

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at the Papplewick and Linby Village Hall Wednesday 11th March 2026, commencing 7:15pm

Present

Cllrs: C Hesketh (Chair), S Bennett (Vice-Chair), N Seagrave, S Cassey, T McGuire, A Sherwin and L Gretton, Clerk

Parishioners & Visitors: Cllr Bestwick (NCC/GBC), Members of public: 5

Minute No.	
30/26	<p><u>Apologies</u> Cllr A Bly – <i>Received and accepted</i> Cllr's S Pickering and M Smith (GBC)</p>
31/26	<p><u>Approval of the 2025 minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2025 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Hesketh, seconded by Cllr Bennett and signed by the Chair, Cllr Hesketh.</p>
32/26	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u> Cllr Hesketh presented the following report:</p> <p>Welcome everybody to this year's Annual Parish Assembly. Firstly, I would like to thank all the Councillors and the Clerk for their continued work for the Parish and to our parishioners who have regularly attended our Parish Council meetings and made valuable and constructive contributions to the open forum. Also, a thank you to our local Gedling Borough and Notts County Councillors for their continued support of the Parish.</p> <p>We have had a number of changes on the parish council during the year. Councillors Roberts and Smart both decided to step down from the council this year we thank them both for their service. We have welcomed Councillors Cassey, McGuire, and Sherwin. I am pleased to be able to say that we now have our full compliment of Councillors.</p> <p>Once again, a busy year for the Parish Council. In no particular order ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work has progressed on the Playing field refurbishment project. We have consulted with parishioners and groups with children who use the facility, and a full invitation to tender document has been issued. The deadline for tenders to come back to us is 17th April - Consultation with parishioners regarding the ongoing issues with parking and traffic on Main Street is taking place. This closes soon, and further discussions will then take place regarding next steps. - Behind the scenes we have worked on website accessibility, and future requirements for email address to be owned within the parish council domain. We have also completed a full review of our policies and procedures, and updated where necessary. New Councillor training from NALC has also been taken by all of our recently coopted councillors. - Work has continued to improve community engagement, with consultations on projects, a new format newsletter, facilitating Police beat surgeries, organising a community litter pick, community help to erect and decorate the village Christmas tree, and community help to ensure the summer flowers in the village were kept watered over spells of dry weather. - The Parish Council was not involved in the annual firework event this year, but has raised £500 from the hire of the playing field to the company who arranged this year's event. - We have recently joined in the Sherwood Forest Day celebrations, and now have a plaque to commemorate the fact that Papplewick was once part of the ancient Sherwood Forest. The plaque is at the end of Church Lane - A new "welcome to Papplewick" has been purchased, with funding help from the LCF and the Community and Environment fund. This will soon be erected

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Responsible Finance Officer's Report

The Clerk/RFO presented the following report:

Budget / Precept

The precept for 2026/27 has been agreed at £25,194.00, an 8.18% increase on last year's precept.

Donations/Grants received

The Parish Council has received the following receipts for 2025/26

GBC Cllr's	Donation for Sherwood Forest Plaque	£90.00
NCC Cllr Bestwick	Donation for Newsletter	£300.00
The Gray Trust	Grant towards QEII Playground Refurb	£1,500.00
NCC – LCF	Grant towards A60 sign	£506.00
	Total	£2,396.00

Other Receipts

Gedling Borough Council	Precept	£23,288.00
Village Hall	Reimburse re: wood repairs Lengthsman	£54.00
Linby PC	Finance Seminar for Clerk (split)	£17.50
Dynamite Fireworks	Playing field hire charge	£500.00
Gedling Borough Council	Payment sent in error	£35.00
Barracks Farm	Wind Turbine – annual payment	£2,497.73
	Total	£26,392.23

Banking

The Parish Council continues to bank with Virgin Money. Virgin Money is expected to become part of Nationwide Building Society on 2 April 2026. Payments continue to be made by bank transfer. Authorisers are Cllr's Carolyn Hesketh and Andy Bly and the Clerk, Liz Gretton. It has been agreed Cllr Sylvie Bennett to be set up as an Authoriser.

Audit

The Accounts for 2025/26 will be prepared after 31st March 2026. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Sue Stack to carry out the internal audit on 29th April.

All accounts notices, minutes and polices are available to view on the website.

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Representatives Reportsa) Moor Pond Wood

Cllr Seagrave reported:

- They have started on the path
- 36 trees need to be felled, however they are replanting
- Fencing will be renewed on Moor Road over the next couple of weeks
- There will be a go-fund page by the end of the month

b) Papplewick & Linby Village Hall

Cllr Bennett presented the following report:

- What a year! Problems with the drains, subsidence, cracks, heating system, floods.
- A CCTV survey of the drains was carried out which showed two dropped drains at the hall. The repair as carried out late November but then there was an issue with the toilets so they had to come back. They also needed to investigate the ridge in the floor of the Bradbury suite. This might necessitate the floor being disturbed
- Cracks in the wall on and under the stage were inspected by a structural engineer. The engineer was confident that the cracks were thermal only and that there was no issue with the structure of the building. He believed that the horizontal crack was due to a metal beam behind the blockwork to support it.
- The new health and safety officer has gradually been getting outstanding jobs carried out to ensure we meet hygiene, safety and fire regulations.
- It was a successful year regarding functions. We held a Wedding Fayre in November and two early discos November '25 & February '26 and the number of booked functions was an increase on last year.

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35/26	<p><u>Papplewick Environment & Community Fund</u> Total fund to date: £18,378.96</p> <p>Details of spend this financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moor Pond Woods – Benches £475.00 - Self Watering Planter (50% contribution) £199.00 - A60 Sign (50% contribution) £506.00 <p>Cllr Hesketh reported the PC will utilise some of the Fund to help with their contributions towards the playground refurbishments, this could be around £9,000.00 however we won't have the exact figure until we know the total cost of the tender. This has previous been agreed at a PC meeting.</p>																											
36/26	<p><u>Parish Action Plan</u> Delivered by Cllr Hesketh.</p> <p>This plan was developed after the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2018. The original plan included many items which have since been closed. Along the way new items have been added to ensure that this remains a live action plan. There are 10 ongoing items which have been carried forward from last year, and 2 new items added for this year. The new items include a review of the current traffic and parking issues on Main Street, and the provision of a new bench on Moor Road.</p> <p>The open items are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="276 797 1485 2018"> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 797 775 891">Promote / creation of a long-distance trail down the Leen from Newstead Abbey into the City.</td> <td data-bbox="775 797 1286 891">Long-term aspiration working with ADC & GBC</td> <td data-bbox="1286 797 1485 891">In progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 891 775 983">Support and promote creation of the link path down Moor Road from Papplewick Lane to the Calverton Line.</td> <td data-bbox="775 891 1286 983">Long-term aspiration, working with NCC, GBC, ADC and landowners</td> <td data-bbox="1286 891 1485 983">In progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 983 775 1075">Support and promote creation of the multi-user trail on the Calverton Line.</td> <td data-bbox="775 983 1286 1075">Long-term aspiration, working with NCC and GBC</td> <td data-bbox="1286 983 1485 1075">In progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 1075 775 1229">Continued support for community providers, eg Village Hall Committee, MPW committee, Playgroups etc</td> <td data-bbox="775 1075 1286 1229">Ongoing - Parish Council representatives on committee for MPW and Village Hall</td> <td data-bbox="1286 1075 1485 1229">In progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 1229 775 1321">Improve or replace worn road signs around the Parish</td> <td data-bbox="775 1229 1286 1321">Requires an audit of location and condition. 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	Digital compliance - change to a .gov.uk website	PC is compliant with current requirements to have a .org website, and for the clerk to have a .org email address. Further plans to move to .gov.uk emails and website currently under discussion. Website accessibility statement has been completed, and full compliance with website accessibility requirements is in progress	In progress
	Review and improve the current issues on Main Street regarding traffic and parking	Community engagement undertaken. Will require engagement with VIA, Police and Local Council. Desired action plan to be finalised in 2026	New
	Provision on a bench on Moor Road verge between Griffins Head junction on MPW	Not yet started – will requirement liaison with VIA	New
37/26	<u>Parish business – members of the public are invited to address the Council on any matters within its jurisdiction</u> None		
38/26	<u>Date of next meeting</u> The next Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday 10 th March 2027		

The meeting ended at 19:40

Signed Chairman:

Date:

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