

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick on Wednesday 13th March 2019, 7:15pm

Present

Cllrs: S Roberts (Chairman), C Hesketh (Vice-Chairman), J Salmons, S Walker, H Guyler, N Penlington and the Clerk.

Parishioners & Visitors: 3

Minute No.	
1/19	<p><u>Apologies</u> Cllr T Savage Cllr's C Powell and C Barnfather</p>
2/19	<p><u>Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 8th March 2018</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Hesketh and signed by the Chairman Cllr Roberts</p>
3/19	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <p>Cllr Roberts presented the following report:</p> <p>Welcome to the APA. The year since I last gave a report has been a busy one. The parish has been well looked after and much progress has been made in many areas. I would like to thank all the councillors for their work and time they give to the Parish and thank you to Liz for continuing to look after us so well.</p> <p>If I start on the playing field, this is now well looked after by Malfords with regular grass cutting etc. A big thank you to Dave Southgate for emptying the litter bins on a regular basis and to the Councillors who regularly inspect the equipment. The Council has discussed the CCTV coverage on the playing field and will continue to discuss this with the Village Hall who monitor the cameras with a view to improving the images that are obtained. There is now a war memorial at the side of the seating area. This was moved from the former Papplewick Methodist Chapel and mounted on a stone cairn built by Dennis Peat. The stone was donated by the Cundy family for which we are very grateful. The memorial was rededicated by Rev Trevor Raaff on 9th November in a short service attended by parishioners and the Royal British Legion. I laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and there is also one from the Royal British Legion. The field and woods are looking good.</p> <p>Moving on to Moor Pond Woods and the surrounding area, Nick Crouch has attended a couple of Parish Council meetings to advise us of the work that was to be done on the trees. It is important that this lovely area is well looked after. We can sometimes forget how lucky we are to have such a fabulous historic area in the Parish.</p>

Friday this week sees the launch of GBC's Heritage Brought Alive Project which includes a new book compiled and edited by our own Cllr Doctor Stephen Walker and we hope that the historic parts of the Parish will be included in the Gedling Heritage Trail that is being developed.

The money which we received from the Put Things Right charity to develop cycling opportunities in the Parish is earmarked for a suitable path to link the footpath on Moor Road with the Multi User trail that is being developed on the former mineral railway.

Further on the environment; 2018 saw the Parish Council and the Marshall Family establish the Papplewick Environment Community Fund making use of the wind turbine contributions. The Council is already putting together a list of ideas that could be funded from this. If any parishioners have ideas that would improve the parish environment please would they pass these on to the Clerk.

There has been two Village Clean-up days in March 2018 and February 2019. We are now well supplied with Keep Britain Tidy rubbish bags so please support any future events. Fly tipping around the Parish continues to be a problem, Forest Lane, Moor Road and Blidworth Waye all suffering. We have been advised that a fixed penalty notice and fine of £400 has been issued by GBC. We once again entered the Best Kept Village Competition but didn't make it through to the second stage of judging. We are still part of the Lengthsman scheme and Cllr Hesketh provides the notification of the areas that need attention. The Council was represented at the annual meeting at Bestwood Quarry on the Mansfield Road.

The PCSO for our Parish Kirsty Szeluk has kept us informed about what has happened in the surrounding area and we welcome Inspector Chris Pearson to tonight's meeting to discuss policing in the Parish.

The Parish was decorated once again with Lamp Post Poppies in November and there was also two Silent Soldiers to commemorate the lives lost in service to the country in WWI, WWII and more recent conflicts. More Poppies have been purchased and the Parish will be decorated once again this November.

We have installed a dropped kerb on Moor Road to aid those with pushchairs or wheelchairs to cross the road more easily. The unofficial layby on Moor Road has been included in our list for inclusion in the 2019 Local Improvement Scheme through Cllr Chris Barnfather. We are advised that work on the roundabout on Moor Road at the end of Papplewick Lane should commence soon.

2018 saw the hard work on the Neighbourhood Plan come to fruition. The referendum on this was held in July with a good turnout from parishioners and 91% of the votes cast were in favour of our proposals. GBC has since adopted our plan and this is now a legal document that must be considered when looking at the various planning issues round the Parish. There was a slight 'hiccup' about the polling cards for the referendum but this was sorted following phone calls to GBC from a parishioner.

We continue to be advised about planning proposals in the Parish, although there have been few in the last 12 months the Councillors are concerned that when they raise objections to planning applications their concerns are not taken seriously. This is something that will be pursued further in 2019.

2018 saw the renewed Bonfire and Fireworks event, a joint operation between Papplewick Parish Council, Linby Parish Council and the Papplewick and Linby Village Hall. There was a difficult start to the arrangements for this but the problems were overcome and the event was a great success with all three parties benefitting. September saw the inaugural PappFest – Village Fayre. I wasn't able to attend but I've heard nothing but good reports and the event will be repeated in 2019.

The finance committee met in October to discuss the precept for 2019-2020 and reluctantly felt it needed to increase. I believe that the parishioners get very good value for their money but there are some costs that need to be met that are out of our control. 2019 sees local elections and should there be more than 7 people interested in standing for election to the Parish Council then an election and voting will need to take place. There would be a cost involved in this and this will be added to the precept over the next few years rather than all in 2019-2020.

Although Papplewick is a country parish, it is not an isolated area. It looks to the surrounding area for many services. Concern has been expressed at Council meetings about the proposed closure of Whyburn Medical Centre in Hucknall. The concerns of the parishioners who make use of this Medical Centre have been passed on to the appropriate Clinical Commissioning Group and also to Mark Spencer, the MP for Sherwood.

Lastly, during the early part of the 20th century a man called Julien Cahn lived at Papplewick Grange. He was a very successful business man who was later honoured and became Sir Julien Cahn. In 1925 he built 6 semi-detached bungalows on Park Drive in Hucknall as Almshouses in memory of his parents. These buildings are now Grade 2 listed. These were to be made available to people from Papplewick, Linby and Hucknall – the Trust Deed states those applying must be couples of the industrial classes and of good moral worth as well as having been either born in one of the three places or lived there for at least 20 years. Since the 1950s there has been a representative of Papplewick Parish Council among the Trustees, often one of the councillors. In the early 2000s this representative was Mrs Ann Orton and since 2004 has been myself. More recently I've been Chairman of those Trustees. Over recent years it has become more difficult to find suitable residents and also suitable persons to be Trustees. Following much discussion the decision was made to hand over the Cahn Memorial Homes to a larger organisation. This process was completed in February this year when the Cahn Memorial Homes came under the organisation of the Nottingham Community Almhouse Charity, part of Nottingham Community Housing Association. People from the three places will still have first priority but vacancies can now be offered to a wider population. It is the end of an era but the Homes are in safe hands for the future.

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Financial Controller's Report
Budget / Precept

The Budget was reviewed at the Finance Committee Meeting in October and ratified at the November meeting. After further discussions at the January meeting, the Parish Council agreed to reduce the precept.

The Precept for 2019/20 has been set at £12,087.00, a rise of 1.7% on last year's.

The grant aid for 2019/20 is £86.00; a reduction of £84.00 on last years.

Donations

The Parish Council has received the following donations for 2018/19:

Barracks Farm Limited	Papplewick Environment & Community Fund	£6,151.25
Mr & Mrs Holmes	Bonfire Event Split Proceeds	£1,613.47
	TOTAL	£7,764.72

Other Income

HMRC	VAT Refund	£782.64
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Banking

The Parish Council continues to bank with the Yorkshire Bank. Payments continue to be made by bank transfer.

Audit

It was resolved at the Finance Meeting to appoint Barrie Woodcock, the internal auditor, for a further term of one year. The Accounts for 2018/19 will be prepared after 31st March 2019 and sent to Mr Woodcock.

The Accounts will be prepared and submitted to the external auditor PKF Little John.

The Parish Council continues to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. All accounts notices, minutes and policies are available to view on the website.

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Representative's Reports
a) Moor Pond Woods

Since this time last year the Moor Pond Woods project has continued to make progress.

The five year action plan for Habitat management was agreed and adopted at the March 2018 meeting of the Friends. Work has taken place over the autumn and since Christmas to clear the understorey along the leat and embankment on the west side of Moor Pond Woods and Dam Banks.

March 2018 saw the completion of a planned HLF project, submission of the evaluation report enabled the final £2,800 to be released to the 'Friends'. This was used to finance a follow-on archaeology project continuing work on the leat system near Papplewick Lane and at Dam Banks.

	<p>The County Council have undertaken major works in the project area to reduce the risk to the public from wind damage to trees. This round of the work has now been completed apart from clearing some of the debris.</p> <p>The Friends successfully applied for a £1200 grant from the Big-Lottery Fund to provide picnic benches in the area near the Linby Lane layby. These were installed in the summer.</p> <p>Latterly the group have spent time exploring sources of funding continue to upgrade paths in Papplewick Dam wood to improve accessibility. This project has been supported by grants from our District Councillors, and an application has been made for a little under £4000 to the Local Improvement Scheme Capital Fund, match-funded with volunteer time. If successful, this will enable the group to replace the bridge over the Leen, undertake erosion repairs on the riverbank and complete the plan to upgrade the path.</p> <p><u>b) Julian Cahn Trust</u> See Chairman's Report above.</p> <p><u>c) Village Hall</u> Cllr Penlington reported the following:</p> <p>The village hall is functioning successfully and finances are in good order. The Chairman, Bob Brothwell is not able to attend meetings due to ill health, however Ian Griffiths is standing in. The future of the management committee is of concern and we're looking for new members. There is currently a vacancy for a Secretary. Mrs Hull stepped down from the management committee, Mrs Stephenson joined from the WI. Bookings in 2018 were good and helped maintain the reserve, however wedding bookings for 2019 are slow. Charges have been reviewed and increased slightly to keep pace with increased costs. The biggest cost is the resurfacing and maintenance of the hall floor which costs a considerable amount. During the year, the Ladies toilets have been refurbished. They have received a quotation to refurbish the Gents toilets, knock through the wall and build a cupboard. The cupboard will store the tables, so they will not need to be wheeled in and out of the small cupboard, which should reduce the damage to door frames and make it safer and easier for the hirers.</p>
6/19	<p><u>Councillor Reports</u> None</p>

The meeting ended at 7:32 pm

Signed Chairman:

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