

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8th September 2004

Present: Cllr Mr. I. Griffiths (Chairman)
Cllr Mr. R. Hull (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr. D. Hubbard
Cllr Mrs. S. Roberts (arrived 7.45pm)
Cllr Mrs. S. Robinson
Cllr Mr. S. Walker
Cllr Mr. C. Womble

Parishioners: 2 + Cllr Mr. J. McCauley & Mrs. McCauley (arrived 7.55pm)
Cllr Mr. J. Lonergan
PC Andy Vale

Apologies: None

Meeting commenced at 7.15pm

OPEN FORUM

One parishioner thanked the Parish Council for dealing with the hedge cutting on Church Lane as it had become a terrible mess. The question was asked regarding pavements outside the new houses on Linby Lane. Cllr Hull said he believed that the current boundary would be stepped back in order to put a pavement in place.

Another parishioner asked about the flooding on Moor Road and if this was being dealt with. Chairman informed them that we had received a response from Notts County Council regarding this and at the moment the responsibility lies with Gedling Borough Council and they are not prepared to acknowledge that there is a problem. Next year the responsibility is handed back to Notts County Council and at that time we should put in a bid for investigation works to be carried out.

There seems to be some overgrown holly/gauze bush on Blidworth Way just before the gates to Papplewick Hall. Chairman asked the Clerk to check the ownership of the land and they can then be contacted to cut it back.

Mention was made regarding the pavement on Linby Lane opposite the new houses where electricity works were carried out and the fact that the pavement is uneven. The parishioner wondered if this should be made good. Cllr Hull agreed to ask the contractors who carried out the work who could then be contacted.

PC Vale reported that there had been 13 crimes since he last attended a Parish Council meeting which was in May 2004, which is obviously down in number. A couple of the burglaries had been walk-in ones where the properties had been left unlocked. He was asking that parishioners be vigilant regarding security and be aware of people watching when returning home. There had been a shed break-in recently where the Police had liaised with the community wardens and the person involved had been detained. There had been only one theft from the Griffins Head. Cllr Griffiths asked if PC Vale could produce some crime prevention notes which we could incorporate in our next Newsletter, which he agreed to do.

Cllr Griffiths asked about the assault on Cllr Walker and the fact that the Officer dealing with the case has still not contacted Cllr Walker. PC Vale said he had e.mailed the Officer involved and asked him to speak to Cllr Walker. Cllr Griffiths said that he now wanted to escalate the situation and who should he speak to. PC Vale said he would give Cllr Griffiths the Sergeant's name in order that he can write to him.

PC Vale said they had also been targeting HGV's in the area which had been successful.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14th July 2004

Page 6, Parish Paths Partnership. Bob Knowles is the contact person at Notts County Council, not Gedling Borough Council.

Page 7, meeting regarding play equipment – was actually 8th September at 6.30pm.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Matters Arising (page 3)

Regarding the assault on Cllr Walker. Cllr Griffiths will be contacting the Officer's Sergeant in this respect.

Correspondence(page 4)

Regarding the resignation of the Clerk. The position is to be re-advertised and the application will have some small amendments made to it. There will be a break between Clerks. There has been an offer from the Clerk at Linby to help out temporarily but he does not want this to be a permanent position. Cllr Griffiths will find storage for the equipment and they will be removed from the Clerk's property by the 30th September.

PC Vale left at 8.00pm.

Representative's Committee Reports (page 7)

Regarding Moor Pond Wood. Cllr Walker asked if the letter of support referred to had been done. Cllr Griffiths asked Cllr Walker to give him the address to write to and he would draft a letter for the Clerk to send out.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ashfield District Council Planning – Planning Application re Land off Papplewick Lane

City of Nottingham - letter re East Midlands Transport Summit

EMDA – EMDA Newsletter

Environment Agency – Focus Newsletter issue 3

Gedling BC

Letter and information re Community Profile

Community Eye information

Draft Licensing Policy Statement

Linby Parish Council

Report of public meeting held 22nd July 2004

Minutes of GAG 5 meeting 26th July 2004, copy e.mail from Cllr Tony Gillam

Copy of letter from Ken Mafham, Planning Consultant

NALC

Legal Topic information

Employment Update

Countywise leaflet

Employment update – pay scales

Information re AGM

Notts. County Council

Letter re flooding on Moor Road

By the Way leaflet Summer 2004

Letter and application form re Building Better Communities fund

ODPM – Consultation papers on conduct and pay of local employees

Papplewick and Linby Day Centre

Annual Report and year end accounts

SLCC – The Clerk journal August 2004

Tarmac - Bestwood Quarry Liaison meeting minutes

RECEIVED AND ACTIONED BY THE CLERK

Gedling Borough Council – letter re overgrown trees on Linby Lane

Hacker Young – queries re Annual Return

6. **PLANNING**

There were two planning applications. 57 Moor Road for a garage loft conversion to form a study. There were no objections. The second was 1 Hall Cottages, Hall Lane for a detached garage. The Council said it would prefer a plan that does not breach the Hall

Lane wall. Also the roof pitch seems too steep, this should be shallower to minimise the visual intrusiveness of the building. The building seems obtrusively large for its purpose, a single garage would seem more appropriate.

Regarding Top Wighay Farm. Cllr Griffiths had previously attended a meeting with Cllr Womble and Padding Tipping on the 3rd August with the Gedling Borough Councillors. Paddy Tipping had received a letter saying that the matter is to be delayed until after the 2004 Joint Structure Plan Inspector's Report is issued in October. The matter can then be based on up to date actual figures. Some briefing notes dated 23rd August have been received by the Consultant, Ken Mafham. This looks at numbers in detail. Cllr Griffiths asked that all Cllrs have a copy of this. GAG5 have decided not to send it at this stage and Linby Parish Council Clerk has prepared a holding letter. Cllr Hull was concerned that we do not appear to be being kept informed of matters. The next meeting is set for 23rd September at 8pm. Cllr Griffiths will speak to the Chairman of Linby Parish Council about the best way of communication with ourselves.

Cllr Womble attended the last meeting on the 2nd September and the Cabinet meeting is supposed to be in November with matters being ratified by the end of November. GAG 5 have produced a leaflet for publicity. A separate account from Linby Parish Council has been opened for GAG 5 and out of this the Clerk's wages will come also. If there are any funds left at the end of the matter these will be redistributed to the Councils involved. The question had been raised if there was a link from Papplewick Parish Council website to that of Linby. Cllr Walker confirmed that there was.

Cllr Roberts was concerned that the money each Council was putting in may not be sufficient based on the rates of the Consultant. Cllr Lonergan commented that GAG 5 were well aware of the limit of funds. The Consultant was also to look at industrial development on the site, pointing out other developments in other parishes but nearby. Cllr Roberts was concerned that if more money was needed would we be able to make it available, along with the other Councils. Cllr Walker said that if we needed to fight further after the decision in November then it would have to be considered at that time.

Cllr Griffiths said we should perhaps be producing a Newsletter at the end of September putting a copy of the GAG 5 leaflet with it along with suggestions for writing to the Councillors involved.

There are carriageway works being carried out on the A611 running adjacent to Top Wighay Farm. Clerk to write to Notts County Council asking what they are.

7. **HIGHWAYS**

General – Regarding flooding on Moor Road – this has been dealt with earlier in the Open Forum.

Cllr Lonergan said he had information that the A614 crossing at Calverton is to be converted into a roundabout.

Cllr Womble had looked into drainage problems on Walters Hill and contacted Gedling Borough Council regarding cleaning them out. The problem seems to have been solved.

8. **ANNUAL VILLAGE BONFIRE**

Approval was sought to use the playing field on Friday 5th November 2004 for the Annual Village Bonfire. This was approved. Cllr Hull will inform the Insurers. The Enterprise Group will be arranging the catering and collecting money, the arrangements therefore being the same as last year, ie the Parish Council will purchase the fireworks and the Enterprise Group will make a donation towards them.

9. **ACCOUNTS**

Income: Nil

Expenditure – Already Incurred - Nil

Expenditure – To be Paid

356	Papplewick and Linby Village Hall	7.00	--	£7.00
357	Mrs. P. Clark (final salary)	303.86	--	£303.86
358	Mrs. P. Clark (petty cash)	31.20	--	£31.20
	Tel - 2.40			
	Post - 4.80			
	Bus shelter cleaning (15/7 – 2/9) – 8 x £3 = £24.00			
359	Gedling BC (hand mowing)	36.96	6.47	£43.43

There had been a query on the Annual Return from Hacker Young. This was rectified and Cllr Griffiths initialled the amendment. There was a charge for resubmitting the Annual Return. Hacker Young had also asked about our risk assessment and the Internal Auditor had commented that he was happy that we had a risk assessment in place but this needed reviewing when the Finance Committee next meet.

360	Hacker Young	25.00	4.38	£29.38
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MOOR POND WOOD

Income: Nil

Expenditure Already Incurred - Nil

Expenditure – To be paid - Nil

10. **TOP WIGHAY FARM SITE**

Matters already covered. Press left at 9.10pm

11. REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Moor Pond Wood – Cllr Walker reported that the LHI grant for £19,000 had been successful. This grant is for archaeological work in the woods, making good stonework to incorporate a permanent feature and interpretation panels. It is also for educational and exploratory work in Papplewick Dam. An application had been sent to BTCV for £11,000 for safety work in Papplewick Dam to include pollarding trees and then interplanting other species. This would also be used to create disabled access into the wood. The footbridge in Moor Pond Wood has now been replaced and a new gallery has been built. They are hoping to incorporate the interpretation panels into this gallery. The AGM is on the 17th September and the Barn Dance is the 24th September. Cllr Griffiths pointed out that he had agreed to audit the accounts for the Friends of Moor Pond Wood. Cllr Griffiths congratulated Cllr Walker on their success so far.

(b) Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr Womble said he had spoken to Bob Knowles regarding grass cutting and he had recommended Steven Rose of Calverton who is approved by Notts County Council to do this work. He said there was £42 in the account and no claims had been made last year for cutting. Cllr Womble suggested we perhaps wind up the joint partnership with Linby as they had little interest in this. He suggested we sent back the £42 and send new claims ourselves if Linby are happy with this. Cllr Walker suggested talking to Marshalls as they may cut back at Stanker Hill but they had not invoiced us in the last 2 years. Cllr Womble said he had prepared a schedule of works and most jobs needed tackling on an annual basis and an arrangements needs to be in place for next year.

(c) Playing Field – Cllr Hull reported that a meeting had been held with members of the Enterprise Group with ideas of skateboard ramps, hang out shelter and perhaps opening up part of the Parish Council ownership of the woods for a BMX ramp. No definite decisions have been made as yet. Cllr Lonergan had said there was a possibility of a grant of £2,000 from Notts County Council towards this equipment. The money would have to be spent by 31st March 2005. Cllr Griffiths asked the Enterprise Group to organise this application. The Parish Council's Insurance would have to be reconsidered once any new equipment was in place. Cllr Hull was pleased to report that there had been no trouble on the park since Operation Snorkel had been in place by the Police.

(d) Village Hall – Cllr Hull reported that the Bradbury Suite had been decorated, the upholstery and curtains had been cleaned and the floor in the main hall had been sanded. Bookings continue to be high.

12. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

None

13. ANY ITEM THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 10th November 2004.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.