

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston Village

**Members Present:** Cllrs Cynthia Stacey (Vice Chair – chaired the meeting), John Mason, Simon Macdonald-Preston, Janet Hackett, David Cuthbert, Adrian Hill & Geoff Prett.

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Liz Plant, Borough Cllrs Barrie Cooper and Jonathan Wheeler.

**4702. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Tisbury sent his apologies as he is away.

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies as he is away.

County Cllr Calvert sent his apologies.

County Cllr Cutts sent her apologies as she is attending the premier of the Newark Civil War Museum trail.

**4703. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4704. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes to Order of Business proposed.

**4705. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Cllr Hackett proposed and Cllr Mason seconded the motion that these Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted.

**4706. COUNTY REPORT**

County Cllr Plant updated the meeting on the month's activities including the road improvements in West Bridgford. Radcliffe-on-Trent is due for road improvements in May '15. Cllr Plant noted that the national offer day for Key Stage 1 pupils is 16<sup>th</sup> April. There is still considerable pressure for places in West Bridgford schools.

Cllr Plant had attended a SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) meeting at Pierrepont Gamston Primary School during the month. She also noted that the next full council meeting was the Annual Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Pauline Allen was being replaced as Chair by Sybil Fielding.

#### **4707. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Cooper explained to the meeting that much time had been spent working on the upcoming elections. He noted that there had been moves to amalgamate Rushcliffe Community Voluntary Services (RCVS) with Newark & Sherwood CVS and Gedling CVS, but Newark & Sherwood had pulled out of this arrangement altogether. Gedling had met to discuss the possibility, but had experienced problems with the committee numbers and were not quorate and therefore unable to make a decision. It was explained that RCVS was funded jointly by NCC and RBC, but their funding had been cut.

Borough Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that Langar Recycling Centre had been closed by the County Council. It was suggested that this had resulted in an increase in fly tipping in the Bingham/Rushcliffe area and also added pressure to the tip on Rugby Road. RBC are documenting and logging any problems and if it becomes an issue will raise it with the County Council.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that the plans had been officially passed for Rushcliffe Arena. Also that Rushcliffe has been voted the 5<sup>th</sup> best rural place to live in the UK in a Halifax survey.

Cllr Wheeler also noted the new FootGolf facility, on the par 3 course at Edwalton Golf Course, was available.

#### **4708. OPEN SPACES**

Cllr Stacey read out a statement regarding the latest Open Spaces developments, received from the Deputy Leader of RBC Cllr Robinson, as follows:

*'Following extensive lobbying and dialogue regarding the unsatisfactory arrangement to maintain the open space land owned by Bovis, we are delighted to report that a written proposal from Bovis has been received by the Council.*

*The proposal has now for the first time included realistic financial contribution for the Council to make arrangements to maintain the grass areas. However, due to the time of year and election period this cannot be considered until the Cabinet next meets on 9 June 2015.*

*However, officers have been assigned to work with Bovis Homes to draft a 'Heads of Terms' document which will provide the clarity required for the Cabinet to make a decision.*

*This is a major and positive step forward to seeing a successful resolution to this long-running issue.'*

The meeting agreed this was great news, Cllr Tisbury had requested further detail regarding the proposal.

Cllr Cuthbert explained that he and Cllr Tisbury had met with Neil Clarke and Simon Robinson when Cllr Tisbury had suggested that the stalemate between RBC and Bovis could be resolved by Bovis providing funds from their revenue budget as opposed to their capital budget.

#### **4709. PLANNING**

*15/00281/FUL Mr M Fenns Second floor / roof extension to create bedrooms 8, Kirkstone Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NT*

Cllr Hill noted that he had a declaration of interest in this application as it is his next door neighbour. He has expressed an objection to the scale and nature of the proposed development as it is out of keeping with the area and would significantly impact on their light and privacy.

The Borough Councillors had not objected to the plans. This application highlighted the fact that previously Parish and Borough Councillors discussed planning applications.

**Parish Councillor assigned a planning application to review, to ensure dialogue with relevant Borough Councillor.**

#### **4710. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Stacey read out Cllr Tisbury's update on the Play Park electrical works:

*I have now received a quote for the works to the park which is around £2500 to provide materials and install. It includes 2 new secure lockable columns containing the electrics, one has a fixed timer unit. Both have 2 plugs. They are cemented into the ground via a steel plate. One to be located to the rear of the where the Christmas tree is erected, the other by the trees on the far side of the park. The materials I believe are circa £1500. This is higher than I was anticipating and would recommend we obtain further quotes. Does anyone know of any other local builders? The works would include levelling out the paving slabs to remove what is becoming a potential trip hazard. The 2 columns, which are fully secure, are costing circa £1300 plus cable etc. This is my breakdown of the cost, but it gives you an indication of the sums involved. I will produce a Specification of the Works later this week to circulate to anyone who could carry out the works.*

**Cllrs to try and find local electricians to provide comparable quotes for the work.**

#### **4711. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Prett explained he and Cllr Mason had attended an Open Day at the Skylarks Nature Reserve. It was very well attended and the experts on hand were very friendly and knowledgeable. There is a further larger open day in September '15.

Cllr Stacey passed on Cllr Tisbury's thanks to Cllr Prett for all his hard work on the Spring newsletter. It is planned that the next edition be issued in July '15.

Cllr Stacey also passed Cllr Tisbury's thanks to Cllr Hackett for her information regarding the provision of housing for older people in the area. Cllr Hackett explained that she felt it essential that we have input and vocalise what we want from the new development in the area, now, before decisions are made.

Cllr Hackett also proposed that the Parish Council support recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day on May 8<sup>th</sup> by displaying a flag or banner. Cllr Cuthbert seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Unanimously in favour.

**Clerk to investigate options for VE Day flag or banner.**

Cllr Hackett also noted that the WW1 memorial planters near the telephone box need planting with flowers. Cllr Hackett to replant. Cllr Mason explained that a nearby neighbour to the planters had been kindly keeping them watered.

**Cllr Hackett to replant the WW1 planters in the next couple of months.**

Cllr Mason reported that the Village Hall heating has been turned off for the summer. The Bookings Clerk has the ability to override this, however, should the weather turn cold again.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had submitted bids for a Village Ventures play and awaits news of success.

## **8.25pm Cllr Plant left the meeting**

### **4712. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD**

Cllr Stacey read out Cllr Tisbury's update on the VH Rebuild:

*'I have now received a second quote to Project Manage the Hall rebuild from Peart Bradley. I am meeting Welham Architects next week to discuss their quote. I will send out an email with the quotes after the meeting summarising the submissions for your views. We asked in the latest Newsletter for anyone local who may be qualified to run the job. If anyone is interested, it is my view they will respond within 2 weeks, so I suggest we may be able to appoint a Project Manager by the end of the Month. The Internal Specification needs to be worked up to go to the successful party.'*

Discussion took place regarding VH air-conditioning. It was considered it would be preferable for this to be integral with the build, rather than retro-fit.

Cllr Stacey explained that Cllr Tisbury planned to put together a group of 3 Cllr's to liaise with the appointed Project Manager on a daily basis, to progress the VH build.

### **4713. HP & G WEBSITE**

Clerk issued collated results of initial content for new HP&G PC website.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston explained he had received an initial quotation for setting up the site of approximately £600. Discussion took place regarding the options. It was noted that Tollerton PC use WordPress.

**Cllr Macdonald-Preston to obtain quotes for setting up and ongoing management of the site, based on the collated results, with updates at a minimum of monthly intervals.**

### **4714. FINANCE**

Clerk issued all Cllr's with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of cheques for signing.

Cllr Prett noted some corrections required in the list of cheques raised.

**Clerk to re-issue corrected list of cheques raised for month.**

Clerk explained that the financial year end was 31<sup>st</sup> March '15 and she had arranged for Brian Hardy to internally audit the accounts. Sign off by the Parish Council of the audited accounts would be required at the June '15 meeting.

Clerk explained that the HMRC Real Time payroll system would need to be rolled over into the new tax year (starting 6<sup>th</sup> April '15) before the next payroll was processed. Also the year end submissions are to be processed.

#### **4715. CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk explained that the Bookings Clerk would be on annual leave from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May and the bookings during that week would need to be covered, including the use of the hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May as a polling station.

Cllr's Mason and Prett kindly offered to cover the bookings during the week.

##### **Clerk to liaise with Cllr's Mason & Prett regarding the timings of bookings.**

Clerk informed the meeting that she had been advised by letter that there will be a hovercraft racing event at Hackett's Lakes between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May '15.

Clerk noted that NALC (Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils) are running New Councillor Training sessions after the elections in May. It is not exclusively for new Councillors, any Cllr's can attend.

Clerk explained that the Carlton Brass Training Band had contacted her to secure a date for the Christmas TreeFest event. The only remaining possibilities were Nov 28<sup>th</sup> or Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Latter was agreed.

##### **Clerk to book Carlton Brass Training Band for December 5<sup>th</sup> '15.**

Clerk had received a letter requesting a donation from the Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project. Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Cuthbert seconded the motion to donate £100 to the project and for the Clerk to ask for an article for the next newsletter. Vote taken, unanimously in favour.

##### **Clerk to action donation to Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project and arrange for newsletter article.**

Clerk noted that the NAVACH (Nottinghamshire Association of Village and Community Halls) AGM was taking place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at North Wheatley Village Hall and asked that any Cllr's interested in attending let her know in order to book a place.

Discussion took place regarding possibility of hiring gazebos for the Summer Play Day.

##### **Clerk to investigate costs of gazebo hire from StreetWise.**

Borough Cllr Cooper explained that this would be his last attendance at a Parish Council meeting as he was standing as Borough Cllr for the Gamston South Ward at the upcoming elections, which covered an area outside of our Parish. He thanked the PC and said how much he had enjoyed working with us over the last 12 years.

Cllr Stacey thanked Cllr Cooper for all he had done. Cllr Mason also expressed his thanks on behalf of the Parishioners for all his hard work over the years.

#### **4716. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015** in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston.

Please note the May PC meeting is the Annual Meeting, starting at an earlier time (6.45pm). This is followed by the Annual Parish Meeting (start time 8pm).

**The meeting ended at 9.10pm.**