

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at The Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick following the APA which commenced at 7:15pm

Present: Cllr's C Hesketh (Chair), S Bennett (Vice-Chair), N Seagrave, S Cassey, T McGuire, A Sherwin and L Gretton (Clerk).

Cllr S Bestwick (NCC/GBC)

Members of the public: 5

Meeting commenced at 19:41

<u>Ref</u>		<u>Action</u>
39/26	<i>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</i> Cllr A Bly– received and accepted Cllr's Pickering and M Smith (GBC)	
40/26	<i>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</i> None	
41/26	<i>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</i> The minutes of the January 2026 meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Hesketh and signed by the Chair, Cllr Hesketh	
42/26	<i>OPEN FORUM – Time allocated for members of the public to address the Council</i> <u>a) Flood sign, Blidworth Way</u> A resident requested the sign on the post to be raised slightly. Cllr Hesketh to contact the Lengthsman. <u>b) Traffic Survey, Linby Lane</u> A resident requested the results of the traffic survey recently conducted by Via. Cllr Bestwick to pursue. <u>c) Whyburn Farm Consultation</u> A resident advised a consultation is open regarding the proposed houses on Whyburn Farm. They asked the PC to respond.	Cllr Hesketh to contact the Lengthsman Cllr Bestwick to pursue with Via PC to discuss responding to consultation
43/26	<i>REPORT FROM CLLR BESTWICK (NCC/GBC)</i> <u>a) Blocked drain outside of Ward Cottage, Main Street</u> He has been advised by Via that the drain has been cleared; Cllr McGuire commented it has not. She advised Via came out to look at it a long time ago and determined that it was soak away drain but didn't soak away to anywhere. Cllr Bestwick agreed to investigate. <u>b) Pedestrian Refuge on Linby Lane</u> He advised Via are conducting a feasibility study on the amount of pedestrian traffic there is and the most appropriate place to install a refuge due to the road being narrow and in some places without a footpath on both sides. Cllr Hesketh commented people avoid crossing here and walk a lot further to avoid it due to the difficulty in crossing. <u>c) Repainting lines on Main Street</u> Agreed after April due to the weather <u>d) Weight limit extension</u> He agreed to investigate installing additional signage near the Papplewick Lane roundabout from both directions (Papplewick Lane and Moor Road) and repositioning the current signage. <u>e) Pedestrian Crossing signage on Linby Lane</u> Cllr Hesketh advised a resident has contacted her regarding installing a 'pedestrians crossing' sign near the Linby Lane layby. There is a sign as you approach Papplewick from Linby, though it was commented that this is installed in the wrong location, too far from the crossing and on the wrong side of the road! Cllr Bestwick agreed to pursue.	Cllr Bestwick to investigate Cllr Bestwick to pursue Cllr Bestwick to pursue

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	<p>f) Local Government Re-organisation update Cllr Bestwick advised the consultation is open until 26th March and encouraged everyone to go onto the website www.lgrnotts.org and complete the consultation. He advised there are 3 options, 1e recommends Rushcliffe, Broxtowe and the City to be one unitary authority and everything else the other unitary authority. 1b is Gedling, Broxtowe and the City as one unitary authority and everything else the other unitary authority. Bii is the City, parts of Rushcliffe, parts of Gedling and parts of Broxtowe as one authority and everything else the other authority. All information is available on the LGR website. He advised the government minister is due to make a decision in July. He commented the Minister may decide not to choose any of the options submitted and instead choose their own.</p> <p>g) Gedling Local Plan update Cllr Bestwick reported that GBC need to adhere to the government housing targets which is to build 11,500 houses by 2041 in the borough of Gedling. He advised there isn't a lot of green spaces in Gedling so this is a challenge. They have come up with the initial proposals across Gedling and in Papplewick this includes a field behind the Griffin's Head pub and the field in between Linby and Papplewick. They should find out by 3rd week in April which sites are going to be brought forward from the original plan. He commented he and the GBC Councillors have been making representations to GBC that the green belt should be last on their list and to not built on it at all, wherever possible. He advised the challenge is that the government changed the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) in 2024 making it easier to build on green belt by re-designating it as Grey Belt if it meets certain criteria, such as whether it is close to transport links, for instance, a bus stop. He advised all updates will be available online and he will keep the PC updated.</p> <p>h) Other items reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hall Lane Junction – remedial work is to be carried out in the next financial year to manage the flooding at the Hall Lane junction. The works include digging out and installing proper soak aways. - Lengthsman Scheme – The scheme will continue next year, without extra funding which means less hours. Amanda at Ravenshead PC will confirm hours mid-April. 	
44/26	<p>DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE</p> <p>a. RESOLUTION to agree Defibrillator signage Cllr Hesketh circulated an email to the PC prior to the meeting advising she has received a quote from Nottingham Printing for £348.00. She advised the PC do not have the budget for the sign. She has found a smaller official AED sign online, which includes the words 'Defibrillator' and an arrow. The cost is £12.00 each; 2 will be needed each side of the Village Hall sign. RESOLUTION to approve the purchase of the smaller signs, proposed by Cllr Hesketh, ALL AGREE.</p> <p>b. Battery supply update Cllr Hesketh advised the defibrillator is still working however the battery does need replacing. The defibrillator is now discontinued; however, the PC were able to purchase new pads/battery, but they are currently on back order. Clerk to continue to chase.</p>	<p>Cllr Hesketh to purchase Defib signs</p> <p>Clerk to chase</p>
45/26	<p>LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND/MANSFIELD ROAD SIGN UPDATE Discussed in the Annual Parish Assembly. Payment has now been received.</p>	
46/26	<p>LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 21st MARCH Meet at the Griffin's Head pub at 9:15am for the safety briefing and signing in. Volunteers needed, equipment provided.</p>	
47/26	<p>PARKING ON MAIN STREET – Update from Residents Working Party Cllr Seagrave reported the deadline for responding to the questionnaire is 14th March. To date they have received over 75 responses. A Working Party meeting has been arranged for Monday 23rd March, 7pm at Morton's Farm Tearooms. A Public Meeting will be arranged following the Working Party meeting.</p>	<p>Working Party members & PC to meet 23rd March</p>

48/26	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME Cllr Hesketh reported the PC have 22.75 hours remaining, to be used by 31st March. Jobs to do include clearing the debris in the area behind the houses on Linby Lane, investigating/clearing the mud on Church Lane, cutting back low hanging trees near the WI bench on the playing field, fixing the new defibrillator signs to the Village Hall sign, fixing the vehicle access gate that needs attention to the retaining clip and removal of flyposting from the lamp posts.</p>	Cllr Hesketh to submit jobs to the Lengthsman												
49/26	<p>PAPPLEWICK ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY FUND Discussed in the Annual Parish Assembly.</p>													
51/26	<p>TRAINING Cllr McGuire and Cllr Sherwin recently attended NALC's Parish Councillor and Code of Conduct training, which they both found very informative. Cllr Sherwin commented the training would be useful prior to starting on the PC and agreed to forward the slides from the training to the Clerk, for future Councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Hesketh and the Clerk attended training on the new Assertion 10 regulations which forms part of the annual audit. Requirements include a gov.uk or .org.uk website, an IT policy and a website accessibility statement. Cllr Hesketh commented the PC currently meet the criteria within the new assertion. RESOLUTION to approve the Website Accessibility Statement, proposed by Cllr Hesketh, ALL AGREE.</p>	Cllr Sherwin to send slides to the Clerk												
51/26	<p>POLICIES a) GDPR Policies – Cllrs Bly and Hesketh are working on them b) RESOLUTION to adopt the Health & Safety Policy, proposed by Cllr Hesketh, ALL AGREE</p>	Clerk to upload to website												
52/26	<p>FIREWORKS EVENT Cllr Hesketh advised the PC have been approached by Tim Nicholls from Dynamite who is interested in running another event his year on the playing field. The PC have responded, explaining that they are expecting to refurbish the playground equipment over the summer which, if all goes to plan, is due to be completed by the end of September. However, this is dependent on the weather and any issues with the contractor etc. The PC have agreed to keep Mr Nicholls updated so that he is able to make a decision nearer the time.</p>													
53/26	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – circulated prior to the meeting All correspondence has been circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting</p>													
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55/26	<p>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION a. Finance Report The bank statements were circulated prior to the meeting and approved by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Bank Balance £84,545.39</p>													

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Payments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20/01/26	Defib Store Ltd – CR Plus charge pak replacement kit	£190.80
20/01/26	N Seagrave – Reimburse for questionnaires	£49.00
22/01/26	The Sherwood Forest Trust – Plaque	£85.00
22/01/26	Moor Pond Woods – Donation from PC for footpath project	£200.00
27/01/26	A.R Musson – Hedge cutting, Church Lane	£240.00
01/02/26	E Gretton – Jan wages and home office expenses	£777.91
01/02/26	HMRC – Employers NI & Tax	£131.89
01/02/26	NCC – Pension Fund – Jan	£231.61
29/01/26	Virgin Money – bank charges, Dec	£9.20
12/02/26	Amberol Limited – 2 x flower barrel	£522.00
12/03/26	NALC Subs	£213.21
01/03/26	E Gretton – Feb wages and home office expenses	£777.71
01/03/26	HMRC – Employers NI & Tax	£132.09
01/03/26	NCC – Pension Fund – Feb	£231.61
26/02/26	Virgin Money – bank charges Jan	£10.40
05/03/26	Nottingham Printing – Newsletter	£150.00
05/03/26	Npower – Christmas lights usage	£30.36
05/03/26	E Gretton – Reimburse for stationery (paper)	£4.90
	Total	£3,987.69

Receipts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
29/01/26	GBC – Donation from Cllr's for Sherwood Forest Plaque	£90.00
02/02/26	NCC – Donation from Cllr Bestwick for newsletter	£300.00
25/02/26	The Gray Trust – Grant for QEII Playground refurbishment	£1,500.00
05/03/26	NCC – Local Communities Fund (LCF) – Grant for A60 sign	£506.00
	Total	£2,396.00

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PLAYING FIELD

a. Update on items from ROSPA inspection report / Park Inspection Report
Cllr Hesketh reported Cllr Bly has been inspecting the playing field and completed the Park Inspection Report which was circulated to the PC prior to the meeting. The edges on the pathways need repairing, the gate doesn't close and needs repairing, some new graffiti, gaps around the edges at the roundabout, the ground is damaged under the igloo climbing frame, the wooden bridge on the multiplay equipment has decayed and there's a small piece of metal sticking out in the middle of the concrete pad which needs grinding. Cllr Hesketh advised that given the upcoming refurbishment project on the park, no action is required at this time. The Clerk to inform ROSPA of the refurbishment project prior to their inspection in May.

b. Heras fencing to sell
Cllr Bly pursuing

c. Church Lane – twice yearly inspection
Cllr Bennett completed the inspection and advised that the ruts down the side of the lane where the tarmac has broken off is getting deeper. PC to investigate what can be done.

The Clerk to contact ROSPA

Cllr Bly to pursue

PC to investigate

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QEII PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Cllr Hesketh advised 6 companies have expressed an interest in the tender and she has met with 4 of them with another two meetings in the next week. The application to FCC Community Action Fund has been submitted and a response is expected in June.

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NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is now out for delivery, thanks to Cllr Bestwick for funding the printing.

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59/26	<p>REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS</p> <p>Moor Pond Woods: Reported in the Annual Parish Assembly.</p> <p>Village Hall: Reporting in the Annual Parish Assembly. Cllr Bennett added the white lines in the car park are to be repainted in the summer when the preschool is closed.</p>	
60/26	<p>COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>a) <u>New Bench on Moor Road</u> A new bench for Moor Road was reported on in the Annual Parish Assembly. Cllr Sherwin advised she is keen to pursue this and agreed to look at suitable locations and funding avenues.</p> <p>b) <u>Hall Lane Triangle</u> Cllr McGuire advised the area near the noticeboard and bench is looking tired and would like to improve the area. The PC agreed for Cllr McGuire to pursue ideas and look at funding avenues.</p>	<p>Cllr Sherwin to pursue</p> <p>Cllr McGuire to pursue</p>
61/26	<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AMPC) and the Full Council Meeting has been moved to Thursday 21st May, 7:15pm at the Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Linby Lane, Papplewick. ALL WELCOME.</p>	

Meeting ended: 21:12

Signed: _____ Chairman _____

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