

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2002**

Present: Cllr Mr I Griffiths (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs A Orton (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr R Hull
Cllr Mrs M Passey
Cllr Mr S Walker
Cllr Mr C Womble

Parishioners: 1

OPEN FORUM

PC Vale reported on 14 crimes since the last meeting including burglaries on Moor Road, Forest Lane, Main Street and at St James' Church, together with an assault and two vehicle related crimes at the Griffins Head. He also reported on vehicle related crimes at the Burntstump Public House and problems experienced at the Hutt Public House, the close proximity of both premises close to the A.60 was noted.

Mrs Womble asked PC Vale if he could provide an update relating to two crimes carried out in May/June but he was unable to give her any further information.

Cllr Hull informed PC Vale of a NALC seminar he was attending on the 30th November re 'The Police, the Parish Council and the Community'. Cllrs also informed him of continuing problems with HGV lorries, in particular South Herts Waste, AK Skip and a company called Oakfield. PC Vale confirmed he would undertake checks in December.

Mr Kerr raised points relating to the proposed traffic calming schemes and pointed out that in a press article local authorities were being encouraged to erect vehicle activated warning signs, which identify speeding cars. He confirmed portable designs of these signs were being used in the County.

Mr Kerr also reported problems of water collecting both on Main Street and on the corner of the Papplewick Dam layby entrance on Linby Lane.

Mr Robinson of the Hucknall Dispatch reported the Moor Road pavement north of Papplewick Lane was extremely slippery due to fallen leaves and needed cleaning.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received and accepted on behalf of from Cllr Rosindell and Gedling Councillor John Whetton.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Orton declared an interest in matters relating to the new tram system.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER & 9TH OCTOBER

Cllr Proposed acceptance of the minutes for both meetings, seconded by Cllr Orton and agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Matters Arising (Page 2)

Skateboard Facility - Cllr Walker confirmed he had left messages for a representative of the group looking to set up a facility to contact him with regard to a meeting. No response had been received but he would try to speak personally to one of the members.

BT Pole on Moor Road - Cllr Hull confirmed he had spoken to BT over the last three days and he expected a good result. If not, he suggested a letter be sent to Paddy Tipping MP and a high level complaint be made to BT which was agreed.

Queen's Golden Jubilee - Cllr Orton reported Mrs Kerr had attended a meeting and a figure of around £260 was anticipated for Papplewick, which was not as much as anticipated due to Papplewick purchasing commemorative medals. She pointed out that the money raised from future tea towels sales would all be profit to Papplewick. Chairman expressed concern that the accounts had not been finalised and said he would wish to see this in the current financial year.

Linby Lane Parking - Chairman confirmed the Clerk had provided him with the names of the appropriate residents and although he had not contacted them he would be doing so in the near future. Cllr Orton offered to speak to the owner of No 51.

Tarmac - Chairman, Cllrs Hull and Womble plus Clerk had attended an on-site meeting at the quarry together with representatives from Ravenshead Parish Council and Notts. CC. An inspection was made of the site including the boundary monuments, which were due to be relocated. A request was made to Tarmac for representatives from Papplewick Parish Council to be present when these were moved, so photographs could be taken for the parish records and Tarmac agreed to speak to the landowner. The meeting then continued at the Ravenshead Parish Council Office.

Cllr Hull felt it had been a constructive meeting. It was noted that the planning permission granted in December 2001 was time limited to 31st December 2015 with restoration within two years. At current rates of production the extension would give 11 years of life to the site but this did not take into account the land to the rear of the site, which could extend it to 20 years although a further planning application would be needed. Problems discussed included fencing, house values, noise, maintenance work and empty lorries using the A60 early in the morning. Tarmac agreed to investigate this with the concrete plant, as lorries should not enter the site until 7.00am. Papplewick also put forward its plan to create a circular walk.

Double White Lines - New lineage on Blidworth Way installed. Clerk reported she had queried with Notts. CC the fact double white lines had not been installed and was informed the new markings were appropriate. Cllr Orton stated that overtaking was still happening. Cllr Hull felt the 'Hidden Dip' signs were close to the carriageway and the right-hand sign needed to be relocated.

Signs - Clerk reported chasing Gedling re the installation of new signs at the crossroads. Gedling had stated it was waiting for County to come up with the designs. During a subsequent conversation with Ian Parker at Notts. CC he had said if alternative designs were not required then he would give instructions for new ones. Cllr Hull pointed out the HGV signs still needed to be sorted out and Clerk confirmed she had mentioned this to Ian Parker.

Conservation Grant - Clerk reported no decision made yet due to the Planning Department dealing with of the Local Plan responses.

Representative/Committee Reports (Page 3) - Grant form for footpath grass cutting now received and submitted to Notts. CC. Clerk reported following discussion with the Linby Clerk the grant had been submitted with a requested for separate cheques to be sent to each parish. Mrs Barker confirmed £235.65 had now been received for Papplewick's grass cutting.

Capital Grant (Page 5)

Notts. CC instructed to produce traffic calming scheme as agreed. Ian Parker had also agreed to speak to Gedling regarding the costings for the pavement improvements. Mrs Barker reported that the plans had not been drawn up but Ian Parker confirmed these would be ready by the January meeting. On discussing the quotation for resurfacing the Main Street pavement with Gedling, Mr Parker confirmed he could not improve on it.

Cllrs were therefore asked if they wished to proceed with the pavement improvements as per the quotation received from Gedling, i.e. £2,500 for leaving the kerbs and relaying the footpath with two courses, or £3,200 for raising the kerbs and relaying the footpath with a single course. Cllr Walker felt the kerbs needed to be lifted to ensure a satisfactory job undertaken and proposed the £3,200 be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Womble and agreed.

Clerk read a letter from the Department of Transport in answer the Council's letter to the Prime Minister about speeding traffic. It was noted the Transport Select Committee Report on Road Traffic Speed had been published which highlighted work being undertaken by the Department to combat the effects of inappropriate and excessive speed in rural areas.

Village Bonfire (Page 5)

The Bonfire Committee had requested permission to use the playing field on the 8th rather than 1st November due to the half term holiday. Chairman confirmed he had received a very impressive Health and Safety Plan and he had given the go ahead for the event. Although Cllrs agreed it had been an excellent evening future funding and organisation was discussed. Chairman questioned whether it was still worthwhile holding it and Cllr Walker made three points: Was there a need?; Organisation by the Committee and Organisation on the day.

Cllr Hull confirmed he and Cllr Rosindell had attended a training course re lighting fireworks and they felt it was a worthwhile event. However, he suggested a committee be formed to organise funding prior to the event and arrangements on the night with a different format. Cllr Passey supported the village event and felt parishioners should be encouraged to attend it, rather than have their own firework displays, which had gone on for several days. She suggested an article in next summer's Newsletter to impress on residents the distress caused to pets and livestock with fireworks being exploded over a long period of time and to encourage them to attend the event in 2003. She also proposed the Council support Paddy Tipping's moves for more regulations in respect of firework sales and this was agreed.

Chairman asked for the Bonfire Committee Chairman to call a meeting to review this year's event and to consider appropriate plans for organising the 2003 bonfire.

Best Kept Village Competition (Page 5)

As the invited guests that had responded were unable to attend the bonfire, in consultation with the Chairman the Clerk had cancelled the village hall booking for the 8th November. The ceremony was therefore held on Saturday, 2nd and attended by several of the judges, representatives from Linby Parish Council and Rev Canon Keith Turner and his wife plus several parishioners. Apologies were received from Mr Barry Cutler of Wilkinsons who unfortunately was unable to attend.

Chairman felt the photographs taken were excellent and he reported the judge who had turned up unexpectedly at the bonfire event had thoroughly enjoyed it.

Although the site for the plaque had been agreed between the Chairman and Clerk, due to queries raised by the young farmers regarding installation, and following checks made with Notts. CC and Gedling, an alternative site was needed. The Clerk had approached the owner of 'The Barn' on Linby Lane who had agreed to it being located next to his wall. Chairman thanked the Clerk for organising the location and agreed to speak to the owner of No 1 Linby Lane who had since emailed an objection to the plaque's location.

Cemetery Provision (Page 6)

Chairman reported that Rev Canon K Turner had written to the Council requesting urgent attention to this matter, as it was becoming difficult to talk to bereaved families.

Planning (Page 6)

Definitive Footpath Map Cabinet – Location - Planning application submitted and Gedling only waiting response from Notts. CC.

Representative/Committee Reports (Page 7)

- (c) **Playing Field** – Vice Chairman reported that she needed to give Cllr Womble some information for inclusion in his excellently produced report on the incident.

Councillors' Reports (Page 8)

Mansfield Road Footpath – Chairman reported that Gedling had responded within three days and the overgrowth had been cut back. He also informed Cllrs that he had sent an email report about the condition of the footpath from Forest Lane to Seven Mile House.

Papplewick Lane - Cleaning of grate and problem with grass verge reported to Gedling. Due to the recent heavy rainfall it had been noted that a number of grates were overflowing. Clerk to contact Gedling.

South Lodge Footpath Waymarker Signs - Clerk had spoken to the Notts. CC Footpaths Officer who said he would inspect and speak to the owner of the property.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Ashfield DC – Local Plan confirming Statement of Decisions on Inspector's Report & Proposed Modifications approve on 5th September 2002.

CPRE

Best Kept Village re final judging

Volunteers' Conference – 23rd November / Countryside Voice Autumn Issue

Environmental Planning / Planning Update August 2002 / Annual Report 2001

Newsletter No 18 Summer 200 & Summer 2002 edition

Clerks and Councils Direct Issues 23 & 24 September & November

Countryside Agency – publications and Vital Villages update

Commission for Racial Equality - Ethnic Monitoring – A guide for public authorities

Dept for Transport – letter from Road Safety Div. in response to letter sent to Prime Minister

East Midlands Development Agency -_Draft Regional Economic Strategy

East Midlands Airport – seminar on 18th October – Cllr Hull gave a report on the seminar at which he asked if consideration had been given to the amount of traffic passing through the village crossroads to access the tram. He had also raised the use of the Calverton railway line and a park and ride scheme from the A60.

East Midlands Ambulance Service – questionnaire completed on 'The Next 7 Years.'

Gedling BC - Village Ventures programme invitation to event on 8th November.

Gedling CVS

Volunteer Bureau Viewpoint /Compact Issue No 10/Every Penny Counts Oct/Community Eye

Information Commissioner - Freedom of Information Act 2000 Publication Schemes.

Linby Parish Council – letter of congratulations on winning BKV competition and cheque for £50 as a donation towards Papplewick Dam gate.

Matt Products - interlocking safety surfacing mat systems.

NALC – Local Council Review September 2002

New Perspectives – details of production for Spring 2003

Nottm University – 'Vision' Research Magazine

Notts. CC

Travel &Transport Briefing October & November 2002

Countylink No 53 September / Heritage News

Childline East Midlands & East Anglia re Christmas Cards

Planning and Property Briefing November 2002

Roads in Winter – Salting Routes leaflet for 2002/2003

Notts. RCC

Rural Voice Summer 2002 / Annual Report 2001-2002 /

AGM – Wednesday 25th September

Training Courses & Make Your Voice Heard / Local Network Fund / Funding Seminars

Monitoring Report for Computer Facility/Website

Nottm/Notts Fire Authority 'Burning Issues' September 2002

Record – Children's playground equipment

Shell 'Interactive' Issue No 29

Waste Recycling Environmental – funding seminars

MOOR POND WOOD

Action for Wildlife - Grant application refused

Archaeologist re dig on 13th October and invoicing

Countryside Agency – confirmation of grant extension to 31st July 2003

Countryside Trust grant application form

CVS 'MADD' (Make a Difference Day) promotional material

Greenwood C Forest - Awards Ceremony 23rd September & Grant directory

BTVC Conservation Volunteer Newsletter Oct-Dec 2001

Seed grant application form received.

RECEIVED AND ACTIONED BY THE CLERK

Boundary Committee acknowledgement of response to Notts. CC re electoral review.

Best Kept Village Invitation responses

Countryside Agency – grant monitoring form to be completed.

DTLR – acknowledgement of Cllr Walker's response to Planing Green Paper

Dr Caroline Mulvaney - information requested re playground facilities in the parish for NHS funded study investigating accidents in children

Gedling BC – acknowledgement of Local Plan responses

Gedling CVS

Request for copy of Parish Plan – passed to Cllr Womble

Questionnaire asking if Gedling CVS should be involved in information sharing projects.

Glasdon – brochures for litter bins

Knight, Kavanagh & Page – audit questionnaire of play areas within Gedling

Monster Leisure Ltd - Catalogue of equipment – costs requested for slides.

NALC

Acknowledgement of letter re increase in subscription fees.

Annual Report and Agenda for AGM 20th November (presentation BKV awards)

Local Council Review November 2002

Notts. CC - Grant Aid for Voluntary & Community Organisations

Papplewick & Linby Bonfire Club – Health and Safety Plan for 2002

Rev Canon K Turner – request to use the p/field for parking if necessary for the Autumn Fayre - 23rd November, subject to weather conditions. Cllr Orton agreed to make a decision on the day although current conditions suggested it would be unsuitable.

Ricoh – changes to personnel

Emails:

R Greenwood, Treasurer Bestwood Black Diamonds Brass Band offering the band for functions.

N Davies – tracing a classmate – records to be checked.

B Butler of Wilkinsons - apologising for not making the BKV ceremony.

C Hesketh – complaining about the location of the BKV plaque

6. HIGHWAYS

Some matters had been covered under Matters Arising but Cllrs reported problems with blocked gullies on the A60 opposite No 47 Moor Road and from No 57 Moor Road down to Papplewick Lane. It had also been noted that the ditch opposite Papplewick Hall gates had overflowed. Clerk to speak to Gedling.

7. PLANNING

2002/1871 – 23 Linby Lane (Two storey side extension) No objections

2002/1910 – 145 Moor Road (Dormer window to front) No objections

2002/1966 – 69 Moor Road (Single sided car port) No objections in principal but questioned whether the style was appropriate considering the open location, as it was likely to be visually obtrusive above the existing hedge line. Also, stained timber to match the gable would look more in keeping than box red.

2002/1871 – 23 Linby Lane (Two storey side extension) No objections

8. ACCOUNTS

(a) General Accounts:

<u>Income:</u>	Gedling Borough Council 50% Precept	£3,024.00
	" " " 25% Revenue Aid	36.50
	Notts. CC – P3 grass cutting	235.65

Accounts paid:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee & Reason</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
000233	Notts. County Supplies	£32.81	£5.74	£38.55
000234	BT (computer telephone)	31.91	5.58	37.48
000235	Mrs M Barker – Petty Cash	32.63	-	32.63
000236	Gedling BC (N/Board P/Permission)	55.00	-	55.00
000237	Notts. County Supplies	5.18	.91	6.09
000238	Gedling BC (Grass cutting 1 x Aug)	18.48	3.23	21.71
000239	C R Brown Ltd (Slide repair)	95.00	16.63	111.63

To be paid:

000240	NALC (Local Council Review)	£10.99	£ -	£10.99
000241	Progress Office Supplies (print cartridges for Parish Plan)	56.97	9.97	66.94
000242	Ricoh UK Ltd (Copying charges)	62.07	10.86	72.93
000243	Gedling BC (Grass cutting 2 x Sept)	36.96	6.47	43.43
000244	Mrs M Barker (petty cash)	48.77	-	48.77
	Telephone -	5.72		
	Postage -	10.72		
	Refreshments BKV -	2.55		
	Bus Shelter 10 @ £3 -	30.00 (5/9 to 7/11)		
000245	Chairman's expenses	20.00	-	20.00
000246	Mrs M Barker:	1,264.74	-	
1,264.74	Half year salary -	£1,174.00		
	Half year expenses -	41.00		
	Parish Plan preparation -	49.74		
DD	Yorkshire Bank P/F deeds	15.00	2.63	17.63

The purchase of an up-to-date edition of Charles Arnold Baker's Local Council Administration was discussed and the Chairman proposed a copy be obtained. Clerk reported a cost of £47 but with a possible discount available if ordered through NALC a cost of £38.50.

MOOR POND WOOD ACCOUNTS

<u>Income:-</u>	Friends donation (Ikea products)	£133.00
	Linby P. Council donation – Papplewick Dam gate	50.00
	Subscriptions	29.00
	Interest on current account	.80

Accounts Paid:

000052	Progressive Office Supplies	£ 4.05	£0 .60	£ 3.45
000053	BTCV (Refund of grant rec'd twice)	917.17	-	917.17
000054	Papp. & Linby V.Hall hire (27/9)	7.00	-	7.00
000055	Mrs M Barker (Habitat Management book)	20.20	-	20.20

To be Paid:

000056	University of Nottm (archaeologist)	950.00	166.25	1,116.25
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(b) Half Year Accounts to 30th September 2002

A copy of the Council's half-year accounts had been circulated with the agenda. As no questions were asked on the accounts the Chairman proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Womble and agreed.

Moor Pond Wood Accounts – Clerk apologised for the half-year accounts not being circulated. Agreed to approve these at the next meeting.

(c) Wages and Expenses

Chairman reported that in accordance with the NALC/Society of Local Council Clerks' salary review the Clerk's salary from the 1st April to 1st October 2002 should be £1,174, and for the period 1st October to 31st March 2003 - £1186 making the salary for the year £2,360 as against a budgeted figure of £2,349. Chairman recommended the figure be accepted together with the budgeted expense figure of £82 for the year.

Cllr Womble added that the Clerk needed to be paid for six hours work on the Parish Plan at £8.29 totalling £49.74p. The Clerk's salary therefore for the first half of the year totalled £1,264.74p.

With the addition of the above figures to the accounts the Chairman proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Womble and agreed.

(d) Budget/Precept for 2003/2004

The budget figures and recommended precept requirement had been circulated with the agenda. Chairman asked Cllrs to note the increase in respect of the NALC subscription as a result of the recent suggested increase. Also the increase for audit fees due to the change in accounting procedure. Chairman pointed out that although the Council could incur election costs in 2003 a provision of £200 had already been made. Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Gedling giving an approximate cost of £300. It was felt if an election was held the balance could be budgeted for in 2004/05.

Cllr Womble queried the figure of nil for the Parish Paths Partnership and the Clerk confirmed that this should read £100 as agreed by the Finance Committee. Cllrs were informed this related to the definitive map noticeboard planning permission cost.

Chairman informed Cllrs a budget figure had not been included in respect of the Local Plan as the Finance Committee felt sufficient funds had already been budgeted for. He confirmed the Finance Committee had tried to reduce the budget increase but it was felt the figures were justified and he proposed approval of recommended precept figure of £6,336 for 2003/2004. Seconded by the Vice Chairman and agreed.

9. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Chairman reported on a seminar he had attended in Dublin at which it was recommended the Model Code be adopted. He also pointed out that the Council needed to adopt a Publication Scheme based on the Core Classes of information together with any Optional Classes being made available. Chairman proposed adoption of the Model Code but before a decision was made asked for Cllrs' comments on the Publication Scheme.

Cllr Womble was unhappy about the Clerk's position in providing information/copies of documents to people turning up at her house and the Publication Scheme together with method of making information available was discussed at length. Cllr Walker seconded the acceptance of the Model Code, which was agreed. He then proposed the Publication Scheme should state information would be available by (a) email; (b) hard copy through the post and (c) hard copy made available prior to the commencement of Council meetings. Chairman seconded the proposal, which was agreed. Cllr Griffiths pointed out that for any information not included in the Council's publication scheme 20 working days were allowed for it to be provided.

Chairman confirmed the Council had to respond to the Information Commissioner by the 31st December in order for it to be in place by 28th February 2003. He asked the Council for authority to produce, in conjunction with the Clerk, the Council's Publication Scheme with appropriate Core Classes. This was agreed subject to the details being emailed to all Cllrs prior to submission to the Commission.

10. RACE RELATIONS ACT

A draft policy document had been circulated with the Agenda, which was discussed. Clerk confirmed a translation company had been established if one was necessary. With amendments made to the Bylaws section the Chairman proposed acceptance of the document as presented and thanked the Clerk for producing it. Seconded by Cllr Orton and agreed.

11. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Womble confirmed the consultation period had now closed and 15 responses received as follows:- Forest Lane – 4, Main Street – 5, Moor Road – 1, Mansfield Road – 3, Linby Lane – Nil plus two organisations and no businesses. He confirmed the Council needed to decide its next step. He suggested a meeting be held to discuss the plan in order to draw up the final edition, together with an action plan, list of recipients with key personnel being identified at Gedling BC and Notts. CC etc.

Cllr Womble suggested every response be acknowledged and information provided as to the Council's actions. He confirmed conclusion of the project was due March 2003 and that the accounts needed to be certified by an accountant.

Cllr Walker proposed the Clerk establish whether the 22nd or 29th January were available for a meeting to discuss the final plan. In the meantime, the Chairman agreed to photocopy all the responses and provide each Cllr with copies. Finally, Cllr Womble pointed out that one outcome of the consultation was that information was not getting through to parishioners.

12. RECYCLING

Following concerns raised at the Parish Plan meeting on the 9th October Cllr Womble had requested this item on the agenda. He felt the current recycling scheme in the village was 'hit and miss' and the Council should investigate initiatives available in other areas of Gedling. Cllr Walker proposed the Clerk contact Gedling to find out what the future policy was in relation to Papplewick and if this did not match the Council's aspirations then Cllr Walker suggested an application for funding appropriate schemes be made to Wren.

13. REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Computer Facility** – In the absence of Cllr Rosindell discussion of this item was postponed.
- (b) **Parish Paths Partnership Future** – As previously mentioned separate chques had been requested and received from Notts. CC with regard to grass cutting in the two parishes. It was felt this would make accounting and the VAT claim easier. Cllr Walker reported that there had not been a meeting for some time and it was agreed a meeting should be arranged in order to discuss the future of the Committee.
- (c) **Playing Field** - Cllr Orton confirmed a report had been produced by Cllr Womble in respect of the accident when a boy had fallen out of one of the trees and this would be noted on file for future reference. Cllr Hull reported that the slide had been repaired and that he had spoken to the parents of a nominated culprit. It was agreed to hold a working morning in the spring to replace the wooden logs on the slide.
- (d) **Moor Pond Wood Project** - Cllr Walker reported that improvements in Grange Cottage Wood were coming on but the final soil layer could not be spread until the weather improved. Clerk confirmed a £200 grant had been obtained from Ashfield DC towards the cost of installing a litterbin next to the seat they had already contributed towards. Cllrs were informed the archaeologist had supervised a dig on the Grange site with a further one planned for the 17th November in Moor Pond Wood. Cllr Walker reported that an entomological survey was being commissioned which should be undertaken in Spring 2003.
- (e) **Village Hall** - Cllr Passey had attended the last meeting with Cllr Hull. She reported that it looked as if the problems with the hall floor were being addressed with remedial work to be undertaken shortly.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Womble reported a light out in the 30mph sign on the south side of Forest Lane. Clerk to contact Gedling BC.

Cllr Hull had been asked by Mr Welling to mention the British Legion dinner on 6th December - cost of £12. He also reminded Cllrs of the skittles match on 5th December.

Cllr Orton informed the meeting photographs of the pots Doug Wensley had produced from the clay removed from St James' Churchyard were available to the Council.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 8th January.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.