

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at
Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick
On Wednesday 9th March 2016**

Present

Cllr Stef Roberts (Chairman)
Cllr Carolyn Hesketh (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Nigel Penlington
Cllr Baz Mayoh

Parishioners & Visitors: Cllrs Colin Powell, Bruce Andrews and Chris Barnfather and 5 members of the public

Meeting commenced 7:30pm

Minute No.	
63/16	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllrs Stephen Walker, Terry Savage, Hilary Espley Richard Hull</p>
64/16	<p><u>Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 11th March 2015</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Stef Roberts, seconded by Cllr Nigel Penlington and signed by the Chairman Stef Roberts</p>
65/16	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <p>Cllr Stef Roberts presented the following report:</p> <p><u>Chairman's reports for Annual Parish Assembly 9th March 2016</u></p> <p>Much has changed since Mac (David McCracken) gave his report this time last year. For the first time in a number of years there was almost the need for an election to decide the members of the Parish Council. In the end this was not needed as only 6 nomination forms were submitted. Only two of the previous Councillors stood for re-election; myself and Nigel Penlington. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the previous councillors for their work for the Council over a number of years; David McCracken, Gillian Winfield-McCracken, Colin Womble and Maggie Else. The new Councillors were welcomed to the</p>

May meeting and Cllr Hilary Espley was co-opted to take the 7th place. A number of the new Councillors have attended training during the year. Laura Poole, the Clerk to the Council, gave notice with effect from 1st September and we welcomed Liz Gretton at the September meeting. We wish Laura well in her new career of Teaching. The newly formed HR committee, ably chaired by Cllr Hesketh, made the appointment and continues to ensure PCC is up to date with all matters HR. The Finance Committee met in October and recommended a 1% increase in the precept for 2016/17.

Although the personnel have changed, the work of the Council has continued with many of the same worries and concerns being brought to our attention. There is continued concern about the proposed developments at Top Wighay and on the Land North of Papplewick Lane. The traffic in the village doesn't get any less and these developments will only increase the traffic/noise/pollution and local Government don't appear to have any worthwhile ideas on how to alleviate these problems. Gedling and Notts CC are almost 'ostrich' like, ignoring all the representations made to them by PCC on behalf of our parishioners. The speed of the traffic through the village still causes concern even though Moor Road is now 30 mph.

There was a very successful Play Day on the playing field in July and the Bonfire Night was a tremendous success. A very big thank you must go to Richard Hull and the members of the Enterprise Group for their support of the Parish and their organisation of the Bonfire Night. We entered the Best Kept Village competition again but were not successful. This competition encourages the parishioners to take pride in their village and having won our category in the past, I hope we will be successful again before too long.

There has been much communication between the Clerk and Highways over the last year about the quantity of standing water in and around the Parish after heavy and often not such heavy rain. The junction at the Hall Lane triangle appears to have been sorted but various places on Forest Lane still give serious cause for concern. The Lengthsman scheme has continued and will do so again in 2016/2017. Whilst this doesn't always work as it should, he is a valuable resource and we must make full use of the hours allocated to the Parish.

The Playing Field has been a focus of attention with proposals from the Enterprise Group for a project. Julian Gladman, a landscape architect spoke to the Council meeting in November with a number of suggestions for how to improve and develop the playing field. The Playing Field working party will meet later in the year to discuss the best way to do this. The role of the Councillors in keeping the Playing Field free from litter and graffiti has been particularly onerous for some – work patterns and other commitments can make this difficult to undertake regularly – whether this is a routine job for the lengthsman is to be discussed. Concern has been raised about possible drugs use on the Playing Field and the police have been advised by Cllr Mayoh as to what has been found and when.

There is a working party looking at a Neighbourhood plan for the Parish and time and money will be spent over the coming months to put this together. Linby PC is also undertaking a Neighbourhood plan and there could well be many shared aspects between the two councils and parishes.

There have been a number of planning applications received over the year but nothing has caused much concern. Parking on Main Street is a problem as there is little or no off-street parking available for many houses – something that some residents are trying to create. Letters have been delivered to all properties on Main Street asking that cars are not parked on the pavement but the narrow road and bigger cars makes this a continuing problem.

A number of parishioners have raised matters in the Open Forum part of the meeting and we hope we have been able to answer their concerns, the most recent has been the use of mountain bikes on footpaths and notices are being put up to advise that this is not acceptable.

There have been a few newsletters over the last 12 months, thank you to Cllr Walker for his work on these.

I hope this has been a quick resume of the last year and thank you for attending this APA.

66/16	<p><u>Financial Controller's Report</u></p> <p>The Clerk produced the following report which was presented to the Council by Cllr Stef Roberts:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT 2016</u></p> <p><u>Precept and Budget</u></p> <p>The Precept for 2016/17 has been set at £9918.00, a rise of £99.00 on last years (approximately 1% increase). The budget was reviewed both at the Finance Meeting in October and the subsequent parish council meetings.</p> <p><u>Other Income / Donations</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Play Day Donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£106.50</td> <td>Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P&L Leisure Enterprise Group</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1000.00</td> <td>Fireworks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1132.90</td> <td>VAT Reclaim</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAPWINGS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£16.16</td> <td>Defibrillator Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P&L Leisure Enterprise Group</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£294.56</td> <td>Christmas Lights</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs R Bailey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£275.00</td> <td>Christmas Lights</td> </tr> </table>	Play Day Donations	£106.50	Donation	P&L Leisure Enterprise Group	£1000.00	Fireworks	HMRC	£1132.90	VAT Reclaim	LAPWINGS	£16.16	Defibrillator Donation	P&L Leisure Enterprise Group	£294.56	Christmas Lights	Mrs R Bailey	£275.00	Christmas Lights
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	<p><u>Audit</u></p> <p>It was resolved at the Finance Meeting to continue to appoint Mr Barrie Woodcock for a further term of one year. The accounts will be prepared after 31st March 2016 and sent to Mr Woodcock. The Clerk has been in contact with Grant Thornton who confirm they will send out the annual return papers mid March.</p> <p><u>Banking Arrangements</u></p> <p>The Council are now set up for online banking with Yorkshire Bank. It was agreed at the January 2016 parish meeting to continue with the current Business Term Deposit for a further 12 months.</p>
67/16	<p><u>Representative's Reports</u></p> <p>a) Moor Pond Wood – Cllr Stef Roberts presented the following report on behalf of Cllr Stephen Walker:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moor Pond Woods, report:</u></p> <p>Still working to spend the £29,000 HLF (lottery) grant. Just awarded the second tranche of £11,000. To be complete by December. Already £55,000 worth of match funding in the form of volunteer time, have been attracted to the project. Intended completion by December 2016.</p> <p>Continued progress on path network improvements – More work at Grange Cottages (Not actually in our parish !), and applied for grant aid for disabled access and path improvements at Papplewick Dam – (not in our Parish either !).</p> <p>Working on improved interpretation. Ready to commission work to make the boards and get them installed.</p> <p>There will be archaeology events in the Summer and an open day later in the year.</p> <p>Fund raising event April 29th, at Village Hall. Modern Jive night with teaching of skills. Pie and pea supper. Tickets £10 from Me or Margaret Kerr.</p> <p>I have been co-opted to the Management Board of the 'Minor 2 Major' Sherwood Landscape Partnership project, representing the 'Friends of Moor Pond Woods' and the Parish Council. There will be an opportunity for local communities to contribute to and benefit from this scheme. More details to follow.</p>

	<p>b) Julian Cahn Trust– Cllr Stef Roberts gave a brief overview of matters concerning the Julian Cahn Trust this year: It has been a difficult year due to the loss of two of the residents. Funds have been depleted due to the empty properties. They have worked with local contractors for the renovation of the kitchen, bathroom, electrics etc. A councillor representing Ashfield promoted the idea of Ashfield Homes offering their services, and this may be something the Trust consider in the future. Due to Mr Bentley’s ill health, Bob Brothwell has agreed to take over. Discussions have been made with David Simmons of the Almshouse Association regarding taking ownership of the Trust, and this will be something to discuss at future meetings. The properties are now in a good state of repair, the property roof has been replaced, which cost in excess of £30k, due to them being listed buildings. It’s still very rewarding to meet with the residents and to see how much they benefit from the Cahn homes.</p> <p>c) Village Hall – Cllr Nigel Penlington gave a brief overview of matters concerning the Village Hall: Bob Brothwell has been appointed Chairman and Nicola Kerry Treasurer. Due to using money reserves in recent months for urgent repairs and maintenance of the hall, they are planning a phased policy of stepping up fees gradually, whilst remaining a competitive venue. A working group has been organised to review the condition of the hall to decide what needs to be replaced/repaired. The aim is to identify any issues early and spread the maintenance cost. The demand for the Hall is good as are regular bookings. The Manager, Kathryn Holmes continues to promote the Hall. The Defibrillator has been installed outside.</p>
68/16	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p><u>Linby-cum-Papplewick Primary School</u></p> <p>Ian Griffiths (Parishioner) commented that the school had received 98 applicants for the 17 places available. Mr Griffiths advised that 2 children within Papplewick did not get into the school last year, and though they lived in the civil parish (Mansfield Road), they were the furthest away. With developments in and around the village, the situation will continue to be a problem for villagers. The Parish Council suggested inviting the Chair of Governors along to the next meeting to discuss this further and the possibility of extending the school to accommodate the increase in numbers.</p>

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm