updated the street lighting in the village with LED lights but felt unable to support our request for a dropped kerb on Moor Road, something that the Parish Council will be funding in the near future. I look forward to being able to put my spade back in the shed once the County Council has sorted out the drainage problems at the lay-by on Forest Lane.

The Council made the decision to create a Neighbourhood Plan and work is progressing well on this. Cllrs Walker and Hesketh had led on this and there has been meeting of the working party and a questionnaire to all parishioners. This is due back in later this week and I'm sure the replies will make interesting reading. We will be working with a consultant Anthony Northcote on this as well as with a Transport Consultant in conjunction with Linby Parish Council for the traffic specific elements of the plan.

The new Tea Rooms at Morton's Farm are a pleasing addition to the Village and we wish them well. Moor Pond Woods continues to be an important part of the parish and there will be a celebration of the work done there in the next few weeks. Last weekend all the councillors along with a significant number of parishioners took part in the Great British Spring Clean, picking up litter and other detritus around the parish. A few hours effort really does make a big difference. A very big thank you must go to those who took part. I notice that the lay-by and pull-off at the Devil's Elbow on the A60 has been coned off, I suspect that is to assist Gedling Borough Council in clearing the large amount of builders' waste and other rubbish that has been fly-tipped there over the last few weeks. I believe that infra-red cameras are going to be used to try and find out who is dumping waste in the future.

On the subject of litter, the Lengthsman scheme still operates and one of the regular jobs is the emptying of the bins on the playing field. This scheme is continuing for another year and we are grateful for the work that is done under this scheme.

Finally thank you to our 'regular' attenders at Council meetings, your attendance and support of the work of the Council is greatly appreciated.

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Financial Controller's Report

The Clerk produced the following report which was presented to the Council by Cllr Roberts:

Precept and Budget

The Precept for 2017/18 has been set at £10,062, a rise of £144.00 on last years (1.45%). The budget was reviewed both at the Finance Meeting in October and the subsequent parish council meetings.

The Grant Aid for 2017/18 is £256.00; a reduction of £74.00 on last years, and this is thought to continue to reduce over the next few years.

Donations

The Parish Council has received the following donations for 2016/17:

PLLEG	Donation towards 3 barrels for the village	£330
LAPWINGS WI	Donation towards WI Centenary Bench	£536.57
GBC – C Barnfather, C Powell, B Andrews	Donation towards 3 Barrels for village	£300
Donation from Playday	Donation from Ice cream man & drinks / cakes	£130.56
PLLEG	Donation towards Fireworks	£1000
PLLEG	Donation towards Christmas lights	£210
	Total Donations Received	£2,507.13

Other Income

HMRC	VAT Refund	£674.78
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Banking

The Parish Council continues to bank with the Yorkshire Bank.

It was agreed at the January 2017 meeting not to continue with a Business Term Deposit. The account was closed and £15,995.97 was transferred to the current account on 8th February 2017. The Parish Council will discuss opening a savings account at a future meeting.

Audit

It was resolved at the Finance Meeting to appoint Barrie Woodcock for a further term of one year. The Accounts for 2016/17 will be prepared after 31st March 2017 and sent to Mr Woodcock.

	<p>For the financial year 2016/17 there are no changes to the existing external audit arrangements. The Clerk will send the accounts to Grant Thornton.</p> <p>The Parish Council continues to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. All accounts notices and documentation are available on the website.</p>
73/17	<p><u>Representative's Reports</u></p> <p><u>a) Moor Pond Wood</u></p> <p>Cllr Walker reported the following:</p> <p>I have been elected as the Chairman of the Steering Group. Major work has been carried out relating to the Heritage Lottery Funded project. The aims are to try and achieve better community engagement, to conserve the stone work at the Grange Cottages sluice, design and install interpretation panels, increase the number of welcome boards, fencing and bridging around the archaeology site. Most of the work is complete. All are invited to the weekend of celebrations on 17th, 18th and 19th March.</p> <p>The accessibility project at Papplewick Dam will cost £10,000 and includes installing a dropped kerb to provide level access from the lay by, raising path levels and take out steps around the bridges. So far they have raised £5,000 towards the total, with thanks to Veolia for their grant for dropped kerb works which has already been carried out, £1,000 from The Gray Trust towards the interpretation boards, a £1,000 from local councillors from their community funds to go towards path works, and £2,000 from the postcode lottery.</p> <p>We're finalists in the Tesco Community Appeal which is funded through selling carrier bags. They choose 3 good local causes and customers in store vote on which should win. First prize is £5,000, 2nd is £2,000 and 3rd is £1,000.</p> <p>Community engagement has been partly to keep people in villages better informed and also to try and engage with the residents of Vaughan Estate and Papplewick Grange Estate. We are also creating a round walk, which supports local businesses and points out things of interest.</p> <p>Within the group, we continue to meet monthly and have raised funds (e.g. the barn dance last October) and continue to look for grants.</p> <p><u>b) Julian Cahn Trust</u></p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported the following:</p> <p>I am currently Chairman of Trustees. All homes are occupied, in good condition and residents seem happy. Discussed over the last 12 months, handing over to Nottingham Community Almshouses Association and feel they would be better placed to administer the homes and to have more people available to meet the criteria when homes become empty.</p>

	<p>We are communicating with them and have produced our accounts for 2016 and the budget for 2017, and waiting for a reply from them. The intention of the Trustees is to fit lights in the porches that have motion sensors in them as it's not pleasant for the residents when it's dark. Will arrange a party before they hand over to the Nottingham Community Almshouses Association.</p> <p><u>c) Village Hall</u></p> <p>Cllr Penlington reported the following:</p> <p>The Village Hall continues with management chaired by Bob Brothwell. Ensuring the deeds of trust and administration is all correct and that's involved a lot of work by the trustees to make sure things are all in order going forward. We have registered the deeds of the village hall with the land registry. Bookings continue to be good and are looking promising for the future. Ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the facility was continued with investment in lights to reduce electricity overheads. New dishwasher this year and upgrading the boiler. The low back chairs have been replaced and we are looking for another supplier for high back chairs. Thank you to the Councillors for the donation towards the chairs. The highlight for the committee was the anniversary and the beer festival associated with it.</p>
74/17	<p><u>Councillor Reports</u></p> <p>None</p>

The meeting ended at 7:40pm

Signed Chairman:

Date: