

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2026 at the Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Papplewick commencing 7:15pm.

Present: Cllr's C Hesketh (Chair), N Seagrave, T McGuire, A Sherwin and L Gretton (Clerk).
Cllr S Bestwick (NCC/GBC). Members of the public: 4

Ref		Action
110/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr's S Bennett, A Bly, S Cassey Cllr S Pickering (GBC)	
111/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Hesketh – Papplewick Village Fayre (PAPPFEST)	
112/26	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the July 2026 meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Hesketh, seconded by Cllr McGuire and signed by the Chair, Cllr Hesketh	
113/26	OPEN FORUM – Time allocated for members of the public to address the Council <u>a) Ditch between Papplewick and Linby</u> A resident advised of the overgrown ditch between Papplewick and Linby. Cllr Bestwick agreed to pursue. <u>b) Road Closures in and around the parish</u> A resident raised concerns about ongoing road closures, incorrect signage and inaccurate information provided by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC). Cllr Bestwick reported that there have been persistent issues with Via and NCC regarding their signage, including missing signs, incorrect information, and signage being placed where it should not have been. He advised that any residents experiencing problems with the road closures should contact him at cllr.stuart.bestwick@nottscc.gov.uk and he will escalate the matter to a Senior Officer at NCC.	Cllr Bestwick to pursue Cllr Bestwick to pursue
114/26	REPORT FROM CLLR BESTWICK (NCC/GBC) <u>a) Blocked Drain outside of Ward Cottage</u> The gully drains into a soakaway chamber which has recently been cleaned out. The size cannot be increased and therefore when the chamber reaches capacity, surface water may temporarily pool. Residents who believe the issue is causing ongoing problems such as water entering property or flowing across the carriageway, are asked to provide photographic evidence so the matter can be investigated further. Cllr McGuire noted that the kerbs in this location have been raised, which may result in floodwater running down to the bend and potentially towards driveways in the area. She confirmed she will obtain photographs should this occur. <u>b) Proposal for a pedestrian crossing on Linby Lane – update</u> See Minute Ref: 115/26a <u>c) Weight limit signs on Papplewick Lane / Moor Road and repositioning current signage</u> NCC's position is that the current signage is adequate. Cllr Bestwick has requested that they reconsider the placement of the sign, including the possibility of relocating it or increasing its size. A resident referred to the previous Lorry Watch undertaken by the Parish Council and members of the public several years ago, which provided evidence of the number of lorries travelling through the village. Trading Standards advised at the time that their only action was to write to the companies involved, requesting that they cease the activity; beyond this, enforcement powers are limited. Cllr Bestwick noted that this is due to the legislation under which Nottinghamshire County Council operates, and that there are no significant powers to prevent companies from doing this. However, in cases of repeat offenders, further action may be possible. Both the Parish Council and a resident identified a company that regularly breaches the restrictions. Cllr Bestwick recommended arranging another Lorry Watch and confirmed he would attend. <u>d) New bin, Forest Lane junction</u> Gedling Borough Council have spent all their bin funding this year and therefore this has been agreed for the 2027/28 financial year.	TM to take photographs PC to discuss organising a Lorry Watch

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	<u>e) Siding up on Moor Road</u> Works have been ordered and expected within the 2027/28 financial year. NCC have advised it is not considered a high priority. <u>f) Local Government Re-organisation update</u> The Government has paused the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process due to six councils across the UK initiating a judicial review. Cllr Bestwick explained that if the Government concludes that part of the legal challenge relates to splitting of boroughs, this may require the decision for Nottinghamshire to be revisited. He noted that Government guidance advised Councils against splitting boroughs. If the judicial review identifies this as an issue, the Government could require the process to be restarted, potentially resulting in the whole of Gedling and Broxtowe being grouped with Nottingham City, which would include Papplewick. A resident asked whether Gedling Borough Council would seek reimbursement from Government for the significant costs incurred to date. Cllr Bestwick advised that LGR has been paused, not stopped, and that work continues on the basis that reorganisation may still proceed in future. He reported that the cost of LGR to date for Nottinghamshire is £37 million, and this figure continues to rise. <u>g) Parking near Hall Lane / Blidworth Waye bend</u> The Papplewick & Linby Cricket Club advised that they only meet on Friday evenings for a few hours and will ask visitors to park within their grounds and carpark where possible. A resident reported ongoing concerns advising that it is not only visitors to the cricket club, but also walkers who park their cars, sometimes both sides of the road, which creates a significant safety risk. Cllr Bestwick agreed to resubmit photographs to Paula Johnson at Via and will follow up on the matter.	Remove from agenda Remove from agenda Cllr Bestwick to pursue
115/26	<u>PARKING ON MAIN STREET – UPDATE FROM RESIDENTS WORKING PARTY</u> <u>a) Proposal for a Pedestrian Crossing on Linby Lane and update on the Petition</u> Cllr Seagrave provided an update on the petition, confirming that it has reached 1,638 signatures, with the number continuing to rise. Cllr Bestwick will present the petition at Full Council on 24th September, after which NCC will have 30 days to issue a response. A resident raised concerns following a discussion with Paula Johnson at Via regarding the criteria used by NCC when assessing the need for a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Bestwick explained that Via must justify both the financial cost of installing a crossing and the physical space required. He commented that while many ideas have been suggested by the PC and residents, the final decision must be made by the Traffic Engineers, who are the experts. He advised that the first step for the Parish Council is to submit the petition to formally demonstrate public concern. NCC may then respond with a proposed solution that the Parish Council find acceptable. Cllr Hesketh agreed that the Parish Council should continue to follow the process: beginning with the petition. <u>b) Main Street Parking</u> Cllr Seagrave reported that this matter has taken a back seat while work on the pedestrian-crossing petition has been prioritised, but it will be followed up again in due course. A resident reported that new legislation has been introduced designating certain Streets as no pavement-parking areas. They asked whether the Parish Council could request that NCC consider applying for a designation to Main Street. Cllr Hesketh advised that the Parish Council has not yet agreed a formal position on the issue and that further discussion will be required before any decision can be made.	
116/26	<u>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME</u> Hours remaining: 54. Jobs include: Linby Lane, spray the weeds on the south side of the Lane, from the junction right down, past the bus stop, for as far as the high stone wall runs, just before the Village Hall. Church Lane, around the junction with Main Street, trim back as necessary any trees near this junction. The Lengthsman to get back in touch with Cllr Sherwin so that she can show him which branch is too close to a street light, and in danger of damaging the light Strim the area around where the big Christmas tree usually goes Painting of both sides of the fence at the back of the Village Hall car park / playing field entrance. A resident requested the hedge to be cut back in front of Papplewick Hall as it's starting to encroach the pavement. As this is on private land, Cllr McGuire agreed to take photographs and send through to Cllr Bestwick to pursue with NCC.	SB to pursue TM to pursue

117/26	HALL LANE TRIANGLE IMPROVEMENTS Cllr McGuire to pursue.	TM to pursue
118/26	RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COMPLETING WORK AROUND THE PARISH Resolution to approve the risk assessment for completing work around the parish – ALL AGREE	
119/26	PAPPLEWICK ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY FUND Funding update: £4,484	
120/26	BROKEN CONTAINER LOCK – UPDATE Cllr Hesketh advised the first issue they had related to the exposed lock. Friends of Moor Pond Woods had used the container and said it wouldn't close. This lock was replaced by the PC. A few weeks later, members of the PC went down to the container but were unable to gain access to the lock that is underneath the seal of the door (it appeared that someone had tampered with it) and therefore a specialist was called out. The PC subsequently had to purchase a new lock.	
121/26	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS <u>a) Check and replace Christmas tree lights</u> Cllr Hesketh to check that the lights for the main tree are still working, as a number were not lighting up by the time they were taken down last year – suspected a connection had come loose. If this is the case, they should all be working. The Christmas tree supplied by Reuben Shaw last year cost £380 plus VAT, with an additional £75 plus VAT for delivery. This was a smaller tree than usual due to supply issues at the time. Cllr Hesketh reported that Wyn Lewis is awaiting a response from Alex Marshall regarding the potential supply of a tree for the Parish Council this year. <u>b) Installing lights on tree at Hall Lane Triangle incl. hire of cherry picker and risk assessments</u> Cllr Seagrave advised John Cundy has the machinery for Brent to install the lights. Cllr Seagrave and Cllr Bly will be present at the time of installation. Cllr Bly to complete the risk assessment and forward to the Clerk. Cllr Seagrave confirmed the electrician on site will be Steven Baldwin and agreed to forward his certification and public liability insurance to the Clerk. Cllr Hesketh noted the PC already have 4 sets of 40 – 160 lights. Agreed we would buy another 4 sets, to give us a total of 320 lights. This would cost £153.90 incl VAT. We can connect up to 10 strings. We could buy 6 sets, rather than 4. This would cost £226.80 incl VAT and would give us a total of 400 lights. ALL AGREE. <u>c) Lights application to Via</u> Clerk to pursue	CH to pursue A Bly to complete risk assessment NS to submit Electricians details to the Clerk Clerk to pursue
122/26	WEBSITE – IT SUPPORT <u>a) IT Support for the Clerk</u> The Clerk advised it was difficult to find support for issues specifically relating to emails. Cllr Hesketh advised looking at this again next year, along with exploring a .gov.uk website. <u>b) Norton Anti-Virus software and Microsoft 365</u> The PC agreed to reimburse the Clerk (costs split with Linby PC)	
123/26	REMEMBRANCE DAY <u>a) PC to approve purchasing a wreath</u> The PC agreed to purchasing 2 wreaths, one for the playing field and one for the Cross in Linby. <u>b) Silent Soldiers / Boards and Poppies in the village</u> Date for installation: Sunday 1 st November. Volunteers needed. The PC agreed to purchasing 10 x lamp post poppies <u>c) Church Service Details</u> There will be no service on the Playing field this year due to the playground refurbishment. The Church Service is on Sunday 8 th November 10:45am at St James's Church (this is still to be confirmed).	Clerk to purchase wreath and poppies

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124/26	PAPPLEWICK VILLAGE FAYRE (PAPPFEST) – UPDATE ON EVENT Cllr Hesketh reported the day was very successful, with over 4000 visitors over the afternoon. Traffic confusion caused us issues on the day as, despite knowing that Pappfest was happening on that day, VIA chose that day as the first day of the A60 being closed, and drivers were very confused as to where exactly the closures were. For the first year, we liaised and had permission from VIA to restrict parking on Main Street for the day. This worked well and would have really helped with traffic congestion were it not for the roadworks on the A60. The Battle of Britain Flypast was a great success. The final figures are still being counted, and last costs are coming in, but safe to say it was a successful year, one of our best, so hopefully our chosen charities will be well supported. A resident raised an issue with allowing disabled vehicle access on Church Lane as it's heavily pedestrianised during Pappfest and the lane is so narrow. They asked if this can be revised for next year. Cllr Hesketh agreed to forward the feedback onto the Team.	CH to pursue																																																
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128/26	<u>PLAYING FIELD</u> <u>a) Playing Field Response Form</u> Cllr Seagrave confirmed completion of the form. Handover to Cllr McGuire. <u>b) Heras fencing to sell</u> Cllr Bly pursuing <u>c) Tree Survey</u> Cllr Hesketh reported that the PC normally do this every two years, the last one was in October 2024, so a new survey needs to be commissioned. This is for the trees on the playing field, plus we should also consider looking at any trees on Church Lane. Previously VIA has completed the survey for us, and Jonathan Rhodes has done any required work. I am not sure that either of these people are still doing this work, so we may need to look for someone new. No volunteers. Cllr Hesketh agreed to pursue. <u>d) Heras fencing off Papplewick Lane (preventing deer crossing into MPW)</u> The clerk reported she contacted Severn Trent Water who advised the fence is a safety measure to prevent people from accessing the site. No further action.	AB to pursue CH to pursue Remove from agenda															
129/26	<u>QEII PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE</u> <u>a) Approval of minutes of extraordinary meeting to agree Contractor for playground refurb. held 24th June 20206</u> ALL AGREE – Minutes signed by Cllr Hesketh <u>b) Approval of minutes of extraordinary meeting to agree tender submission from Kompan and JCT contract held 19th August 2026</u> ALL AGREE – Minutes signed by Cllr Hesketh <u>c) Update on Project, commencement date and proposed date for Open Day</u> Cllr Hesketh reported: - Contracts have been signed and a purchase order has been issued. - Our next meeting with Kompan should be approximately three weeks prior to the start of the work on site (deliveries to site expected by late October). - Expected completion date 30 November. - Official opening date – Sunday 6 December – Bradbury Suite booked for 11.30am. Expecting the Youth Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Consort. - Next step is to check on the funding portal to see when we need to provide an update.	CH & the Clerk to pursue															
130/26	<u>CHURCH LANE UPDATE</u> <u>a) Repairs to surface</u> Cllr Bly pursuing	AB to pursue															

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	<u>b) The King's Coronation Tree update</u> The Parish Council confirmed that the existing tree is dead. Members agreed to consider suitable options for a replacement and to review the most appropriate location, if needed. <u>c) Removal of weeds near salt bin – update</u> Completed	PC to pursue
131/26	REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS Village Hall: Cllr Hesketh reported: - Flooring work in the main hall has been completed. It has been sanded, repaired and resealed, and now looks much better. - The stage curtains have been cleaned and treated. - Whilst doing the work on the stage curtains we learned that the rig for the stage backdrops needed an annual certification, which would be very costly. As stage backdrops haven't been used for a number of years, it was decided to no longer allow user groups to use stage backdrops. - The side gate and fencing at the rear of the Hall near the fire exit has been replaced - Functions have now picked up again after a quiet August, although Friday evening events are still slow. Moor Pond Woods: Cllr Seagrave reported that work on fencing remains ongoing. Complaints continue to be received regarding the condition of the footpaths; however, no grant funding is currently available to support improvements. He advised that a five-year management plan is being developed. He advised calendars are being prepared for sale.	
132/26	COUNCILLOR REPORTS <u>a) Large pothole on Main Street</u> Clerk to report <u>b) Overflowing dog waste bin on Church Lane</u> Clerk to report <u>c) Newsletter</u> Cllr Hesketh suggested producing a newsletter to update on the playground refurb and the open day, update from NCC re the petition, dates for Christmas light switch-on and advertising MPW calendars.	Clerk to pursue Clerk to pursue PC to pursue
133/26	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next Full Council Meeting is Wednesday 11th November, 19:15 at the Village Hall. The Finance Committee Meeting is Thursday 8th October, 19:00 at the Village Hall.	

Meeting ended: 21:20

Signed: _____ Chairman _____

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