

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY 2001**

Present: Cllr Mr I Griffiths
Cllr Mr R Hull
Cllr Mrs A Orton
Cllr Mrs M Passey
Cllr Mr I Rosindell
Cllr Mr S Walker
Cllr Mr C Womble

Parishioners: 10 + PC Andy Vale

Apologies: Cllr J Lonergan – Notts. County Councillor
Cllr J Whetton – Gedling Borough Councillor

OPEN FORUM

PC Andy Vale reported only two crimes since the last meeting. Firstly, a burglary in the Papplewick Hall area when a H-reg grey Volvo had been noted. He asked parishioners to report any sightings of this vehicle. The second incident involved a theft from a shed on Moor Road.

Cllr Hull reported South Herts Waste lorries ignoring the weight restriction again and the Clerk had also noted a HGV coming through the village – details to be given to PC Andy Vale.

Mrs May resident of Mansfield Road raised a number of concerns including: why pavement works had only been undertaken between 47 and 69 Mansfield Road?; speeding traffic, lack of safe crossing point to the bus stop, bus fares, the A60/Forest Lane junction; Gedling Borough Council's decision to reduce the size of wheelie bins, plus the fact Mansfield Road residents felt isolated with their needs not being taken into account by the Parish Council.

Chairman confirmed projects instigated by the Parish Council in the A60/Mansfield Road area of the parish and especially the delivery of the Council's newsletter to all residents in order to keep parishioners informed. Although items raised by Mrs May did not come directly within the remit of the Parish Council, Chairman thanked her for bringing them its attention.

Residents of Moor Road also reported speeding traffic and requested continuation of the lighting to those properties by the railway bridge. Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had made mention of this area in its comments on the Ashfield DC Local Plan in relation to cycle track exiting from the proposed Grange Farm development onto Moor Road. Clerk to contact Notts. CC re lighting.

Residents of Moor Road also commented on the dangerous crossroads and need for a mirror. Mrs Boucher resident of Forest Lane confirmed that during the 29 years she had lived in the village there had been no major accident. Moor Road residents also reported flooding on the pavement at the corner of Papplewick Lane/Moor Road. Cllr Walker confirmed a conversation with Gedling BC who would be undertaking remedial works.

Mrs Kendall congratulated the Parish Council on the condition of Church Lane.

Mrs Kerr asked for the up-to-date situation re the installation of white lines on Blidworth Way in view of the recent fatal accident. Clerk confirmed Notts. CC had undertaken an assessment and that the area did not fit the appropriate criteria for white lines. However, alterations would be made to the signage with any further works undertaken if recommended by the coroner. Cllr Hull reported that two SLOW signs had now been installed on Linby Lane, although not in the original positions.

PC Andy Vale confirmed traffic calming in Bestwood Village would include 14 pairs of cushions, which could result in diverting traffic from Main Street/Moor Road to the A60.

Cllr Orton informed PC Andy Vale that a van was being parked outside No 49 Moor Road partly on the pavement, which meant passengers could not stand at the bus stop.

1. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – 14TH MARCH 2001**

Chairman proposed acceptance, seconded Cllr Walker and unanimously agreed.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14TH MARCH 2001**

Vice Chairman proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Womble, unanimously agreed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Various items had been noted and actioned. Other items raised included:

Main Street Improvement Scheme (page 3) Clerk requesting site meeting to discuss this and other paths.

Bus Fares (page 3) Clerk read letter from Trent Buses in which they stated an assessment of current fare structures was being undertaken.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Item 2 – Matters Arising:

Notts. Constabulary (page 1) Chairman confirmed Option 1 chosen with Gedling joining with Rushcliffe and Broxtowe and PC Andy Vale could be moved to Arnold.

Church Lane Visibility (page 1) Cllrs informed the 1988 planning application for the new property (Cornerstones) on the bend stated "the land north of the access should be grassed and thereafter maintained as grassed area with no trees, shrubs or other plants and materials shall be planted on this area at any time in the future". Clerk to discuss with Gedling.

Village Signs (page 2) Clerk to ensure Chairman actions.

Newsletter (page 2) Cllr Hull congratulated on the production of the last newsletter which he confirmed had been delivered to all those properties on the west side of Moor Road.

Item 5 – Cemetery Provision (page 5) Chairman reported no progress.

Item 7 – Tidy Britain Campaign (page 5) 12 parishioners/Cllrs, Chairman and grandchildren plus approx. 10 Hucknall ATC cadets took part on the 7th April.

Item 9 – Queen's Golden Jubilee 2001 (page 6) Included in the newsletter – awaiting response from would be organisers. Chairman received one response with information relating to the 1911 coronation event – details to be considered. Details from the Royal Mint re production of a celebration medal considered but unanimously agreed not to action.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

Ashfield DC

Local plan inquiry – proposed changes re Land Papplewick Lane + Inquiry Responses

Clerks & Councils Direct - Cllrs agreed further copies not necessary.

Cornhill Insurance renewal

CPRE

Best Kept Village Competition

AGM – 14th May

Christmas card competition – photo returned not to be used.

Department of Trade & Industry re rural post offices

East Midlands Development Agency – Email newsletter Spring/Summer 2001

Gedling BC

Parish Aid 2001/2002

Performance Plan 2001/02

Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990 (contaminated land)

Civic Service- 3rd June - invitation to Chairman & Clerk

Standards Committee – Parish Councillor Member – person specification requested

Gedling CVS

'Every Penny Counts' Feb 2001 & Community Eye

International Year of Volunteers, Pathfinder Project

Community Fair – Wednesday 13th June

Greenwood Community Forest

'Growing Success' Spring 2001

Community Awards Ceremony 2000-2001

Linby & Papplewick PCC – copy of Strategic Plan

NALC

Course 'The Councillor, The Clerk & The Community' – Thursday, 26th April

Village Appraisals – Wednesday, 16th May

Copy of notes from Rural White Paper Briefing (seminar cancelled)

Countywise Jan/Feb

Course Rural White Paper reorganised for Saturday, 9th June at Southwell – Any Cllr wishing to attend to inform Clerk.

New Prospective Theatre Co. programme

Notts. CC

Planning & Transport Briefing March & April 2001

Travel & Transport Briefing April 2001

Travel & Transport Briefing May 2001 – inc confirmation of Moor Road speed limit extension.

Environment Dept 'Heritage News' No 11 Spring

Countylink No 47 – March & Wayfinder Up-Date

Improving Local Government leaflet

Tarmac application re land South of Burntstump Quarry

Parish Council Committee Cycle

Replacement Minerals Local Plan, Key Issues Report April 2001

Bestwood Quarry II decision

Notts. Fire Authority – 'Burning' issues 12 – April 2001

Notts. Police Authority

Policing Plan 2001-2002

Letter from Chief Constable re Divisional Police boundary review

Notts RCC

Virtual Village meeting 6th April & Training Courses

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards & Lloyds TSB Foundations Grant Scheme

Rural Voice Spring 2001

AGM – 26th September - nomination forms & Annual Subscription form

Music Evening Burton Joyce 23rd May – Old rope String Bank - FREE

Information evening on 2nd May re WREN funding

Quarterly Monitoring report to end March 2001 (website/computer facilities)

Further application form for South Notts. Local Community Fund.

Oakleaf Graphics – design company – details of information boards/leaflets.

Information to be retained for Moor Pond Wood Project.

Royal Mint – Queen's Golden Jubilee commemorative medal

Subsidence Adviser - Annual Report 1999/2000

Trent Buses reply re cost of fares

Winged Fellowship annual request for donation

MOOR POND WOOD

Action for Wildlife – Newsletter April 2001

Acknowledgement of copy of Management Plan

Confirmation that Joe Taylor leaving Notts. CC and Darren York of BTCV taking over the administration of the grant scheme.

Country Landowners Association – grant application turned down.

Countryside Agency – acknowledgement of archaeological report. Project recommended as a possible field trip venue for their summer conference – 18th July.

Gedling BC

Robert Crowder confirming he is leaving Gedling and he has given information to Andy Bowers – Leisure Resources Officer. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Crowder.

Greenwood Community Forest

Awards Ceremony 2000-2001

Guide to the Greenwood – confirmation of entry

Notts. Rural Community Council – Local Community Fund - confirmation of £2,500 grant awarded towards disabled access.

RECEIVED AND ACTIONED

Audit Commission – accounts to be with them by 28th June. Date for Clerk and Chairman to attend to be arranged.

Gedling CVS - Late invitation to meeting of Voluntary Action network on 9th May.

North Notts. Environment Task Force – meeting on 21st May about their desire to link with local community and voluntary organisations.

Notts. CC - election posters + amendment for revised date.

Ricoh UK Ltd - Letters re services they offer

Royal Bank of Scotland – re First Call Office Requirement stationery supplier.

The Papplewick Association (Pumping Station)

Acknowledgement of P3 Strategy & Rogation Walk – later cancelled

Trent & Peak Archaeological Unit – two further copies of report

UK Villages Ltd – offering website links

Winged Fellowship annual request for donation

Women's Royal Voluntary Service – requesting donation

Emails:

Dominic Dobson re state of the signs at the crossroads – acknowledged and email sent to Chris Charnley at Notts. CC

Marshalls Farm thanking everyone for support over Foot and Mouth. Clerk confirmed following consultation with the local farmers all paths now reopened.

Resident/dog thank you re opening of footpaths.

5. **HIGHWAYS**

Items updated under Open Forum.

Cllr Orton had noted in Derbyshire the use of warning signs approaching a 30mph area and suggested Notts. CC be asked to consider one on Forest Lane before the bend coming from the A60 direction.

6. **COMPUTER FACILITIES**

Computer cupboard arrived but modifications needed so to be returned. BT line to be installed on the 15th May. Modem will be needed for Internet connection and further software and equipment to be purchased. Cllr Orton suggested an 'on line' opening.

7. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Chairman proposed the village enter, seconded by Cllr Passey and unanimously agreed. Cllr Walker suggested no specific workday organised but residents be asked to tidy up their front gardens etc. To be mentioned again in the next Newsletter.

8. **GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

A scheme identified in the Village Appraisal and which the Council had agreed to consider before winter 2001. The idea was to organise a register of residents at risk and who needed help. Announcement to be included in the next Newsletter requesting identification of residents who may need to be looked after as a matter of priority.

9. **MOOR ROAD VERGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Identified by a parishioner at the Annual Parish Assembly. Cllr Walker felt the scope for improvements needed to be identified i.e. erosion of grass due to parking and poor state of pavements – in certain places in a lethal state.

Cllr Walker pointed out the Linby Lane scheme had been undertaken during road resurfacing with residents paying towards dropped kerbs. Chairman suggested the specification used for Linby Lane be used to put together a scheme for Moor Road. Cllr Walker agreed to look at this initially.

10. **GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Details of Gedling's proposed standards committee and their decision to include a Parish Council representative had been circulated and a subsequent letter requested a

nomination from Papplewick. A person specification had been requested, which the Chairman had just received and he asked for the Council's agreement and support if, after he had read the information, he decided to put himself forward.

11. **PLANNING**

- (a) **General** – no general plans received since the last meeting.
- (b) **Ashfield DC** – Letter received stating positive improvements to their Local Plan in response to objections made. A copy of the Council's response circulated to Cllrs. Proofs of Evidence dealing with objections also received and circulated. Cllr Womble felt it had been very well put together.

Chairman confirmed Council included the suggestion that properties on the west side of Moor Road be transferred into Papplewick, although this was a decision that could not be taken during the local plan.

Cllr Walker had received a query regarding a barn conversion at Grange Farm. Ashfield to be asked to consult the parish on planning matters in that area.

Gedling BC Local Plan – Objections still being dealt with - second stage document hopefully will be produced summer/late this year with an Inquiry in 2002. Chairman reported on an interesting legal position regarding Notts. CC position as landowners of the Top Wighay site.

Chairman clarified the information in the Newsletter about the electoral boundary change along the A.60, in that properties from Burntstump to the Redhill island would be included within the parish for electoral purposes only.

- (c) **Tarmac** – Land South of Burntstump Quarry. Short notice given report going to committee 9th April. Cllr Walker read but he felt no further comments needed.
- (d) **Notts. CC Replacement Minerals Local Plan** – Cllr Walker read initially and felt no specific action needed to be taken. Details circulated to Cllrs.

12. **ACCOUNTS**

Income:

Gedling Borough Council - £156 bus shelter cleaning for 2000-2001
 Gedling Borough Council - £2,924.50 inc 50% precept and 50% revenue aid.

Expenditure:

The following payments have been made since the last meeting:-

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Nett</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
000138	Helping Hand Co. (litter pickers)	15.50	-	15.50
000139	Mrs M Barker (petty cash to y/end)	7.71	-	7.71
000140	Ricoh UK (photocopies)	24.93	4.36	29.29
000141	Gedling BC (grass cutting)	17.82	3.12	20.94

Accounts to be paid:

000142	NALC (Subscription 2001/2)	76.54	-	76.54
000143	Cornhill Insurance (annual prem.)	269.70	-	269.70
000144	Mrs M Barker (Petty Cash: Telephone - £2.80 Postage - £3.90 Bus Shelter Cleaning - £15.00 5.4.01 to 3.5.01)	21.70	-	21.70
000145	Sherwood Industries	699.00	122.33	821.33
000146	CPRE (Best Kept Village)	5.00	-	5.00

MOOR POND WOOD ACCOUNT

The following payments have been made:

000006	Bulwell Timber (dipping platform - Powergen grant)	167.51	29.31	196.82
000007	Helping Hand Co (litter pickers) (Greenwood Conservation grant)	28.30	4.96	33.26
000008	North Notts. Landscape (wood & gate – Greenwood Conservation Grant)	1,016.70	177.92	1,194.62
000009	Papplewick & Linby Village Hall	7.00	-	7.00
000010	Mrs M Passey (refreshment for Friends meeting)	24.63	-	24.63
000011	Mr S Walker (transparencies for presentation)	47.35	8.29	55.64

13. **REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- (a) **Moor Pond Wood** – Cllr Passey reported a £200 grant received from Prudential and £2,500 from Notts. RCC Local Community Fund, the latter towards disabled access.

An excellent day reported on the 21st April when Paddy Tipping visited Moor Pond Wood to see the Hucknall ATC cadets install a dipping platform and the Environment Agency commencing work on eradicating the weed in the pond. On Saturday, 21st April a successful workday saw the installation of the first disabled access path/gate. If successful to be repeated at other access points. Work also started on the fencing around Papplewick Lane corner.

As the Steering Group had been formed out of the Council's Millennium Committee and had not been elected, it was felt the position of the Steering Group and 'Friends' needed to be formalised. Cllr Walker had circulated a draft Constitution effectively transferring the project in, say five years, from the Parish Council's control to that of the 'Friends' group. Chairman felt it important the Parish Council retained responsibility until all conditions relating to grant monies had been fulfilled, say 2003 with the Clerk acting as the Responsible Financial Officer.

Following these amendments the Chairman proposed the Constitution be put to the next 'Friends' meeting and that the new 'Steering Committee' as defined in the Constitution become a Committee of the Parish Council. Seconded by the Vice Chairman and unanimously agreed.

(b) **Parish Paths Partnership**

Cllr Womble confirmed that on 3rd March following advice from Notts. CC's Rights of Way, all footpaths had been closed due to foot and mouth. However, on 6th April the new footpath on Walters Hill had been reopened following discussions with the landowners and Notts. CC. and on 21st April, Paddy Tipping had officially opened it. Cllr Womble confirmed Notts. CC had met the total cost of approx. £7,000 with £4,600 allocated from the Local Transport Plan. On the 6th May, following further consultation all the footpaths had been reopened. It had been noted that these would now need cutting and although the P3 Committee had sent an application to Notts. CC, the funding for this had not been received.

Strategy Plan – Cllr Womble confirmed receipt of responses from the Pumping Station and two local residents - closing date for comments not until September. Notts. RCC had asked him to write an article for 'Rural Voice' and he asked Cllrs for comments on the 'Steam Theme' circular trail linking the Pumping Station with the village and Moor Pond Wood. It was felt an excellent idea. A request was made that a copy be made available within the Village Hall.

(c) **Playing Field**

Cllr Orton had discussed with the Clerk the possibility of subsidence damage. Clerk confirmed wall around the pave sitting area was cracked and Cllr Hull reported re-levelling several uneven slabs. Chairman proposed Clerk contact Agent as discussed. With nothing further to report, other than minor work to part of the slide woodwork, she handed the attendance book to Cllr Walker.

(d) **Village Hall**

Cllr Passey reported a successful wine and cheese evening and ongoing subsidence problems, especially in the main hall. The hall would be open on Friday 8th June as part of the Village Halls Open Day event organised by Notts. Rural Community Council. Local groups could have a stall at the event to recruit new members and promote themselves.

14. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Orton informed members that Mr Wensley of Linby Lane had used the clay from St James' Churchyard to make some pottery .

Cllr Hull had reported vandalism to the telephone box which had been repaired within 24. He also informed the Clerk of a water leak from the manhole by the telephone box.

Chairman reported the litterbin at the corner of Forest Lane/A.60 not being emptied again. Also, the deteriorating and potentially dangerous footpath from the Forest Lane to the Seven Mile House. Clerk to discuss with Gelding BC.

Cllr Womble reported rubbish in the new layby constructed for Severn Trent on Forest Lane and in the Devil's Elbow layby on the A.60. Clerk to discuss with Gedling BC including possibility of a litterbin sponsored by Severn Trent. Clerk had also noted rubbish on Ash Lane by the parking area on the bend.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 11th July.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.