

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14th July 2004

Present: Cllr Mr. I. Griffiths (Chairman)
Cllr Mr. R. Hull (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr. D. Hubbard
Cllr Mrs. S. Roberts
Cllr Mrs. S. Robinson
Cllr Mr. S. Walker
Cllr Mr. C. Womble

Parishioners: 1 + Councillor J. McCauley & Mrs. McCauley
Mr. M. Paulson

Apologies: Cllr Mr. J. Lonergan

Meeting commenced at 7.20pm

OPEN FORUM

One parishioner asked about the collection of garden rubbish by Gedling Borough Council and would this be extended to Papplewick. Cllr Griffiths pointed out that Mansfield Road were already involved in this as it was part of the twin bin scheme. Cllr Griffiths asked the Clerk to check with Gedling when the rest of the village will become involved in the twin bin scheme and therefore the collection of garden rubbish.

The problem about water on Main Street which was raised at the last meeting was brought up again.

Cllr Griffiths had been contacted about the gate at South Lodge. There had been a Police chase involving a JCB which had knocked down the gate. Cllr McCauley stated that new posts were in place and the gates would be up as soon as possible (it is his Daughter in law who lives at South Lodge).

Cllr McCauley had brought in a copy of a letter which he had sent regarding Top Wighay Farm to the Councillors of Gedling Borough Council. It was inviting them to attend a site inspection of Top Wighay Farm on Tuesday 20th July 2004 at 7.30pm. As a result of Linby Parish Council inviting us and other Parish Councils to a meeting, an action group called GAGed 5 has been formed (Greenbelt Action Group) involving Linby, Papplewick, Newstead, Bestwood and Ravenshead Parish Councils. Cllr Hull said there was to be a Public Meeting held in the Village Hall Thursday 22nd July 2004 at 7.30pm and he was in possession of leaflets to be posted to all

households in the village with a view to getting residents involved to support our opposition to the building on this site.

A Mr. Paulson was present, who had been invited to attend the meeting in light of an incident of litter, glasses etc on the playing field following a function in the Village Hall. Cllr Hull had attended on the morning following the function after a call from a member of the public who had seen all the rubbish and was already clearing it up when Cllr Hull arrived. There were glasses, some broken on the field along with food and plates from the function. It was at that point Cllr Hull decided to bill the Village Hall for having to clear this up, who in turn held back £30 from Mr. Paulson's bond money. E-mails had exchanged between Mr. Paulson and Cllr Griffiths regarding the incident and he was invited to attend the meeting in order to resolve the matter.

Mr. Paulson apologised for the incident once again. His concern was the legality of the charge and he understood he was the only person to be "fined" after a function at the Hall. His other point was that he was not contacted and if he had been he would have come down to clear up the rubbish. Cllr Griffiths pointed out that there was broken glass and obviously this needed to be cleared up and was considered urgent. It was therefore agreed by the Chairman to invoice the Village Hall for having to clear up the mess. Cllr Hull said that strictly speaking it was not legal for us to charge, but felt morally that it was the right thing to do, but he appreciated his attendance at the meeting. Cllr Hull pointed out that the Hirer should have signed an agreement with the Village Hall which included the playing field, but was informed that they were using up old forms. Cllr Hull was pleased to note that the form had now been amended to include the playing field. Mr. Paulson said that someone had checked the playing field at 10.10pm and everything was clear at that time, it was a very hot night and people were obviously straying outside.

Cllr Hull said that from a health and safety point of view we had a responsibility to keep the playing field safe, but suggested that perhaps we should send the cheque back to the Village Hall Committee for them to decide what the outcome should be and that perhaps more bins were needed on the playing field. Mr. Paulson then left the meeting at 8.00pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr J. Lonergan was unavailable for this meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th May 2004

Cllr Roberts noted Highways General - page 5 - it should read "Blidworth Waye". Cllr Hull said regarding "Village hall floor has been sanded" - page 8 - it should read "is to be" rather than "has been". Chairman proposed acceptance of Parish Council Minutes seconded by Cllr Hull.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Open Forum (page 1)

Regarding the assault on Cllr Walker. Cllr Walker had contacted PC Andy Vale himself who was going to speak to the officer involved, but it was now six weeks and he has heard nothing. Chairman to write a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to PC Vale seeking a response within 7 days. Cllr Walker was happy with this but he said he had given the Police the registration number, a siting was made of the car in Hucknall and he still has heard nothing and this happened 3 months ago. He felt that answers were needed.

(page 2) Hedge cutting on Church Lane. Cllr Griffiths is to speak to contractors regarding this.

(page 3) Lighting on the A60. Cllr Griffiths said there were not plans regarding this.

Review of Parish Council's Insurance (page 7) Cllr Womble suggested that the value of the playing field equipment should be considered before the renewal was due next year. He suggested that we perhaps put the matter on the March agenda and then take advice from the Playing Field Committee at the time as to the value.

Noticeboards (page 8) We have had no response from Gedling Borough Council regarding any planning permission or objections. Clerk asked to check again.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Boundary Committee – Letter re. periodic electoral review of Notts County Council

City of Nottingham- letter re open day at Newstead Abbey

Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2004 Magazine

Countryside Agency - Vital Villages Programme 2004/05

CPRE

Annual Report 2003

Fieldwork magazine June 2004

Subscription renewal notice

Countryside Voice magazine Summer 2004

DEFRA – Letter re. Warm Front initiative

Freestyle Skateparts - letter and info re. skateparks

Gedling BC

Letter re refinement of Council Priorities

Burial Space audit 2004

Leisure Facilities Strategy – Consultation

Letter re Inspector's Report of Local Plan

Community Eye leaflet June 2004

Letter from John McCauley re Top Wighay Farm

Strategic Corporate Plan 2004/07

Linby Parish Council - Minutes of meeting re Top Wighay Farm

NALC

Health and Safety briefing evening
Local Council Review – July 2004

Notts. County Council

Living for Tommorrow magazine – Issue 7 – Spring 2004
Planning & Property Briefing – May 2004
Info re Examination in Public of Notts and Nottm Joint Structure Plan
Invitation to County Council Civic Service – 11/7/04
Parish Paths Partnership Agreement
Planning & Property Briefing Magazine June 2004
Countylink magazine June 2004
Participate Magazine – Edition 5

Notts. Rural Community Council

Letter re. AGM
The Rural voice Magazine – Spring 2004

RoSPA – Inspection Report of playing field equipment

SLCC – The Clerk Magazine

RECEIVED AND ACTIONED BY THE CLERK

Notts County Council – letter re flooding on Moor Road
Notts County Council - Letter re. interactive 30mph speed limit sign on Forest Lane
Gedling Borough Council – information for residents re. twin bin scheme
Gedling Borough Council – letter re street naming of Crossroads Garage
Notts County Council – letter re HGV restriction signage on A60
Linby Parish Council – letter re meeting to consider Gedling BC Local Plan
Ordnancy Survey – invoice for copying licence

Cllr Griffiths said he had received the resignation of the Clerk on the 1st July 2004 and would be leaving at the end of September. The Clerk had expressed a wish to leave earlier if someone else was found to replace her before that time. Cllr Griffiths asked all Councillors to think about how to recruit and contact him within 7 days. He said perhaps they should advertise as before and proposed the same sub-group of himself, Cllr Hull and Cllr Walker – all agreed. He suggested perhaps we should advertise around the village.

6. HIGHWAYS

General – Cllr Walker was still being contacted about problems with flooding on Moor Road. Cllr Griffiths suggested we should invite Notts County Council to attend the next meeting to tell us of their plans regarding the road. Cllr Womble had seen workmen from Gedling Borough Council doing patch work this week on the road, thus suggesting no resurfacing is going to take place.

Linby Lane – Cllr Womble said he had been contacted about an overgrown tree at the bus stop on Linby Lane opposite the houses. Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Notts County Council Highways to look at this.

7. **PLANNING**

There were two planning applications. 60 Forest Lane for extensions and alterations. There were no objections other than Cllr Hull said it was rather a large extension, possibly 50%. The other was for 157 Moor Road for a rear single storey extension. All Cllrs had no objections.

8. **ACCOUNTS**

Income: Nil

Expenditure – Already Incurred

000345	Mr. B. Woodcock (Auditor)	140.25	-	£140.25
000346	Gedling BC (hand mowing)	36.96	6.47	£43.43

Expenditure – To be Paid

000347	Gedling BC (hand mowing)	36.96	6.47	£43.43
000348	CPRE (subscriptions)	25.00	-	£25.00
000349	RoSPA (playing field insp)	74.00	12.95	£86.95
000350	Ordnance Survey	47.50	8.31	£55.81
000351	Gedling BC (hand mowing)	18.48	3.23	£21.71
000352	Mrs. P. Clark (4 mnths salary)	687.00	-	£687.00
000353	Mrs. P. Clark – petty cash	33.85	-	£33.85
	Tel - 2.30			
	Postage - 4.55			
	Bus shelter - 27.00			
	(9 x £3 13/5/04 – 8/7/04)			
000354	Ricoh UK Ltd	8.44	1.48	£9.92

MOOR POND WOOD

Income: Nil

Expenditure Already Incurred

000077	Progressive Office Supplies (printer cartridge)	16.99	2.97	£19.96
000079	Mr. E. A. Cordin	442.00	-	£442.00

Expenditure – To be paid Nil

9. TOP WIGHAY FARM SITE

Chairman thanked Cllr Womble for the notes he had prepared and circulated to everyone following the two meetings organised by Linby Parish Council. Cllr Griffiths had obtained a copy of the Inspector's Report but this could also be viewed via the Gedling Borough Council website. He also commented that we had received no formal communication from Gedling Borough Council that this Report was available. Cllr Griffiths had said at the meeting organised by Linby Parish Council that we would be involved and as we had money in the account for the Local Plan we would pay our part for a planning consultant to become involved. He felt we should put our energy in to make Gedling Borough Council follow their previous line in that there should be no plans for housing on this site. A letter had gone to Gedling Borough Council on behalf of all the Parish Councils involved. Chairman wanted to know if the other Councillors backed him in doing this and all agreed. Cllr Griffiths felt that we had two to three weeks to influence the decision of Gedling Borough Council. Cllr Brothwell from Linby Parish Council understood that there was an Outline Planning Brief in already with Gedling Borough Council for the development at Top Wighay Farm. Cllr Griffiths said that we were not being kept informed by Gedling Borough Council and no-one wanted to talk to us. He felt that we needed, as a Parish Council, to force Gedling to correspond with us and tell us what the process involves. Cllr Walker commented that when the Top Wighay site was previously discussed some years ago Gedling Borough Council had been in communication then, but it appeared that there was nothing now.

Cllr Griffiths said he would like to continue to be a member of GAG and did the other Cllrs support him in this – yes all agreed.

He also sought the support regarding employing a planning consultant together with the other Parish Councils – all agreed.

Cllr Griffiths had agreed to one quarter of the cost (maybe one fifth if Bestwood Parish Council come in, but not confirmed as yet) being met by us, but the planning consultant would look at sites within all those 5 parishes and the funding would be managed via Linby Parish council – all agreed. Cllr Roberts was concerned that the money set aside in the Local Plan fund (£1,100) may not be sufficient. Cllr Griffiths said the rates were probably £30 per hour and the total fund money would hopefully allow for 25 days work. All agreed that we should put the money in and move forward as much as possible. Cllr Griffiths suggested we write to Gedling Borough Council about the Inspector's Report to discuss in detail the recommendations with the Steering Group of Gedling Borough Council before the recommendations are put before the Council. All agreed.

Cllr McCauley and his wife left at 9.30pm.

10. REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Village Hall – Cllr Hull was pleased to report that the Village Hall Committed had amended their Booking form to include the playing field.

(b) Moor Pond Wood – Cllr Walker reported that Grange Woods was now ready for seeding and they were hoping to install a new path in the autumn. The tree mapping day had been very successful and they were one third of the way. They were in the process of applying for £19,000 from LHI for Phase 2 which is to include making good archaeological finds, maintaining them and providing interpretation. Similar research is

to take place at Papplewick Dam and they are to instruct an archaeologist. They are hoping to replace the footbridge in Moor Pond Wood in the autumn, this is being kit built. Cllr Walker asked if there could be a letter of support from the Parish Council to Notts County Council in respect of a footpath in Papplewick Dam Wood. They are hoping to create a path from Linby Lane through the meadows. The owner has donated his land as a right of way for this purpose. The letter of support should be written to Lee Scudder. Chairman also agreed to contact the Chairman of Linby Parish Council for their support also.

Cllr Walker was concerned about the surveying equipment purchased. He wondered if the Parish Council could take ownership and therefore insure on the Parish Council's insurance. If Moor Pond Wood group were to insure the equipment on their BCTV insurance it would cost more than the equipment itself cost. Cllr Walker and Cllr Womble to discuss further.

Press left at 9.45pm

(c) Playing Field – Cllr Hull reported that following the annual inspection there were just a couple of things that needed sorting out, nothing major. With regard to the incident of rubbish on the playing field, it was agreed that if there were any further incidents of this kind after functions the same procedure would be followed regarding billing for clearing up. As far as Mr. Paulson was concerned, the booking form was incorrect so it was agreed the cheque should be banked and a Parish Council cheque issued and returned to the Management Committee.

(d) Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr Griffiths reported that the Parish Paths agreement with Notts County Council had been returned. Cllr Womble said that in light of the agreement Notts County Council should pay towards the cost of grass cutting on the paths. Cllr Walker said Bob Knowles is the footpath officer at Gedling Borough Council and the person to contact.

11. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Mrs. Robinson commented that the Leisure Enterprise Group had raised £1200 before expenses from the Open Gardens event. She would therefore appreciate a meeting on the playing field to discuss equipment. Cllr Griffiths suggested 1st September at 6pm.

12. ANY ITEM THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Nothing to report.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 8th September 2004.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.