

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Brian Newsome has taken over from Andy Vale as beat manager for our village. PC Newsome can be contacted at Ravenshead Police Station. Please report any crime to the police control on: 9670999. The Parish Council have expressed concern about the continuing speeding through the village and the flow of HGV's along Main Street and Forest Lane.

Pavement Parking

There have been several complaints to the Parish Council over recent months about vehicles being parked so that they either significantly or completely block the pavement. Particular areas of concern have been Forest Lane, at the top end of Main Street and Linby Lane.

Leaving a vehicle so that it obstructs the pavement is not only illegal, it seriously inconveniences pedestrians. Someone who has to walk into the road to by-pass a vehicle which has been badly parked is at much greater risk of being hit by moving traffic. This is especially so if they use a wheelchair or have to manoeuvre a pushchair. Please remind visitors not to park on the pavement.

The local police have been made aware of this practice. If pavement parking continues, the Council will continue to press for enforcement action to be taken.

Parish Clerk

We regret to announce that Vic Whyley has decided to end his role as Clerk to the Council. Vic has looked after the Council's affairs for the last 3 1/2 years. As a result of his departure, the Parish Council is looking for a new Clerk. If anyone is interested in this position please contact the Chairman on 01623 798359 for an information pack.

Mansfield Road Notice Board

The new notice board is now in situ on the fence surrounding the Severn Trent (Newstead) station.

Parish Bonfire

The Bonfire and Fireworks are to be held on 7th November on the village playing field. Gates open at 6.30pm. Refreshments are available and the Enterprise Group are running the popular hot dog and mushy peas stall. Adults £3.00 and Children £1.50 - all monies raised will provide new equipment for the playing field. Personal fireworks and sparklers are not allowed.

Due to Health and Safety regulations please **do not** bring rubbish to the field to burn.

Please support our advertisers in the accompanying Bonfire leaflet; they enable The Enterprise Group to buy the fireworks for the village event.

Village Park

The Parish council have asked pupils from The National School to submit designs to be painted onto the skate equipment. Three designs have been approved and will hopefully be started shortly.

Last week Playdale replaced the worn apparatus and installed equipment for the 3 – 8 and 8 – 12 year olds. The new equipment has been made possible as The Enterprise Group secured a grant for £7,000 from Nottingham Community Foundation to replace the timber combo unit; and the Parish Council received a grant of £22,000 from The Big Lottery Fund through Gedling Play Partnership.

Moor Pond Wood

The new footpath from Papplewick Dam Woods to the meadows footpath (between Linby and Papplewick) is now in place and is well used. It still remains to plant the new hedge along the line, and that will be carried out over the coming months. In order to make the new path blend in as far as possible, the path has not been surfaced. The situation will be monitored over the winter and if it deteriorates the group intends to lay a surface.

The new path creates a formal route between Linby Lane and the public footpath across the meadows. It replaces the unofficial path along the west side of the pond, and you are urged not to trespass.

The next stage of the project will be to clear up the area around the outfall of the pond, near Papplewick Lane. Over the spring and summer period the group have carried out work to clear the network of underground tunnels and pipes. During the discussion following the AGM members of the group planned the landscaping for this area. It is hoped that the work in the area around the pond and Papplewick Lane can be completed over the winter. It is hoped that this will include laying new paths, stabilising the pond outfall and reinstating the 'dipping platform' and seating. The group decided to move their regular meetings forward in future. They will now take place on the Friday before the last Friday in the month. Working days will be taking place every couple of weeks, usually on Sundays. Contact Stephen Walker (9630808) or Maureen Barker (9632057) if you would like to help.

Bulb Planting

The Parish Council will be planting bulbs this Autumn and Spring. Patricia Andrews of GBC has made £300 available for the village. No firm date for bulb planting has been made, but if you can spare a morning or afternoon to help it would be appreciated. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Village Hall

The hall has a new bookings secretary, Kathryn Holmes. If you wish to contact Kathryn the secretary's number is 07817 649643 or e-mail pandlvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk



**Next Council meeting is on Wednesday, 12th November 2008 at 7.15pm
All parishioners welcome**

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