PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at the Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick following the Annual Parish Assembly

<u>Present:</u> Cllr's R Smart (Chair), C Hesketh (Vice-Chair), S Bennet, N Seagrave, A Bly, S Cassey and L Gretton (Clerk).

Cllr S Bestwick (GBC, NCC), M Smith (GBC), S Pickering (GBC)

Members of the public: 5

Minute		Action
No 51/25	WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
31/23	a) Apologies for Absence	
	Cllr S Roberts – received and accepted	
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52/25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	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	
53/25	CO-OPTION OF SOPHIE CASSEY	Cllr Cassey to
	Proposal to co-opt Sophie Cassey - All in agreement. Sophie Cassey signed the	submit ROI to
	Declaration of Acceptance of Office	GBC
54/25	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the March 2025 meeting were appented as a true record. Proposed by Clir.	
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55/25	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	
	a. Sign on Main Street (near Papplewick Hall)	
	On order, expected in 4 to 6 weeks	
	b. Meeting onsite with Paula Johnson at Via	
	Cllr Bestwick to arrange a date to meet with Paula Johnson from Via in Papplewick to	
	discuss Highways matters including Grips on Forest Lane, inspection of footpath on Moor	
	Road, issues with flooding on the bend on Blidworth Waye and drainage near Ward	
	Cottage.	
	a) The Dell Depaleurials	
	c) The Dell, Papplewick Cllr Smith commented The Dell has been successful in the appeal. He advised the rules	
	have changed since the original application was submitted to GBC. Cllr Bestwick	
	commented the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework alters the green belt	
	status and this approval is a consequence of that change. It makes it easier in certain	
	circumstances to develop on the green belt.	
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	d) Compulsory DBS Checks on Councillors	
	Cllr Smith advised all Councillors across the Borough are now required to have a DBS Check.	
	Check.	
	e) Taxi driving licences	
	Cllr Smith and Cllr Pickering commented on a safeguarding workshop they attended	
	recently and raised concerns surrounding checks on taxi drivers. They advised more needs	
	to be done to ensure taxi drivers in the borough are fully compliant and understand what	
	they can and can't do.	
	Cllr's left at 19:35 to attend another meeting.	
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Initials Chairman

i) Police beat surgeries update – The Clerk reported only one attendee at the last surgery. The Clerk to arrange another date. ii) Defibrillator update – Installed at the Village Hall. Cllr Roberts to show Cllr's how to test the machine. Cllr Hesketh agreed to contact Sarah Slack at the Village Hall re: updating the defibrillator sign which currently has an X through it, and ordering a new sign iii) Mansfield Road Papplewick Sign – VOTE – Use Papplewick Environment & Community Fund to pay £930.31 for the sign – All agreed. Cllr Hesketh advised the PC not to wait for agreement from The Marshall family, that the PC should order the sign and if the Community Fund don't agree to the expenditure, the cost will come out of PC funds. All agreed. iv) Main Street sign near Papplewick Hall – Discussed above 55/25a v) Wire fencing, Papplewick Hall – COMPLETE. Cllr Bennett commented there is a prickly bush that is coming over the fencing and needs cutting back. The PC agreed vi) Organising of Container – COMPLETE vii) Plaque for King's Coronation Tree Church Lane – Cllr Bennett investigating viii) Sign for gate on Church Lane – Cllr Bennett investigating	Clerk to arrange next surgery Cllr Roberts to pursue with all cllr's Cllr Hesketh to contact VH PC to order the sign PC to liaise with the Marshall family Lengthsman to cut back bush Cllr Bennett to pursue the plaque and sign
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 22 Duplicate* 15 Failed to Respond 16 No Trace 2 Addressee gone away 2 Keeper Refused to Provide Information The Papplewick Environment Weight Restriction (EWR) remains on Dean Taylor's radar after securing funding to carry on their HGV enforcement this year. When future HGV enforcement is happening the area, Dean will let the PC know and will more than grateful for any support. Update on Grips on Forest Road Discussed above, 55/25b Update on LAF re Calverton Line Clir Smart reported he and the Clerk met with Neil Lewis from NCC. He advised the Calverton Line is the last of the mineral lines to be developed as a multi-use trail. A feasibility study has been conducted by Via and they are now waiting for funding. His colleague, Heather Stokes works for the Green Estates Team and is the lead on the project. She will reach out when they need support from the Parish Council. 	

Playing Field and Associated Facilities

Lengthsman: Cllr Hesketh advised the hours for 25/26 are reduced as the total amount of funding has remained the same, though costs have increased. Hours allocated for the year: 57.5. The PC currently have 56.25 hrs.

Plans for QE2 Playing Field:

- o Results from the User Group preferences (local schools and The Brownies): Front runners are a Zip Wire, Climbing equipment, balance beam and basketball.
- Results from Questionnaire: 63 responses from the questionnaire which was on the Friends of QEII Facebook Page and hard copies in different places around the parish.
- Next steps: Amalgamate all the responses to find out which equipment people are asking for.
- Cllr Hesketh advised she has started working on the Tender

59/25 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Courses appropriate to Parish Councillors

The Code of Conduct and Parish Councillor Training Courses run by NALC are both beneficial for new Councillors. Upcoming courses are held in Sutton cum Lound and East Leake. The Clerk to contact NALC re whether they are running these courses online.

Clerk to contact NALC re online training courses

60/25 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

i. Finance Report

Bank Balance £95,523.61

Payments

<u>Payments</u>		
Date	Details	Amount
19/03/25	A.R Musson – Strim verges x 2 & hedges Church Lane	£492.00
19/03/25	A Sharpe – Reimburse for slats for bench	£45.36
19/03/25	Defib Store – Pads and battery	£190.80
25/03/25	E Gretton – Reimburse for Microsoft 365 Upgrade	£104.99
25/03/25	E Gretton – Reimburse for files for accounts	£9.64
25/03/25	E Gretton – Reimburse for stationery	£2.99
27/03/25	Virgin Money – Bank charges	£10.10
01/04/25	E Gretton – March wages and home office expenses	£758.98
01/04/25	NCC – Pension Fund March	£220.74
01/04/25	HMRC – Tax & N.I	£54.46
02/04/25	JR Electrical – installation of defib cabinet	£240.00
03/04/25	Plantscape – Holestar planters with brackets	£169.56
17/04/25	Proweb – Unix hosting	£80.00
17/04/25	Nottingham Printing – Playground leaflet	£111.00
17/04/25	Papplewick Village Fayre (PappFest) – Donation	£300.00
17/04/25	Vitty – Website management (6 month)	£390.00
17/04/25	Weedfree Landscapes Ltd – Grass cutting Apr	£96.00
29/04/25	Virgin Money – Bank charges	£9.80
01/05/25	E Gretton – Wages and home office expenses	£757.55
01/05/25	HMRC – Employers N.I & Tax	£122.63
01/05/25	NCC – Pension Fund – April	£224.37
01/05/25	East Midlands Audit – internal audit	£120.00
01/05/25	A Sharpe – Expenses for bench*	£54.00
01/05/25	Weedfree Landscapes – Grass cutting May	£96.00
	Total	£4,660.97

Payments for Processing

* Clerk to invoice the Village Hall for A Sharpe Expenses £54.00

Clerk to invoice VH

Receipts

Date	Details	Amount
17/03/25	Gedling Borough Council – Donation for play equipment	£300.00
24/03/25	HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£801.02
28/04/25	Gedling Borough Council – Precept	£23,288.00
	Total	£24,389.02

ii. Update on Grants and Funding Applications

- NCC Local Community Fund for the sign not yet available
- o FCC Communities Foundation Fund for the playing field
- Applied for Gedling Borough Council CIL for Calverton Line multi-user trail, Clerk to chase

Clerk to chase Lewis Widdowson at GBC

iii. Internal Audit Report

The Clerk circulated the report to the PC prior to the meeting. There were no issues to report. Cllr Hesketh thanked the Clerk for her hard work on the audit.

Sue Stack, the Internal auditor made some procedural recommendations:

- Update the Standing Orders The Clerk and Cllr Hesketh to pursue
- o Amendments to the financial regulations As above
- o Create Terms of Reference for our Finance and HR Committees Clerk to pursue
- Monitor Insurance cover with replacement values this is in relation to our Christmas lights – Clerk to pursue
- Consider moving to.gov.uk emails Cllr Smart to pursue after the Papplewick Village Fayre

Cllr Hesketh and the Clerk to pursue

Clerk to pursue Terms of Ref.

Cllr Smart to pursue gov.uk email

iv. Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 24/25

The Annual Governance Statement was circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting. The PC considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement. The document was signed by the Chair R Smart.

Clerk to send AGAR to PKF and upload to website

v. Approval of the Accounting Statements 24/25

The Accounting Statements was circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting. The PC considered and approved the Accounting Statements. The document was signed by the Chair, R Smart.

Clerk to upload to website

vi. Confirmation of dates of the period for exercise of public rights

The Clerk advised the dates of the period for exercise of public rights is 3rd June to 14th July 2025.

61/25 **POLICIES TO REVIEW**

Council Standing Orders: Cllr Hesketh and the Clerk Financial Risk Management Policy: Cllr Hesketh Financial Reserves Policy: Cllr Hesketh Health & Safety Policy: Cllr Smart Complaints Procedure: Cllr Smart review policies

All Cllr's to

Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy: Cllr Cassey

Freedom of Information: Cllr Bennett

GDPR Policies: Cllr Bly

62/25 PAPPLEWICK ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY FUND

Environment Fund Total: £17,061.23

Recent activities and outcomes: None since last meeting

Proposals from PPC for use of funds: Contribution towards the Sign and a contribution to the match funding required for the QE2 Playing Field refurbishment

63/25	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT					
	New applications:					
	Reference/Location 2025/0217 Land at Top Wighay Farm, Linby	Proposal Variation of section 106 legal agreement in respect of 2020/0050 to include additional obligations to allow the delivery of a larger percentage of affordable housing units PC Observations No comments made by PC				
	2025/0305TPO Moor Pond Wood (NCC)	Alterations to five trees – 4 x Common Ash, 1 x Pedunculate Oak		CH - clari	SR, NS, RS, AB o objection - Asked for fication on th trees require	Clerk to contact Lee Scudder at NCC
	2025/0035 Pumping Station Museum, Rigg Lane	Extend an existing portal frame building to house and conserve two historic steam engines and create visitor centre, including café To discuss at meeting (see below)				
	2025/0035 Pumping Station application: Cllr Smart raised concerns regarding parking at the site and advised there is no supporting evidence how they plan to accommodate more cars. He advised the Highways Authority had previously expressed similar concerns. The Clerk to contact the Planning Officer to request up to date plans of the new car park in the adjacent field. Appeals:			up to date plans		
	Reference/Location	Proposal	PC Observations	GBC Decision	Appeal Decision	
	2023/0877, Land to West of 175 Mansfield Road, Papplewick	Mixed use of keeping horses and stationing of caravans for residential use	Object	Refused		
64/25	PARISH COUNCIL PROJE					
	 Salt bins – To be distributed on Church Lane – Cllr Bly to action Summer flowers – Plants from Reuben Shaw delivery 25th May Cllr Bly and Cllr Cassey to plant out. Cllr Hesketh advised she has purchased plants from Shirley Nurseries for the flower beds on the playing field. Cllr Hesketh will plant out. VE Celebration bunting: Thank you to everyone who helped put up the bunting in the village. 				Cllr's to plant out	
65/25	 CORRESPONDENCE Trees in Moor Pond Wood – a resident contacted the PC regarding trees overhanging their property. The Clerk directed them to Lee Scudder at NCC and Dr Stephen Walker, Friends of MPW 2023/0877 Appeal granted for mixed use of keeping of horses and the stationing of caravans for residential use – The PC received communication from a member of public regarding starting a petition. Cllr Smart responded advising it is not within the PC's role to initiate or support a petition. He advised should any issues arise re health and safety or disturbances then these will be raised directly with the relevant authority. St James Church: Cllr Smart advised he met with Reverend Raff to discuss the church yard maintenance. 					
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66/25	REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES Moor Pond Wood: Cllr Seagrave commented on how much the Friends of MPW do in the Woods and will host a BBQ in June as a thank you. Mrs Kerr thanked the Parish Council for their donation towards for the wood to construct the bridge. Village Hall: Cllr Bennett reported they now have a permanent secretary and Health & Safety Officer who is starting to make a lot changes to ensure they conform to all H&S procedures. They have purchased new chairs and have cleared the hall and put up shelving. They have issues with the new heating system which is being looked at.	
67/25	COUNCILLOR REPORTS None	
68/25	OPEN FORUM – Public Participation 1. Parking on Main Street A resident commented on the ongoing issues with parking on Main Street which affects residents in the village with impaired vision and mobility. Cllr Smart agreed to discuss with Paula Johnson at the onsite meeting.	Cllr Smart to liaise with P Johnson, Via
69/25	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting has been brought forward to 2 nd July 2025 at 7:15pm.	

Meeting ended 20:42

Signed:	Chairman