

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at the Papplewick and Linby Village Hall on 9th March 2022, 7:15pm

Present

Cllrs: S Roberts (Chairman), C Hesketh (Vice-Chairman), S Walker, N Penlington, R Pettitt and L Gretton (Clerk)

Parishioners & Visitors: Cllr Barnfather (GBC, NCC), Cllr Smith (GBC) and 2 parishioners

Minute No.	
39/22	<p><u>Apologies</u> Mrs Kerr</p>
40/22	<p><u>Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 10th March 2021</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Hesketh and signed by Cllr Roberts</p>
41/22	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u> Cllr Roberts presented the following report:</p> <p>Firstly, a thank you to all the Councillors and the Clerk for their continued work for the Parish and to our regular meeting attending parishioners who contribute to the open forum. Also a thank you to our local Gedling and Notts Councillors for their continued support of the Parish.</p> <p>Looking back the APA in March 2021 was via Zoom as was our May Meeting. Our first face-to-face meeting was in July although later than the usual date because the Village Hall was not able to accommodate us earlier. As we now moving out of COVID-19 restrictions I hope the light at the end of the tunnel is going to continue to brighten and is not a false alarm. We have lost a couple of Councillors since our January meeting; Mrs Helen Guyler and Mrs Kate Weston. I thank them both for the time they have given to the Parish and the Council and fully understand their reasons for standing down. Posters are now up in the Parish Council notice boards and this is also on the website. I would ask anyone interested to contact the Clerk for more information. I would also like to thank Mrs Kerr for attending meetings about COVID-19 with the CCG for the area and reporting back to the Council.</p> <p>Despite restrictions becoming more relaxed this has once again been a busy year for the Parish Council. In no particular order ...</p> <p>The HR Committee has met to confirm the Clerk's current pay and employment requirements.</p> <p>The Finance Committee met in October to review the Council's finances and to suggest the Precept for 2022/2023. The Precept for the coming year has been increased by a sizable amount which the Council consider after much deliberation and discussion to be necessary.</p>

We have had significant expense in the last few years, the updated website which was necessary to meet new rules and regulations being just one example. We continue to hold ear-marked reserves for a number of aspects of Council work such as the Playing Field and equipment replacement.

Planning – a number of planning applications and appeals for us to consider and comment on. I'm not always sure that the views of the Parish Council are taken into account but we can only try.

Highways – we continue to have regular contact with Notts CC and VIA on a number of matters. As I write this work has started on the mini –roundabout at the junction of Moor Road and Papplewick Lane – at last. This work will continue to cause delays in the area until the start of May. The brick bus shelter on the Mansfield Road was removed and replaced by a wooden one with windows, seating and lights.

Playing field – the playing field is kept in good condition by the endeavours of Malfords on grass cutting and volunteers and the lengthsman. Work has also been done round the parish by the lengthsman and we are always on the lookout for suitable work. There has been a survey of trees on the Playing Field and adjacent woodland. The Council will continue to keep this very special part of the parish in good order and have many ideas to develop woodland play. The lengthsman has continued to sanitise all the equipment on a regular basis. There has been new signage in and around the playing field. The former skate park has been taken out of operation as it needed urgent repairs and was continuing to be a source of noise for local residents. The area has been fenced off for safety and to allow plans for future development. It is intended to build a concrete wheeled activity facility on the site. We hope this will make better use of the area and should create very little noise when in use. Funding for this will come from grants and other sources, not from the day-to-day Council money. The Council is making plans to put a container on the playing field to allow for storage and also as a base for volunteers when working on the playing field. Funding for this is coming from the Miner 2 Major project within the County and from local District councillors as part of improving security on the playing field. The Council had considered installing CCTV on the playing field to assist in detecting/preventing anti-social behaviour. Quotes were obtained and it became very clear this was not a project for us to pursue. The cost was far in excess of what had been budgeted and would not have given a worthwhile return on the investment.

Best Kept Village Competition did not take place in 2021 but we continue to ensure the village looks good and we try and stay on top of litter. When reports are received of overflowing bins, we try to get this resolved as quickly as possible. A new bigger bin has been provided for the Forest Lane lay-by. I expect the Council will be involved in the competition should it take place in 2022 and we will continue to work to removed litter and unsightly waste from around the parish.

The Environment and Community Fund which is supported by the payments for the turbine at Barracks Farm have once again been used to restock planters in the village and also to provide our own Christmas tree and other festive decorations. A thank you to the Marshall family for allowing the tree to be placed on their land. The tree once again looked. We will be taking part once again in the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 9th April. Details of this have been included in the latest Parish Council newsletter.

The bonfire event didn't take place in 2021 but plans are being made for this to take place in 2022.

The Neighbourhood Plan and action plan – The Councillors continue to look at this to put in place changes as agreed in the plan, the action plan being reviewed regularly as things happen in the Parish.

Poppies and Remembrance – the Parish was decorated with poppies in November and a short service of Remembrance attended by the Royal British Legion and Rev Trevor Raaff was held on 11th November.

Over the last few years we have worked with Inspector Chris Pearson on anti-social behaviour in the Parish, the signs he advised we obtain are regularly moved to areas where there may be the potential for problems. Inspector Pearson has now moved to a new post in the City and we wish him well and cannot thank him enough for the time he has given to Papplewick. The new inspector for our area is Inspector Chris Jury and the new beat manager is PC Nick Brennan.

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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.

The precept for 2022/2023 has been agreed at £19,905.00, a rise of 58.87%.

Donations

The Parish Council has received the following receipts for 2021/2022:

Barracks Farm	Papplewick Community & Environment Fund	£2,262.82
Charmaine Daley	Hire of playing field for Zumba Class (May 21)	£18.00
	TOTAL	£2,280.82

Other Income

Cllr Carolyn Hesketh	Bedding Plants (left-over)	£40.00
*AXA Insurance	Motor Incident (payment to replace barrel Moor Road)	£395.00
HMRC	VAT Reclaim	£1,381.79
	TOTAL	£1,816.79

*Claim received from Driver's insurance, not the Parish Council's insurance

Banking

The Parish Council continue to bank with Virgin Money. Payments continue to be made by bank transfer.

Audit

The Accounts for 2021/2022 will be prepared after 31st March 2022 and sent to Mr Barrie Woodcock, Internal Auditor on 3rd May.

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

43/22	<p><u>Representatives Reports</u></p> <p><u>a) Moor Pond Woods</u> Cllr Walker reported the paths have been laid at Papplewick Dam Woods and flood defense and bank erosion work has been carried out. There are ongoing issues with the paths as they have been worn out during lockdown. The repairs will be a major task and expense. Tree works are scheduled this spring and for the next few years. There is ash-die back in the mature trees, 60% of the trees are Ash and crowns will be taken for safety reason. The trees being treated are those in reach of a path or road. It has been acknowledged that this could cause a problem with timber bandits, to which NCC are aware and said they will put measures in place. Most of the paths at the top of the embankment have disappeared due to footfall along the edges and this may require speaking to major contractors which could be very costly.</p> <p><u>b) Papplewick & Linby Village Hall</u> Due to resignation, a new Village Hall Representative needs to be appointed - this will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh reported the following: At the start of 2021, the Village Hall lost their Bar Manager Paul Holmes and the Hall Manager Kathryn Holmes. During 2021, they appointed Sarah Slack as Village Hall Manager and she is doing a good job. The cleaning position is filled by Maria Millington. Darren Wright took over running the bar in June 2021 - It was a slow start but now they have good trade coming through and consequently the Village Hall is getting a share of the profits.</p> <p>They have resurfaced the floor in the main hall, replaced the curtains which was a necessary expenditure, and painted throughout. They have looked at and tweaked the fee structure for weddings/engagements which has meant the fees for regular hirers will not increase this year.</p>
44/22	<p><u>Papplewick Environment & Community Fund - Update on Projects & Objectives</u> Cllr Walker reported The Fund has supported the Planters in the village and Christmas Decorations. They have agreed to fund a seat at Stanker Hill.</p>
45/22	<p><u>Parish Action Plan – Update on Projects and Objectives</u> Cllr Walker reported: The Parish Action Plan was agreed at the November 2021 meeting. The PC continue to develop the website, work is still to be done on the playground and is under discussion along with installing the shipping container. They agreed not to pursue CCTV on the playing field. The informal play is under discussion and involves liaising with the Playgroup and Forest School. The PC continue to support village activities.</p>
46/22	<p><u>Councillor's Reports</u> None</p>

The meeting ended at 19:47

Signed Chairman:

Date: