

Councillor Vacancies

We now have two places on the Council for new members. At our next meeting in September we will be co-opting people to fill these spare seats. Why not join the Council and contribute to your community? Let the Clerk know of your interest.

Lorry Watch

This is a new initiative by Notts. County Council Trading Standards to reduce the number of HGV's contravening the weight limits which apply to several roads within the parish. Residents attending our last meeting heard how the scheme will work.



We will need some 20-30 people to make this scheme successful. Anyone who wishes to help out and was not able to attend our last meeting can obtain further information from the Clerk. Reporting forms and details of the scheme can be found at

www.papplewick.org/lorrywatch_index.html

Trained volunteers will take details of lorries passing through the parish and these will be passed to Trading Standards for follow-up action. As a result of lobbying by the Parish Council, Papplewick has been chosen to be the first LorryWatch scheme in Nottinghamshire and other villages with similar problems will be watching us to see how it works.

Alternatively, contact Trading Standards direct either to join or report any specific instances of lorries contravening the weight limits on the appropriate forms:

Neil Savage or Rhia Dilloway
Trading Standards Officers
Nottinghamshire County Council
trading.standards@nottscc.gov.uk
Tel: 01623 452005

Roads subject to a 7.5 tonne weight limit are Forest Lane, Linby Lane and Main Street.

Play Day!

Several hundred people enjoyed a fun afternoon on the Playing Field. Judging by comments from visitors and attendees alike it was a great success. We were fortunate to be visited by the Mayor of Gedling Cllr. Mrs. Pat Blandamer, our local MP, Mark Spencer, together with County Councillor Chris Barnfather and Gedling Councillor Patricia Andrews.

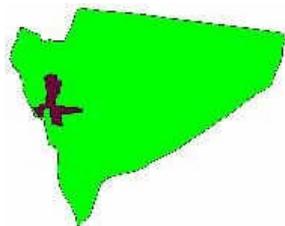
Attractions included a crew and appliance from Hucknall Fire Station, the NHS Notts. County PCT, police car, miniature golf, inflatable slide, BMX bikes, face painting, den building and various other activities for children. Free fruit was available for children, courtesy of a grant from Cllr. Barnfather, and the Parish Council provided free light refreshments.

Our thanks go to Richard Hull, the Leisure Enterprise Group, and their assistants, for organising this event and for setting up and clearing away afterwards. We are also grateful to the Gedling Play Forum for their assistance with organisation, publicity and funding.

The Parish Plan

Remember the Parish Plan? During 2002 the Parish Council set about drafting its Parish Plan

following lengthy consultations with local residents and businesses. A number of parishioners made their views known on a wide range of topics and these helped to formulate our Parish Plan policies which were adopted in February 2003. If you wish to have another look at the Plan it can be found on our website at www.papplewick.org/plan/planindex.htm.



We have been invited by RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire) to review the Plan. Jenny Kirkwood attended our July meeting and provided some useful pointers to help develop and promote the Plan for the future. We now require some interested volunteers to help move this project forward. If you care about the place where you live and how it should develop in years to come, let the Clerk know of your interest.

Church Lane

For many years now the Parish Council has looked after Church Lane. In July 1984 street lighting was installed by the Parish Council and the Council also paid for resurfacing in 1991. Since then we have cut the grass and carried out other maintenance work when required.

No-one has been able to tell us who actually owns Church Lane and all our efforts to determine the true owner have been to no avail. The Council now wishes to obtain a possessory title to Church Lane to safeguard it for future generations and has been working with H.M. Land Registry to this end. However, we have reached a point where legal assistance is required. The cost of employing solicitors is likely to be high and beyond the Council's means without some form of assistance.

The Council would be delighted to hear from any lawyer with experience in land conveyancing matters willing to help out on a pro bono basis. Alternatively, if anyone would be willing to fund this work for the benefit of the local community, we would also be very interested in hearing from them. Please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Playing Field



Our new roundabout has now been installed and is being well used. Several people visiting the Playing Field have asked why the much-loved old slide was removed. Having been installed in 1978 at a cost of £969.65 we have had good value for money from it and it was overdue for replacement. In fact, when we came to remove it, the timber had rotted rather more than we had expected and one of the foundation supports had rusted through. Unlike the new equipment, it did not meet current safety standards for playground apparatus.

The roundabout cost £8,098 net of VAT. £6,900 came from the Leisure Enterprise Group (without who's assistance this project would not have been possible), and the Parish Council paid £573. The donations of £500 from County councillor Chris Barnfather and £125 from Gedling councillor Patricia Andrews mentioned in the last Newsletter were also put towards meeting the overall cost.

To compliment the two pieces of adult fitness equipment already in place, and which have proved immensely popular with adults and children alike, we are looking at providing two more items. Villagers have asked for "something for the waist" and a rowing machine. Such items are not cheap and we need to source funding. We will do our best!

We have recently secured funding for land drains to deal with the problem of waterlogged ground. Other proposed improvements to the Playing Field are still at an early stage.

Playing Field Problems

Sadly, once again the facilities provided on the Playing Field are being abused and residents disturbed by inconsiderate behaviour. The Parish Council has invested a lot of time and money over recent years to ensure that local people have the top-class facilities they deserve. Unfortunately, a few miscreants seem intent on spoiling things for everyone. Not only is the cost of repairing damage falling on all parishioners as Council Tax payers, councillors are having to spend increasing amounts of time attending the Playing Field to clear away litter and inspect the equipment.

If local residents are aware of antisocial behaviour or criminal damage taking place they should immediately inform the Police on 0300 300 9999 **and obtain a crime number**. These are not matters that can be resolved by contacting councillors or committee members.

Due to the increasing amount of work required to keep the Playing Field in good order, the Parish Council is considering employing a part-time Park Keeper. It is likely that the appointment will be made for the 2011 season and full details have yet to be finalised. In the meantime, expressions of interest are invited from anyone wishing to work with the Council on developing this important role. Please contact the Clerk.

Tea Rooms

Papplewick Tea Rooms are now open. Serving ice cream, soft drinks, tea, coffee and cakes this welcome addition to the village can be found in the Courtyard at The Lodge on Main Street. An internal tea room and garden will be opening during August Bank Holiday. Opening times are Friday to Tuesday, 10am until 4.30pm.



Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

Notts. County Council have launch this scheme to improve the environment in towns and villages. The Parish Council has put together a bid for money to carry out such improvements around the parish. The bid includes new village signs for each approach to replace the existing road signs. Each sign will have a similar theme but a slightly different pictorial representation of the parish reflecting that area. The sign for Moor Road will feature Moor Pond Wood, Forest Lane's sign will have the Pumping Station, St. James' Church will feature on Linby Lane and Main Street its cottages and cows. The final designs have yet to be approved by the Council. We will let you have further details in a future edition of Newsletter.

In addition, a new noticeboard is to be erected shortly. Due to the rather complicated route by which it has been obtained through the LIS scheme, it will probably be erected on Linby Lane and the current noticeboard sited there transferred to replace the rather dilapidated structure at Moor Road's junction with Papplewick Lane. Our Clerk is also working with the County's Conservation Officer to place a small noticeboard on the Hall Lane island and remove some clutter created by outdated road signs.



Neighbourhood Alerts

The Parish Council has signed up to a new initiative being run jointly by Neighbourhood Watch, Nottinghamshire Police, Gedling Borough Council and Notts. County Council to disseminate safety information to local

communities. We are filtering information from the Gedling Community site that may be directly relevant to this parish and listing it for ease of reference on our web site at www.papplewick.org/neighbourhood_alert.html As this is a new scheme, a database of information will be gradually built up so please keep visiting our site for the latest details. If you wish to learn more about Neighbourhood Alerts or sign up for the full service yourself, visit www.gedlingcommunity.co.uk.

Notts Police

Since our last Newsletter there have been some changes to police contact details. Call 0300 300 99 99 for all non-emergencies and enquiries. To speak to Ravenshead Contact Point ask for extension 856 3470 or Arnold Police Station on extension 853 4164.

Other contact details are: PC Matt Wardle - 07702 141 552
PCSO Chris Shaw - 07702 141 598
PCSO Darren Scatcherd - 07702 141 756

Keep these numbers handy. Remember, in an emergency call 999.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Parish Council has had a few enquiries recently about re-starting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. The scheme relies on local volunteers who get support from the district organiser and local police officers. If anyone is interested in coordinating the Papplewick scheme please contact Wendy Morris on 0115 9104273 or email her at wendy.morris@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk.

Karate Kid

Joel Barker-Klein, who is 10 years of age and lives in Papplewick, currently holds two British National karate titles and has also been selected to represent England in the under 12's world karate championships which is to be held next Easter in Las Vegas. If there are any companies or individuals that would like to sponsor Joel whilst he is representing England then please contact his father at markeklein@hotmail.com We wish him every success.

What would you do with 4 million tonnes of waste?

Notts. County Council and Nottingham City Council are working together to produce a new 'Waste Core Strategy' which will decide how and where we should manage our waste over the next 20 years. They want to hear what the public, waste industry and other interested groups think about the issues they are looking at. The consultation runs from 3 September – 29 October 2010. For more information after 3 September contact the Minerals & Waste Policy Team on 08449 80 80 80 or at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

And Finally -

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For a colour copy of this Newsletter - and all our previous Newsletters - go to www.papplewick.org/newslink.htm

Next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 8th September 2010 at 7.15pm
All parishioners welcome

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