

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Papplewick & Linby Village Hall on Wednesday 10th November 2021

Present: Cllr S Roberts (Chair), Cllr Carolyn Hesketh (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stephen Walker, Cllr Nigel Penlington, Cllr H Guyler, K Weston and the Clerk (joined remotely)

Parishioners/Visitors: Inspector C Pearson, Cllr C Barnfather (GBC, NCC), Mr & Mrs Kerr, M Else

**** The Defibrillator wasn't inspected prior to the meeting ****

| <u>Minute No</u> | | <u>Action</u> |
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| 133/21 | APOLOGIES Cllr R Pettitt Cllr M Smith (GBC) | |
| 134/21 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr S Roberts - Papplewick & Linby Cricket Club Cllr H Guyler – Papplewick & Linby Village Hall Cllr C Hesketh – Papplewick & Linby Village Hall | |
| 135/21 | APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Walker seconded by Cllr Hesketh and signed by Cllr Roberts. | |
| 136/21 | <p>INSPECTOR CHRIS PEARSON ON POLICING IN THE BOROUGH</p> <p>Inspector Pearson gave an update on policing in the borough and advised all crimes are down 30% across the villages. Antisocial Behaviour is down by 40%. He advised there will be 3 extra Beat Managers by the end of the Financial Year. PC Chris Whild is covering Papplewick, Linby and Ravenshead and will be resuming his patch walks. It is hoped he will be available to meet with the Parish Council and walk around the parish to highlight any problem areas. Inspector Pearson reported he continues to send regular updates via social media and newsletter. He advised they have been using Community Road Safety Scheme Volunteers to carry out speeding exercises, additional volunteers are needed and training will be provided. No commitment is required, it's as little as a few hours a month working alongside a PCSO. They have seen good results in Calverton and Woodborough and advised it is a scheme which is working very well and could be successful in Papplewick if Volunteers are available. If any members of the public would like to get involved, please contact the Clerk – clerk@papplewick.org.uk. The PC to include details in the newsletter and on the Facebook page.</p> <p>He advised he has secured CCTV boxes for the park (free of charge) and will liaise with the Clerk regarding delivery and installation. The Council thanked Inspector Pearson for his support.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh reported there has been a reduction in speeding cars on a Sunday evening. Inspector Pearson advised Ashfield Police has been running a joint operation with Derbyshire Police to focus on speeding/racers on the motorway and that has made a big difference.</p> <p>Cllr Barnfather thanked Inspector Pearson for his hard work and proactive approach and reported of the positive feedback he has received from residents over the 5 parishes. He works well with the Parish Council's, keeps the parishes updated and responds very well to any issues. The PC agreed and thanked Inspector Pearson for attending the meeting.</p> | <p>PC to meet with PC Chris Whild</p> <p>Cllr Walker to include in newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Guyler to include on Facebook page</p> |
| 137/21 | CLLR WESTON TO SIGN DECLARATION OF OFFICE Moved to next meeting | |

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| 138/21 | <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>i) Liner & Key for Bear bin</u> Cllr Roberts to pass to Cllr Guyler</p> <p><u>ii) Road works on A60 near Burntstump</u> Cllr Roberts reported works include alterations to the junction involving widening the carriageway to create two lanes coming into the traffic lights. The road will be closed over 4 nights from 22nd November for resurfacing and road marking.</p> <p><u>iii) Precepts in the parish</u> Cllr Roberts reported Council tax bands for all parishes are available to view on the Gedling Borough Council website. She advised Papplewick are on the lower side with some parishes having a far higher banding.</p> <p><u>iv) Church Service – Armistice Day</u> Cllr Roberts reported the service on 11th November will begin with Teas/Coffees at 10.00am to allow for the 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. A further service will be held at the Playing Field at 12:30pm. Cllr Roberts advised she will attend the Service at St Michael’s Church, Linby on Sunday morning and will take the PC wreath. She will later fasten the wreath onto the fence on the Playing Field.</p> | Cllr Roberts to pursue |
| 139/21 | <p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p><u>i. Planting a tree for the Queen’s Jubilee</u> Mrs Kerr asked whether the PC will consider planting a tree for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee next year. Cllr Walker to pursue with the W.I.</p> <p><u>ii. Parking on Main Street</u> Mrs Kerr reported vehicles parking on Main Street continues to be a serious issue due to pedestrians being unable to safely walk along the pavement. It is impossible for those with pushchairs or wheelchair users to be able to safely use the pavement resulting in having to go into the road in order to get by the vehicles.</p> <p><u>iii. Bypass</u> Cllr Roberts reported the Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Cllr John Clarke has recently made comments about his wish for a bypass to extend from the Gedling Access Road, through Papplewick and Linby to the M1. Cllr Roberts commented that a bypass would involve destroying further green field sites and new homes would be built right up to the edges of the road.</p> <p><u>iv. Re-positioning the 30mph sign</u> Mrs Kerr enquired whether the 30mph sign on the village boundary on Linby Lane could be moved as this may slow people sooner on entry to the village.</p> | Cllr Walker to pursue |
| 140/21 | <p>HIGHWAYS MATTERS</p> <p>a) Lengthsman Scheme: Cllr Hesketh reported the PC have used 29.5 hours and have 43.5 hours remaining (however, that doesn’t include the recent work carried out strimming the corner on Marshalls field in preparation for the Christmas tree). The PC agreed for the Lengthsman to continue emptying the bins and spraying the equipment until the end of March. New jobs to include cleaning the road signs, strimming the hedges around the signs and strimming Moor Road verge next to the field. Cllr Hesketh to pursue.</p> <p>b) Fly tipping: Recent fly tipping at Forest Lane layby and Moor Road, under the bridge. A lot of rubbish is McDonald’s packaging - the PC discussed whether McDonalds might consider sponsoring a larger bin at Forest Lane – See Item d.</p> <p>c) Linby Lane Layby flooding: Paula Johnson at Via has confirmed remedial works have been carried out and will need photographic evidence of any further flooding. PC to pursue.</p> <p>d) Larger Bin request for Forest Lane Layby: The Clerk advised she has been in contact with Andy Thornley at GBC and it is on their list to do.</p> | Cllr Hesketh to arrange PC to photograph flooding |

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| | <p>e) Lamp-post inspection, Main Street update: Richard Williams at Via inspected the lampposts and advised they are all in good working order with no repairs required. Cllr Hesketh was pleased to report the PC have received permission to install the Christmas lights.</p> <p>f) LED lantern replacements, Church Lane update: The PC advised LED lanterns have been installed on the faux Victorian lampposts on Church Lane. Richard Williams at Via agreed to investigate further. He advised the lampposts are not genuine heritage lamps and this may be why they have been replaced with LEDs. The PC advised Church Lane is owned by the PC and is not Highways. Clerk to continue to pursue</p> | Clerk to continue to pursue |
| 141/21 | <p>WEBSITE UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Walker reported he had a remote meeting with Sam Briggs at Vitty to discuss the changes required including combining the news and events into one heading and including any new events in the blue notification box on the front page. He will also change the format of how to create an events page as the current process is complicated. The playing field inspection reports are still being looked at as these reports need to be held by the PC so that a record is kept of any issues or problems in case any accidents occur. The PC to continue completing the paper monthly inspection report. This will need reviewing by the PC before it is uploaded onto the website. The PC advised the website does not appear towards the top of the page when searching via Google. Cllr Walker advised Google charge for this; however, Mr Briggs will investigate further. Cllr Hesketh advised when the website opens it says page not found and you need to click on the home page in order to access the website. Cllr Walker confirmed Mr Briggs is looking into this issue.</p> | |
| 142/21 | <p>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE & PRECEPT RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>The draft finance meeting minutes and budget sheet were circulated to the PC prior to the meeting. Cllr Hesketh reported that it had been noted that although the PC have been putting money into the budget each year to go towards play equipment replacement, it has not been precepted and therefore no cash has been going into the fund, which is why the PC now have a shortfall of reserves of approximately £17,000.00.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh gave a brief overview of the meeting including: For 2021/22 we have included £3,000.00 for roundabout repairs and removed the £2,500.00 budget for the CCTV. For the 2022/23 budget, they have included £500.00 for tree maintenance, which will be precepted to cover emergency tree maintenance should it be required, earmarked reserves for tree maintenance will reduce from £3,000.00 to £1,000.00. She reported there will be no budget for the wheeled activity ramp (skatepark) or the container – these will all need to either be fully funded or completed inhouse with no significant costs. She advised £2,500.00 has been included for employing a planning consultant to assist with responding to the emerging Ashfield Local Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh asked Cllr Barnfather whether the £600.00 donation that was given for the CCTV and Security on the Playing Field can be re-purposed towards an additional defibrillator* for the Parish. Cllr Barnfather asked the Clerk to send him the request in writing. * See Agenda item 145/21</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh reported she has produced a draft budget up to 2026/7 with a precept top up each year of £3,417.00 to make good the shortfall over the next 5 years. She advised the precept recommendation for 2022/2023 is £22,405.00 which is an increase of 78.83%. Cllr Roberts commented the Finance Committee have looked at the numbers and can find no other way around it - the precept needs to be increased to accommodate the short-fall and to ensure the parish continues to be maintained.</p> <p>Cllr Barnfather advised the PC not to waste money on a planning consultant and commented the PC can respond themselves. Cllr Roberts advised a lot of the documents are technical jargon that is not always easily understood, however the PC agreed to remove this from the budget.</p> | <p>Clerk to send request to Cllr Barnfather</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh to remove the Local Plan budget</p> |

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| | <p>Removing the Local Plan budget leaves a precept of £19,905.00, a 59% increase. The PC agreed to include a full explanation of the precept increase in the newsletter and remind the parishioners of what the Parish Council do for the parish, including planting out the flowers, owning and maintaining the play equipment (many think it is Gedling Borough Council who are responsible, and not the Parish Council) and also highlight that the Councillors are all unpaid volunteers.</p> <p>Cllr Barnfather advised Ravenshead PC do not have ear marked reserves for their play equipment as it is unlikely all equipment would need replacing at the same time, so if something needs replacing or repairing, it is done in that one year, and then another the following year. Cllr Hesketh commented it would be irresponsible for Papplewick PC not to build up a fund for replacing the equipment, which is now 10 years old. Cllr Roberts commented the larger play equipment is around £20,000.00 to replace and the PC would not be in a position to do this if they did not hold reserves.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh advised the current ear marked reserves include £10,000.00 from Put Things Right which is allocated towards cycle or footpaths. There is also £10,000.00 from the Papplewick Environment & Community Fund, and this has been agreed to be allocated towards projects that are above and beyond the general day to day activities of the Parish Council. She also advised it is recommended that a year's worth of precept is held in reserves.</p> <p>Cllr Penlington advised the PC are now faced with the ongoing cost of maintaining the website and also commented that the trees are now mature and do require annual inspection and maintenance.</p> <p>The PC discussed removing the extra budget of £110.00 to trim Church Lane as this can be covered by the Lengthsman hours. It was agreed that any overspend next year will need to be agreed by making a compensating saving against another budget area, and this additional £110 would leave the PC some small scope for this.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh clarified that there will be no monies available for any other projects. She commented the precept for 2021/22 is a one-off large increase, and that the following 4 years will not require further large increases.</p> | <p>Cllr Hesketh to circulate updated precept to the PC</p> |
| <p>143/21</p> | <p>SKATEPARK REPAIRS – UPDATE</p> <p>The PC agreed to look at funding available for a new concrete skatepark. Cllr Roberts advised the cost from TEN Construction for a similar size would be around £30,000.00 plus VAT. She advised the PC would require further quotes. She confirmed she has emailed Skatepark UK for a list of their recommended contractors. She reported there is grant funding available from the Local Community Fund which is maximum £20k with at least 50% match funded. She also discussed a Crowd Funding grant, which would need to be investigated further. Also £10k from Sport England, but the PC would need to match fund the £10k. She advised she has emailed Melvyn Cryer, the Parks & Environment Manager at GBC as he was involved in writing the funding application for the new £100k playground at Killisick and may be able to help the PC. The PC advised they need to find out the cost of scrapping the metal.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts asked whether the PC should speak to Put Things Right to find out whether their £10k donation for cycle/footpaths could go towards the skatepark. Cllr Hesketh recommended asking for an additional separate donation towards the skatepark. Cllr Walker agreed to contact Ben Marshall at Put Things Right.</p> <p>The PC agreed to look at funding opportunity to replace the skatepark ASAP.</p> | <p>PC to look at scrapping the metal</p> <p>Cllr Walker to contact Ben Marshall at Put Things Right</p> <p>PC to look at funding opportunities ASAP</p> |
| <p>144/21</p> | <p>ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE PARISH / DEPLOYING SIGNS</p> <p>The PC advised a device with a high pitch noise that only teenagers can hear has been installed at St James Church. This is hoped to discourage teenagers from gathering around the Church. The signs to be moved to the entrance to Moor Pond Wood and the layby on Forest Lane.</p> | <p>Cllrs to move the police signs</p> |

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| 145/21 | <p>ACTION PLAN REVIEW</p> <p>Cllr Walker forwarded the updated Action Plan Document prior to the meeting. Cllr Walker advised there may still be the possibility of funding from Miner 2 Major for the Container for the playing field. The PC discussed moving the £600.00 for the CCTV across to contribute towards the Container. The Clerk to contact Cllr Barnfather with the update.</p> <p>The PC agreed to adopt the Plan. Cllr Walker to update the Plan and forward to the Clerk</p> | <p>Clerk to contact Cllr Barnfather</p> <p>Cllr Walker to update the Plan and forward to the Clerk</p> |
| 146/21 | <p>PAPPLEWICK ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Walker advised members of the PC recently met with Suzanne Marshall to discuss the various projects. They agreed to the wildflowers on the verges and Suzanne is in favour of a seat for the top of Stanker Hill but needs to check with Marshall Farms for permission. Cllr Walker to chase up and get prices. The PC discussed the locations which may be suitable including the wide verges on the A60 between the two sets of lights, creating a gateway feature, around the seat on Forest Lane and wider parts of Moor Road. Cllr Walker agreed to produce a map to forward to Via. The Clerk to contact Via for further advice on pursuing this project.</p> | <p>Cllr Walker to chase up and get prices</p> <p>Cllr Walker to forward Map to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact Via for advice</p> |
| 147/21 | <p>HEDGING ON PLAYING FIELD – UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Walker reported he has obtained quotes for the hedge and it will cost around £800.00. He has applied to Greenwood for grant funding. The PC advised also approaching the Papplewick Environment & Community Fund and requesting the help of the Young Farmers. Cllr Walker advised he has requested a quote from Jonathan Rhodes for a guide price.</p> | <p>Cllr Walker to pursue</p> |
| 148/21 | <p>DEFIBRILLATOR FOR CHURCH LANE – UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Roberts advised she will continue to investigate but for the time being it will be on the PC's wish list for the future. Clerk to remove from Agenda</p> | <p>Clerk to remove from agenda</p> |
| 149/21 | <p>FIRST AID / DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING – UPDATE</p> <p>The Clerk circulated costs from 2 organisations prior to the meeting. The PC agreed that due to the high cost they could not pursue at this time. Some Councillors advised they have the Health & Safety Certificate through their employment. Clerk to remove from Agenda.</p> | <p>Clerk to remove from agenda</p> |
| 150/21 | <p>NEWSLETTER – PC TO DISCUSS</p> <p>The PC agreed to produce a newsletter at the end of January and will include information on the precept, skatepark update and litter pick.</p> | <p>Cllr Walker to pursue</p> |
| 151/21 | <p>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh reported Via has given permission for the PC to install the Christmas lights. She advised a bracket needs to be moved from Church Lane to the lamppost on Main Street, she will ask Mr Fairholme for assistance again. She advises she has the small trees and planter boxes and the battery-operated lights. She asked for volunteers to assist with installing them. The Christmas tree should be delivered towards the end of November and volunteers will be needed on the day. She reported the Griffin's Head pub will have a Christmas Fayre on 27th November and they have asked if the Christmas tree lights can be switched on then. The PC agreed. The PC advised the preschool will make some decorations again this year but would like to invite other children to make some decorations for the tree too. The decorations should be around A4 size and laminated if possible, although if this isn't possible, the PC can do this. Cllr Guyler to include on the Facebook page.</p> | <p>Volunteers needed for installing the Christmas tree and decorations</p> <p>Cllr Guyler to include on the Facebook page</p> |
| 152/21 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p><i>All correspondence had been circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting.</i></p> | |

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| 154/21 | <p>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS <u>a. Current Account balance</u></p> <p>£54,330.18</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 155/21 | <p><u>PLAYING FIELD</u></p> <p>a) <u>General – vandalism & litter</u> Bins continue to be emptied.</p> <p>b) <u>Inspection report, risk assessments and handover</u> Cllr Pettitt to hand over to Cllr Guyler</p> <p>c) <u>Playing field working party update</u> Cllr Walker circulated an update to the PC prior to the meeting.</p> <p>d) <u>Playing field restoration</u> The PC agreed this can be looked at in-house and may be able to be done when the container is installed.</p> <p>e) <u>Repairs to surface</u> Not discussed</p> <p>f) <u>Container update</u> Cllr Walker advised he may still be able to obtain funding from Miner 2 Major as discussed above in 145/21. The PC discussed a suitable location being near the Ball Cone, tucked in close to the trees. Possible funding also available from the Papplewick Environment & Community Fund and the Gray Trust. Cllr Walker to pursue. Cllr Hesketh reminded the PC that there was no additional funding available for the container, so this would need to be fully funded.</p> <p>g) <u>CCTV update</u> The PC agreed not to pursue. Clerk to remove from Agenda.</p> | <p>Cllr Pettitt to handover to Cllr Guyler</p> <p>PC to pursue</p> <p>Cllr Walker to pursue</p> <p>Clerk to remove from agenda</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 156/21 | <p><u>REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS</u></p> <p>a) Village Hall: Cllr Guyler reported all regular hirers are now back using the hall, the new curtains for the main hall have arrived, they have decorated over the summer in the main hall and have new flooring in there as well and currently discussing options for replacing the carpet in the Bradbury Suite.</p> <p>b) Moor Pond Wood: Cllr Walker reported they are still trying to spend the last of the LIS grant received 3 years ago, they are completing landscaping around the waterfall and reinforcing the banks. They are looking for grant money to restore grassland areas and hoping to improve butterfly numbers. The Fishing club have drained down the pond and deposited silt into the river – Cllr Walker to investigate further.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 157/21 | <p>COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p><u>a) Flooding/Drainage issues in the parish</u></p> <p>In addition to the flooding at the Layby on Linby Lane, the PC discussed other areas prone to flooding including water collecting at Hall Lane island again, gullies on the A60 which are either collapsed or blocked and the recent flooding in the cellar at Ward Cottage. Cllr Roberts to send photographs and location of gullies on Mansfield Road to Cllr Barnfather. Cllr Roberts advised the new grip at the bottom of Forest Lane is working well, with only a small puddle of water occurring after a downpour, which is a great improvement.</p> | Cllr Roberts to forward photographs to Cllr Barnfather |
| 158/21 | <p>DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 12th January 2022, 7:15pm at the Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick</p> | |

The meeting ended at 21:52

Signed: _____ Chairman

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