

New Council Chairman

At the Council's Annual General Meeting in May Cllr. David McCracken was elected our new chairman. David has been with the Council for 2 ½ years and now occupies the Chair following a vacancy over the last year. Cllr. Stef Roberts remains Vice-Chairman.

Play Day!

Wednesday 28th July 2010

After last year's highly successful event, the Council will be hosting another Play Day in July. There will be an exciting range of activities for children of all ages, both utilising the existing equipment and on facilities supplied by Gedling Borough Council and Notts. County Council - brought in specially for the day including a climbing wall and kmx go-carts. The event will run between 1.00pm and 4.30pm.

Car parking will be available in the field behind the Griffin's Head, not in the main pub car park. There will be no parking at the Village Hall. We are grateful to Monty, the new licensee at the Griffin, for providing this facility.

Open Gardens 2010

Main Street and Blacksmith's Court will be hosting this year's Open Gardens Event on Sunday, 27th June between 2.00-5.00pm. Each year the Leisure Enterprise Group organises this important fund-raising event. Funds raised from this year's Open Gardens will predominantly go towards planting out new planters obtained by the Parish Council.

Monty at the Griffin's Head has very kindly allowed the use of the field behind his pub for car parking, not in the main pub car park. Tea and cakes, together with the usual tombola and plant stall, will be available at Papplewick Lodge, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Stretton. Tickets can be obtained on the day from the Griffin's Head car park or Richard Hull at 7 Main Street. Richard will also accept donations for the plant stall and tombola.

Look out for 'Wizard of Oz' themed scarecrows around the village, particularly on Blacksmith's Court and West View Court, but everyone else in the village is welcome to join in!. The scarecrows will be displayed from Friday 25th June until Sunday 27th June. Anyone wishing to open their gardens, or for further information, please contact Janet Robinson on 0115 963 2430.



Bonfire and Fireworks

This year's event will be taking place on Friday, 5th November. Following their successful single 'Raise Your Voice' in conjunction with Trent FM, Phil Rostance and the Marshall Band are set to play live again. Apart from the usual bonfire, fireworks and food, we also hope to have a couple of surprise attractions!

The Parish Council is indebted to everyone who helps set up, manage and clean up after the event. In particular, we rely heavily on members of the Leisure Enterprise Group and Linby Parish Council, without whose help we simply could not stage such an enjoyable event. However, additional volunteers are required this year to act as stewards. We need people who can supervise the car park and generally look after visitors for a few hours during the event. If you can spare a little time to help out your local community, please contact the Clerk.



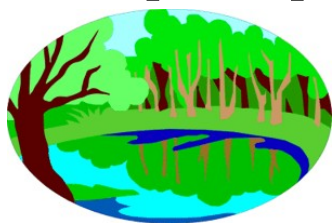
Council Accounts

The Council spent a total of £18,386.91 during 2009-10 on a wide variety of items. Some of the more major areas of our spending included Moor Pond Wood (£1,829), fireworks (£900), clerks salary (£3,742.23), insurance (£1,609.87) and Playing Field maintenance (£637.57).

Income for the same period amounted to £20,566.25 of which £6,011 came in via our Council Tax precept.

Each year the Council's accounts are subjected to audit. They are analysed internally by an independent person and then externally by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission. Our internal auditor has recently passed last year's accounts without reservation, confirming that all is in order. Over the next couple of months the same accounts will be externally audited and we are confident that they will again give us an unqualified audit opinion. In other words, everything will be found in accordance with relevant legislation and regulatory requirements.

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The Friends of Moor Pond Wood have a new web site. Launched at their meeting in the Village Hall on 26th May, this dedicated site is packed with new and innovative features:

- ⊗ An interactive map with video clips and a commentary which can be downloaded as an mp3 podcast for use around the site.
- ⊗ An archive of all the research papers produced during the life of the project.
- ⊗ A plant and wildlife database which includes some of the varied flora and fauna to be found in and around Moor Pond Wood - this will be updated as new species are identified.
- ⊗ A sightings page where anyone can add details of animals they may see whilst walking around the woods.
- ⊗ A Gallery of various photographs taken over the life of the project.
- ⊗ Links to the many organisations and groups who have supported the Moor Pond Wood project over the last 10 years.

Take a look at this new and interesting site. (Please note that there is no www in the site address).

HGVs

We still seem to be getting a number of lorries contravening the 7.5 tonne weight limit applicable to several roads in the parish. Notts. County Council's Trading Standards Department want to know of instances where vehicles appear to be travelling through the parish unlawfully. Please send as much information as possible (such as date, time, direction of travel, registration number and company name) to:

Rhia Dilloway

Trading Standards Officer

Nottinghamshire County Council

rhia.dilloway@nottscc.gov.uk

Tel: 01623 452080

Neil Savage of Trading Standards will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on 14th July to talk about establishing a Lorry Watch Scheme. Similar schemes in other parts of the country have been very successful with intelligence gathered by local volunteers aiding enforcement agencies to take action against persistent offenders. Come along and find out more.

Bus Stops

Over the last year Notts. County Council have installed new bus stops around the parish. Most recently replacement bus stops have appeared on Main Street, including two new ones. Each stop comprises, as a minimum, a bus stop pole with flag and timetable. Users can determine when the next bus will arrive by texting a unique set of code letters displayed on each pole.



The bus stop outside West View Court on Main Street is now a 'Both Ways' stop. This means that instead of just being able to alight or board northbound buses, users can now board or alight southbound buses directly opposite this stop. An additional stop for southbound buses has also been installed opposite number 81 'Old Fayingling.'

Unfortunately, the bus stops either side of Mansfield Road at its junction with Forest Lane were removed earlier this year. We understand removal took place on road safety grounds. As highway authority the County Council does not have to consult parish councils regarding the provision or removal of bus stops but the County Council's policy is to issue advisory letters to both local residents and parish councils. However, Papplewick Parish Council did not receive any notification and we are not aware of residents being made aware of these changes either.

Icy Times



Remember last winter when Church Lane became covered in compacted snow and ice? Following requests from residents, the Parish Council has taken steps to prevent a repetition. Although we cannot control the weather, we have purchased two salt bins and located one at either end of Church Lane. They have been fully stocked with salt in readiness for the coming winter.



Playing Field



Unfortunately, after Parish Council volunteers removed the old slide, Playdale, our contractor, was not able to install the new roundabout on the date they had promised. We have now been assured that installation will take place very soon. This replacement item has been eagerly awaited for some time now and we apologise for the loss of enjoyment arising from this delay.

The Papplewick and Linby Leisure Enterprise Group have contributed £6,700 towards the cost of this project. The money was raised at previous bonfire events and the Council would like to place on record its appreciation and thanks for all the hard work which has gone into providing this very valuable item of new equipment.

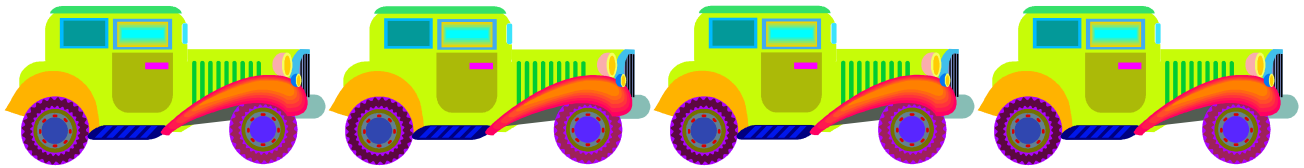
Trouble finding the Pumping Station?



The Parish Council realised that there were no signs at the Mansfield Road/Forest Lane junction directing motorists to this top tourist attraction. When we asked Notts. County Council to provide brown 'tourist' direction signs they refused and painted over a sign which already existed at the Crossroads. Since then we have been working with the Pumping Station to get a proper system of signage installed.

Have you been stopped by visitors seeking directions to the Pumping Station? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please email brief details of what was said, when and where to clerk@papplewick.org.

Pavement Parking



Yet again cars are being inconsiderately parked around the parish. People are being forced to walk in the road and run the risk of being hit by a passing vehicle in order to get around them. There seems to be a particular problem on Main Street and Linby Lane. If you wish to avoid a fixed penalty ticket, please leave your car where it will not inconvenience other road users. Remember that if an accident is caused because your vehicle was incorrectly parked, it will be you that will have to meet the costs of any injuries or damage caused.

Dog Owners

Certain irresponsible dog owners are clearing up after their dogs and then leaving packages of mess in prominent places such as alongside seats, in hedges and by signs. The non-biodegradable nature of plastic means that these eyesores remain long after the dog mess itself would have disappeared.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 requires a person in charge of a dog to remove its faeces from designated land. Simply leaving them in a plastic bag for someone else to dispose of does not mean compliance with the law. Offenders can be served with a fixed penalty notice or tried before a magistrates' court. The Parish Council has asked Gedling's Dog Warden to take action.

Notts Police

Call 0300 300 99 99 for all non-emergencies and enquiries. To speak to Ravenshead Contact Point ask for extension 3470. In an emergency call 999.

And Finally - Our Thanks!

To Cllr. Chris Barnfather of Notts. County Council for £500 and Cllr. Patricia Andrew of Gedling Borough Council for £125. This money will be put towards the parish improvement scheme which will include new signage and planters.

Next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th July 2010 at 7.15pm
All parishioners welcome

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