

PAPPLEWICK

PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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THANKS!

To all those people who helped out at the Queen's Golden Jubilee Party on 3rd June a big thank you. A willing band of volunteers spent many hours planning and executing this event and they achieved a marvellous result. The occasion will long be remembered as an unforgettable day in the parish's history.

On the subject of history, thanks also to the people who attended the Local History Day on May 11th bringing with them their treasured heirlooms. The Parish Council is especially grateful to Mrs. Kendall for allowing us to visit St. James' Church and to Dr. Godwin-Austen who granted us the privilege of a guided tour of Papplewick Hall. Numerous old photographs of the parish were on display allowing names to be put to some old (and not so old) faces.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Last year Papplewick came second in the Best Kept Village Competition and received a £50 cash prize. The judges identified just three areas for improvement: a map of our footpaths (see below), untidiness on part of Moor Road and rubbish in the lay-by near Papplewick Dam.

Although the last area is actually in Linby parish and out of our jurisdiction, the Moor Pond Wood Project, which also looks after the Dam area, has erected fencing to try and prevent the dumping of rubbish in the lay-by. In addition, the Parish Council has also spent a lot of time tidying the Playing Field and erecting a new fence to smarten it up.

As a result, we should be well placed this year to come top of our category. Please ensure that your home and its immediate surroundings are maintained in tip-top condition. With everyone's help we can make the parish a better place to live and work.

SKATEBOARDERS ABOUT!

The Parish Council has received a petition organised by a group of young residents who would like to see skateboarding facilities in the parish. Many people have signed the petition and offered their support.

At our next meeting, the Council will be hearing more about their proposals and considering what action to take. Anyone who wishes to make their views on the subject known, whether in favour of a skateboarding park, against or simply unsure of what it involves, is invited to come along to our meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th July.

Because providing a facility such as this is likely to place a heavy demand on Council resources, we need to hear from as many people as possible before arriving at any decisions.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

At the Parish Council's last meeting, Mr. Ian Parker, the County Council's Highway's Manager, came to talk to us about possible traffic calming on Main Street. The Parish Appraisal we conducted four years ago identified highway problems as one of the main areas of concern for parishioners and the Council have been actively pursuing measures to reduce the overall impact of traffic and congestion for everyone. With assistance from the County Council, we have already installed 'gateway' schemes on Forest Lane and Linby Lane.

We looked at three types of scheme that might help to reduce the speed of traffic on Main Street:

1. Imprint surfacing strips at the 30mph signs with repeater strips along Main Street.
2. A chicane about mid-way along Main Street between the 'S' bend and Crossroads.
3. Interactive traffic signs.

The Council recognises that any traffic calming scheme will have environmental and visual implications for Main Street and therefore any scheme will need to be carefully designed to minimise such intrusions. No decision has yet been made on which option, if any, to pursue and the matter will continue to be discussed. Main Street residents will be given the opportunity to comment on any proposals before they are implemented. Any traffic calming will, of course, be subject to funds being available from the County Council.

Mr. Parker has agreed to look at the signing in and around Papplewick for the LGV restrictions along Linby Lane and Forest Lane. It was thought that the signing was inadequate and in generally poor condition and this may be contributing towards the number of LGV's still using these roads.

As a result of continued lobbying from the Parish Council, a double white line system is to be installed around the dip on Blidworth Way to prevent overtaking along this dangerous section of road.

PARISH PATHS

A new map cabinet has been purchased, jointly funded by the County Council's Rights of Way Department, to house a map of Papplewick and Linby parishes on which will be marked all the public rights of way in both parishes. The Council will now decide where best to locate this cabinet.

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The Parish Paths Committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help out with path maintenance. We need to keep the grass and overhanging vegetation cut back so that our paths are easy to walk. It's not a difficult job, just turn up one evening in the summer, shears in hand. Anyone interested in a spot of cutting on a warm summer evening should contact either the Clerk or any parish councillor for further details.

THE LOCAL PLAN

Gedling Borough Council has recently launched its Revised Deposit Draft Plan. This has been compiled in response to the Local Plan consultation process in 2000 and residents should have received by now a leaflet from Gedling about the Revised Deposit Draft and how you can comment upon it. There will be a further period of consultation, between 17th June and 29th July for this purpose. Copies of the Revised Plan, together with representation forms, are available at Ravenshead and Hucknall Libraries.

The Parish Council were particularly concerned that the original Plan contained proposals for extensive residential and industrial developments at Top Wighay Farm in Linby and between Papplewick Lane and Linby Lane. Fortunately, as a result of representations made by numerous individuals and organisations, these proposals have been withdrawn from the Revised Deposit Plan. This represents a significant achievement that should safeguard our environment for years to come.

Unfortunately, despite these revisions, the battle has yet to be won. It is anticipated that developers will oppose the Revised Deposit Draft when it is considered further at a Public Enquiry next year. It is therefore important that we now make representations to support the Revised Deposit Draft to ensure that the above sites are not reincorporated into the Local Plan by the Planning Inspector.

Because of the importance of its response to the Revised Deposit Draft, the Parish Council will be holding a special meeting at the Village Hall on the following date:

7.15pm Wednesday 17th July 2002

As with all Parish Council meetings, parishioners are welcome to attend and make their views known.

DEVIL'S ELBOW QUARRY

Tarmac Quarry Products has started to prepare the ground for an extension to their quarry on the Devil's Elbow, known as Bestwood II, which will see sand extraction extended into this parish. Until now, the quarry has been entirely in Ravenshead but right up to the parish boundary. Following discussions at the planning stage between the Company and Parish Council, Tarmac is establishing a liaison committee which will meet periodically to address any problems that may arise. The Parish Council will have representatives on this committee and therefore if anyone has any concerns

arising from Tarmac's operations, please forward details to the Clerk.

THE PARISH PLAN

After the Local Plan comes the Parish Plan! This is about what you, the people of Papplewick, wish to see taking place over the next ten years. Councillors are currently working away on the Consultative Draft Plan ready for its official launch at the Council's meeting in September. Thereafter, there will be a seven week period for representations to be made, with the closing date for submissions on 2nd November.

All households, businesses and organisations within the parish will receive a summary of the Plan's contents with copies of the full Plan available on request. It will also be available for consultation on our web site.

The Parish Council will hold a special meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th October 2002, starting at 7.30pm, at which you can find out more about the Parish Plan and make your comments.

After the consultation period has closed, the Council will consider all representations before compiling the final Plan.

MOOR POND WOOD

Planning permission has been granted, subject to conditions, for the importing of soil to the Grange Cottage Wood site. Hopefully work will commence on this shortly.

A new bridge was installed by the Friends of the project from the bottom of the playing field into Dam Banks Wood. Unfortunately, some children found the bricks too much of a temptation and demolished part of it! It has now been rebuilt with stone kindly donated by Trent Stone who run one of the quarries in Linby. Let's hope this one will not be vandalised.

The archaeologist has now produced his site survey which will be considered by the Steering Group and the last stretch of new footpath can now be installed from Dam Banks Wood to Papplewick Lane, once levels have been worked out for the disabled ramped access.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10th July 2002 - normal meeting.

Wednesday, 17th July 2002 - Local Plan response

September meeting - date to be confirmed

Wednesday, 9th October 2002 - The Parish Plan.

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall, starting at 7.15pm. All residents are cordially invited to attend and raise matters affecting your parish.

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