

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2025 at the Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick following the Annual Parish Assembly

Present: Cllr's R Smart (Chair), C Hesketh (Vice-Chair), S Bennet, N Seagrave and L Gretton (Clerk).
Cllr S Bestwick (GBC), Dean Taylor, Trading Standards and 7 members of the public

<u>Minute No</u>		<u>Action</u>
36/25	<p>WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>a) <u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr S Roberts and A Bly – received and accepted Cllr's M Smith and S Pickering (GBC) and Cllr Barnfather (NCC)</p> <p>b) <u>Appeal for new Councillor</u> A position is still available. All enquiries to clerk.papplewick@gmail.com</p>	
37/25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Cllr C Hesketh & S Bennett– Papplewick & Linby Village Hall Cllr R Smart & Cllr C Hesketh – Papplewick Village Fayre (PappFest) Cllr N Seagrave – Moor Pond Wood</p>	
38/25	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the January 2025 meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Smart, seconded by Cllr Hesketh and signed by the Chair, Cllr Smart</p>	
39/25	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>i) Police beat surgeries update – The next surgery is Sat 26th April, 10am – 1pm at the Village Hall – All welcome</p> <p>ii) Defibrillator update – Cllr Hesketh reported the cabinet is in the VH office and they have found an electrician to fit the box. The defibrillator needs to be moved from the Griffin's Head pub and checked it's in full working order. New pads required - Clerk to pursue.</p> <p>iii) Mansfield Road Papplewick Sign – Cllr Roberts to chase. Cllr Barnfather advised there may be another round of funding for the LCF in April.</p> <p>iv) Church Lane noticeboard – complete</p> <p>v) Main Street sign near Papplewick Hall – Cllr Bestwick to pursue</p> <p>vi) Wire fencing, Papplewick Hall – Cllr Barnfather emailed the Clerk to advise Via have written to the owners/occupiers and have given them until 14th March to repair/restore/remove the fencing in question.</p> <p>vii) Organising of Container – Complete – Clerk to organise boxes for storage</p> <p>viii) Parish Council Website - .gov.uk – Cllr Smart advised there is a big initiative from the government to move to a .gov.uk domain name. There are several benefits to migrating, notably (taken from NALC website):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhanced Credibility and Trust - Improved Email Security and Reliability [and storage capacity] - Accessibility and Compliance - Increased Community Engagement and Communication - Future-Proofing - Cost Efficiency (see table below) 	<p>Clerk to purchase defib pads</p> <p>Cllr Roberts to chase</p> <p>Cllr Bestwick to pursue</p> <p>PC to pursue</p>

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40/25	<p>Return on Investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initial Cost: £809 ○ Current Annual Cost: £1062 ○ Netwise Annual Cost: £500 <p>Year on year savings: £562</p> <p>VOTE – On whether to proceed with .gov.uk website – The PC unanimously agreed</p> <p>Stephen Walker advised the MPW website is “bolted on” to the PC website and asked that Cllr Smart meets with him to discuss this further prior to the upgrade. Cllr Smart agreed.</p> <p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>a. Public Participation:</p> <p><u>1. Thank you to the PC</u> Mrs Kerr thanked the Clerk and the PC on behalf of MPW for organising the grant for a new bridge.</p> <p><u>2. Plaque for the King’s Coronation Tree on Church Lane</u> The Clerk to investigate</p> <p><u>3. Weight Limit Sign, Blidworth Waye</u> A resident reported the large sign has been damaged. Cllr Bestwick to investigate.</p> <p><u>4. Road Management</u> A resident requested the road to be narrowed for a short section on the approaches to the village from Mansfield Road and Linby with right of way given to people leaving the village. They advise it would give breathing space to those living on the two roads, allowing them to exit their homes. It could also help with negotiating the cross roads pedestrians crossing the road and residents on Main Street and Moor Road. Cllr Smart advised he has received correspondence from Paula Johnson at Via regarding road and traffic safety – agenda item 41/25 1.</p> <p><u>5. Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust</u> A resident advised the Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust have opened an invitation to Parish Councils to join free of charge. The Trust is dedicated to the conservation, protection and enhancement of buildings with historical, architectural and constructional significance across Nottinghamshire. The PC advised they have received the invitation, it is a great initiative and though they don’t have time at present to get involved, they agree to join.</p> <p>b. Reports from District and County Council Representatives Cllr Bestwick reported the budget has been passed. He requested a road/pavement sweeper but the labour group argued there wasn’t enough money for it. The leader said he would look into it for the following year.</p> <p>Local government reorganisations – As of 20th March, NCC, City and all 7 borough councils will be presenting to the Government, one of the 3 options for the re-organisation of Nottinghamshire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leave City as a unitary authority and all 7 borough councils be encompassed in the County, so County is a unitary authority 	<p>Cllr Smart to pursue</p> <p>Clerk to pursue</p> <p>Cllr Bestwick to pursue</p> <p>Clerk to sign up to the Trust</p>															

	<p>2. City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe become a unitary authority, the rest becomes county unitary authority</p> <p>3. City, Broxtowe and Gedling become part of the City, the rest becomes county unitary authority</p> <p>He advised there will be no consultations with residents. It's a decision of the government and primarily of Angela Raynor's department. The NCC Leader, Sam Smith has been clear to government and said we are only happy with Option 1, but Option 2 or 3 we will not support unless they agree the rural parishes be out of the City and into the County. This will include Papplewick, Linby and Ravenshead. He advised we are likely to know the outcome in November.</p> <p>The backdrop to this is that GBC have removed themselves from the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, which they spent 2 years working on in conjunction with Broxtowe, Rushcliffe and the City. It is felt the reason is so that they can meet the new government housing targets. With the GNSP they only had to build 460 houses in Gedling per year, the new targets are 609 houses per year.</p> <p>Central government changed the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) terms of reference which relates to planning permission, and they have watered down the restrictions on building in the greenbelt. They will get around it by converting green belt into grey belt and building on the grey belt. This will leave green belt much more vulnerable in the future.</p> <p>NCC Building, Oak House at Top Wighay, Linby – Cllr Bestwick advised the County Council building at West Bridgford is a huge building, 3 times the size needed at the time, it's difficult to heat and maintain. They agreed to move County Hall and most of its functions to Oak House, thereby having an asset they can sell or lease and that would save the county over 60 million per year. He commented that at the time, they didn't know that the incoming government were going to abolish the borough councils. There will no longer be borough councillors but there will be more county councillors, meaning Oak House will not be big enough for the amount of county councillors and their officials.</p> <p>He advised it is likely parish councils will have a choice if they want additional powers. He advised Ravenshead PC are considering purchasing their own pavement and road sweepers, to sweep the leaves and clean the paths and also keeping their own drains cleared, perhaps in conjunction with the Lengthsman scheme. This is an example of the sort of powers, however, the parish council will be able to choose whether they want them or not.</p> <p><u>Nottingham Bus – Moor Road</u> A resident advised the timetable has been changed on Moor Road, however they didn't clean the board and the timetable can't be read. They recommended using the Bus App bustimes.org.</p> <p><u>Grips on Forest Lane</u> A resident enquired when the grips on Forest Lane will be installed as it is prone to flooding across the road during heavy rain. Cllr Bestwick to pursue with Cllr Barnfather.</p>	Cllr Bestwick to pursue
41/25	<p>REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES</p> <p>1. Transport & Road Safety</p> <p><u>Griffin's Head Junction – 20mph speed limit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A review of the outcomes of the area wide 20mph speed limit trials undertaken in the county indicated that they had not reduced casualties, reduced vehicle speeds by less than 1mph, and did not increase the numbers of people walking or cycling within them. - NCC Place Select Committee has scheduled a review that it will consider a report to "examine the issues around the introduction and enforcement of 20mph speed limits" on 16th July 2025. 	

	<p>2. Playing Field and Associated Facilities a) <u>Lengthsman Hours</u> – 19.75 hours remaining The Lengthsman still has work assigned which will cover the remaining hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the picnic benches - To clear weeds from the area where the tree was felled - To look at mending the damaged bench on Hall Lane island 																						
42/25	<p>HUMAN RESOURCES 1. HR Meeting Update Cllr Hesketh advised the Clerk has been moved up by one point on the NALC scales to SCP 19 from 1st April and her weekly hours have been increased to 12. This is due to the extra duties now taken on by the Clerk which include updates to the website, development of the new website, ongoing projects including involvement with the playground project. VOTE – To agree increase the Clerk’s salary and hours. The PC unanimously agreed.</p> <p>2. Training Update, Rules of the Game Cllr Hesketh reported on the recent NALC training she attended ‘Rules of the Game’ which covered the three important policies the PC need - Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct. She advised the PC need to update their Standing Orders in line with NALC model standing orders and ensure it tallies with the recently updated Financial Regulations. Cllr Hesketh and the Clerk will work on this together.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct has already been adopted and is on the website. Cllr Hesketh advised NALC ran out of time to go through this policy, however, Cllr Bennett recently attended training on this. Cllr Hesketh commented it is vital that all Councillors understand the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh commented a good way to highlight any course attended is to report it at a Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Existing Policies to vote on:</p> <p>VOTE: To adopt the Training Policy & Feedback loop – the PC unanimously agreed To adopt the Communications Policy – the PC unanimously agreed To adopt the Dignity at Work Policy – the PC unanimously agreed</p> <p>Policies in place which need updating: Standing Orders – Cllr Hesketh & The Clerk Risk Management Reserves Policy Health & Safety Policy – Cllr Smart Safeguarding Children & Young People Freedom of Information GDPR X 5 – Cllr Bly</p>	<p>Cllr Hesketh & the Clerk – update Standing Orders</p> <p>Cllr Smart to update the H&S policy</p> <p>Cllr Bly to update the GDPR policies</p>																					
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	04/02/25	E Gretton – Reimburse for storage boxes	£32.00	
	13/02/25	Proweb – domain/business starter	£102.11	
	13/02/25	Nalc – Rules of the game training for Cllr Hesketh	£45.00	
	20/02/25	Wood Lane Timber – MPW Bridge (Environment Fund)	£642.40	
	01/03/25	E Gretton – Feb wages & home office expenses	£759.18	
	01/03/25	HMRC – Tax & N.I	£54.26	
	01/03/25	NCC – Pension Fund – February	£220.74	
	03/03/25	Virgin Money – bank account monthly charges	£8.60	
		Total	£2,425.73	
	Payments for Processing			
	A.R Musson Agricultural Contractor – Strim hedges x 2 on Church Lane & Hedge cutting		£492.00	
	Receipts			
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	10/02/25	Papplewick Preschool – Donation towards defibrillator cabinet	£50.00	
44/25	PAPPLEWICK ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY FUND Environment Fund Total: £17,061.23 Recent activities and outcomes: Donation for MPW for a new footbridge Proposals from PPC for use of funds: To make a contribution to the match funding required for the QE2 playing field refurbishment.			
45/25	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Applications: 2025/0017, 261 Moor Road – No objections 2024/0354, 107 Mansfield Road – No objections Appeals: West View Farm, Mixed use of the keeping of horses and the stationing of caravans for residential use. Appeal made to Secretary of State. Due to changes in planning policy, the appeal will now be determined through written representations. Grange Gardens, Moor Road. Proposal, 2 dwellings. Appeal granted.			
46/25	PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS <u>a) Ongoing projects</u> Salt bins – Salt has been delivered. Cllr Bly to pursue. Summer flowers – The PC budgeted £300 for flowers, however this is not thought to be enough and it was agreed by the PC to top up with the bonfire profit if needed. Cllr Bennett reported the barrel near Morton’s Farm is leaking water and may need replacing. The PC agreed to discuss at the budget meeting in October. Volunteers are needed to help plant and water – to discuss at the May meeting. Cllr Hesketh enquired whether the PC wish to purchase an extra tub for the lamp post. The PC agreed. Cllr Hesketh to pursue with Plantscape and submit application to Via. VE Celebrations – The barn dance at Linby is Saturday 10 th May. Cllr Hesketh enquired whether the PC wish to purchase bunting and little union jack flags for the barrels. The PC agreed. Cllr Hesketh to pursue. Litter Pick, Saturday 29 th March – Meet at the Griffin’s Head Pub at 9:30am. Volunteers welcome.			Cllr Bly to pursue Clerk to include in finance meeting Include on May agenda Cllr Hesketh to pursue Cllr Hesketh to pursue

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47/25	CORRESPONDENCE St James' Church – Cllr Smart to meet with Reverend Raaff on 2 nd April to discuss the access to the Church Sign plus maintenance of the churchyard	Cllr Smart to update PC
48/25	REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES Moor Pond Wood: Discussed in APA Village Hall: Discussed in APA	
49/25	COUNCILLOR REPORTS None	
50/25	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting is Wednesday 14 th May at 7:15pm and will include the Annual Meeting The July meeting has been brought forward to 2 nd July at 7:15pm. Next Working Party Meeting: - Friends of QEII Playing Field – 18th March 7:15pm at the Griffins Head Pub - Traffic and Road Safety – to be agreed - Community Engagement – to be agreed	

Meeting ended 21:00

Signed: _____ Chairman _____

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