

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Bonfire and Fireworks

The annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display will be held on Friday, 7th November. Papplewick and Linby Parish

Councils, together with the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group will be hosting this annual event on the Playing Field.



Gates open at 6.30pm, the Bonfire will be lit around 7.00pm with fireworks to commence at 7.30pm. As usual, there will be plenty of food and drink available to purchase.



Defibrillator

Following discussions with the Village Hall Management Committee, the Parish Council have decided to raise funds for the purchase of a fully automatic defibrillator. It is intended to mount the defibrillator outside the Village Hall so that it will be available to both Village Hall users and others in the event of an emergency. At its last meeting, councillors decided to approach Village Hall users

for contributions towards this project, which could potentially afford life-saving assistance should anyone experience cardiac difficulties. It is anticipated that around £2,000 will be needed to purchase the machine and a cabinet in which to house it.

Flooding at Hall Lane-Main Street junction

Following numerous complaints by the Parish Council and local residents, the gullies along Walter's Hill were finally cleaned out at the beginning of August when main Street and Blidworth Way were closed. The County Council have promised to have the gullies cleaned out by their contractor on an 18 month cycle. We are now hopeful that flooding at the junction between Hall Lane and Main Street will be prevented but will continue to monitor the situation.

Gullies around the Devil's Elbow have also been emptied recently following representations by a parish councillor. However, we are aware of ongoing problems with the gully near Ward's Cottage on Main Street and those at the junction of Burntstump Hill with Ash Lane.

Playing Field



The three Sensory Garden planters are now well-established and thriving rapidly.

We are grateful for the assistance we have received from Great Central Railway at Ruddington, who supplied the sleepers, and Symbol Signs, of Radford, Nottingham, for supplying us with various signs for the Playing Field.



Once again equipment on the Field is being vandalised. Fire damage has been caused to a seat on the shelter closest to the skate park and the Council has recently spent £75.88 replacing parts on other equipment. Had it not been for the kind assistance of Richard Hull in carrying out this repair work voluntarily, the Council would have faced a much higher bill to have this work done. If you see criminal activity taking place on the Playing Field, please contact the police.

Census Data

From the 2011 Census, we know that from a population of 756 people in Papplewick:

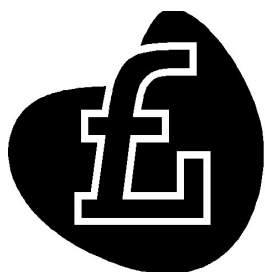
45 people aged 16-74 are full-time students
Of these, 16 people also work
320 people are employed
12 unemployed
140 are economically inactive

To get to work:

225 people travel by car, van or motorcycle
86 people travel by other means or work at home
The average distance a parishioner travels to get to work is 16.12km

All data obtained from <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

Finance



The Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton, have given our accounts for the 2013-14 financial year a clean bill of health.

The Council's Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, 29th October to devise a provisional budget and precept for 2015-16. It will then be submitted to a meeting of the full Council in November for agreement.

Best Kept Village Competition

The Parish Council were disappointed to learn that we were not progressing beyond the first stage of the competition. We do not know when the judges visited or who they were but the Council has taken issue with some of their findings. On the positive side, they stated that: "individual cottage gardens were very pleasant and some attractive planters." However, they

were not impressed by the condition of roadside verges and made reference to "problems coping with dust and dirt on verges and pavements," at the Crossroads.

The Parish Council arranged for the Lengthsman to undertake a number of tidying-up works around the Crossroads area prior to their inspection. The judges also felt that more effort was needed to deal with the phone box and bus shelter. When we find the phone box, we will, of course, have it attended to. In the meantime, if anyone knows of the phone box's whereabouts, please email the Clerk!

Elections

Elections for parish and borough councillors are scheduled to take place on 7th May 2015. It is possible that the date may also coincide with Parliamentary elections. Anyone considering volunteering for election to the Parish Council will be able to obtain further information from www.gedling.gov.uk or the Clerk nearer the time.

Barracks Farm Wind Turbine



A lively debate took place at the Public Meeting held on 22nd June with many people taking the opportunity to either make their views known or hear the opinions of others. Following on from this meeting, the Parish Council lodged objections to the application with Gedling Borough Council. At the time of writing, this application is still pending consideration.

Road Accident Statistics

Every three years the Parish Council obtains details of all road traffic accidents occurring within the parish that involve injuries to road users. We need to be able to determine if the accidents occurring are random and unpredictable events, as accidents usually are, or if any patterns arise from the data that might indicate a more serious problem. If accidents are occurring in 'clusters' then we can press for action to be taken to prevent them from occurring in the future.

During the period 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2014, there were a total of 31 accidents on parish roads. Out of that number, the most significant concentration occurred at the Forest Lane/Mansfield Road junction where eight collisions took place, all but one involving 'slight' injuries. Three of these involved cars emerging from Forest Lane and colliding with vehicles travelling northbound along Mansfield Road.

During the period in question, two fatalities occurred at the same location on Forest Lane. Both were the subject of extensive enquiries to determine their cause and we are satisfied that in neither case did the road environment contribute towards these unfortunate events. Two other accidents, involving people visiting the scene of the first fatal accident, occurred on the day after, the only collisions involving pedestrians during the three year period.

At the Severn Mile House junction there was only one recorded accident, a significant reduction over previous periods. Excluding the junction with Papplewick Lane, Moor Road suffered only one incident, where an overtaking motorcyclist struck a car turning into a driveway. Three accidents are recorded at the Papplewick Lane junction, two being very minor, the third, involving three serious and 2 slight injuries occurred in wet conditions at 3.55am on a Saturday morning.

Perhaps the most surprising fact is that only one accident is recorded as taking place at the Crossroads. This involved a single motorcycle travelling from Moor Road into Main Street and losing control at 6.62am during rainy weather. Bearing in mind that some 16 million vehicles passed through this junction during the three years in question, this low accident record is remarkable. Indeed, over the last 10 years only eight injury accidents have taken place at the Crossroads despite some 55 million vehicles using it in that time.



Moor Pond Wood

We congratulate the Friends of Moor Pond Wood on securing a £13,000 grant from WREN. WREN is a not-for-profit business that helps benefit the lives of people living close to landfill sites by awarding grants for community, conservation or heritage projects. The money will go towards resurfacing paths around the site.

The Friends wish to place on record their thanks to Cllr. Chris Barnfather who has made a £500 contribution towards their work from his Notts. County Council divisional fund.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Thursday, 4th December - Christmas lights switch-on, barbershop choir and perhaps a mini-market with stall at the Griffin's Head.

Friday, 5th December - Brownfield First fundraising quiz at the Village Hall 7.00pm. Tickets £15.00 (max. 4 per team) see <http://www.linby.org.uk/news-events.php> for further details.

Saturday, 6th December - Kinx concert at the Village Hall in aid of local churches.

Monday, 15th December - Christmas lights and carol service 6.30pm Linby village.

Local Beat Team

PC 3374 Kylie Westlake

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PCSO 8248 Richard Kennedy

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PCSO 4803 Richard Shipston

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Please report any crimes or suspicious incidents to the police on 101. In an emergency use 999.

And Finally...

This is the 50th edition of Newsletter. It was launched by the Parish Council in April 1999 in response to requests in our Parish Appraisal for better information about the Council's activities and decisions. We hope you will continue to find it informative.

Next Council meeting will be on 12th November 2014 at 7.15pm

All parishioners welcome

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