

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston Village

Members Present: Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury (Chair), Cynthia Stacey (Vice Chair), John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Simon Macdonald-Preston (arrived 7.25pm), David Cuthbert & Geoff Prett.

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllrs Steve Calvert & Kay Cutts, Borough Cllrs Barrie Cooper (arrived 8.25pm) and Jonathan Wheeler (arrived 8.05pm) and John Scott-Lee (MD Streetwise Environmental Ltd)

4669. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Plant sent her apologies due to a last minute commitment.

Councillor Hackett sent her apologies as she was travelling to see her brother who is in poor health.

Councillor Hill sent his apologies due to the sad death of his mother the day before the meeting.

4670. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tisbury mentioned a planning application on a property opposite his house which had been brought to his attention.

This highlighted the fact the PC had not been regularly informed of all planning applications within the Parish.

4671. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agreed that the subject of traffic on Bassingfield Lane be discussed during 6. County Report.

4672. STREETWISE ENVIRONMENTAL LTD

Mr John Scott-Lee, Managing Director of Streetwise Environmental Ltd introduced the meeting to the changes to Streetwise and the range of services on offer.

Previously Streetwise was 100% RBC owned, in Sept '14 it was transferred over into a private company owned by RBC. This allows Streetwise to tender for commercial projects. John explained that services were to be provided as competitively as possible, but to ensure fairness to local businesses growth is restricted at no more than 20% per year.

7.25pm Cllr Macdonald-Preston arrived.

John introduced their Arboriculture Services, Landscape Design Services, Playground Services, Environmental Services and Special Services (including marquee hire and event services).

John expressed that they would like to work in conjunction with the community and Parish Councils. He urged anyone to email him with any issues or ideas.

Discussion took place regarding a dangerous tree over hanging a public footpath in the Parish. John advised that if the tree was indeed overhanging a public footpath Streetwise would be

happy to assist in the removal of the tree. Cllr Cutts expressed that care should be taken if the tree is on private land. John stressed that indeed Streetwise cannot go onto private property and undertake work without the owners' permission and their agreement to pay for it.

Clerk to distribute John Scott-Lee's email details to all Cllrs.

PC to provide John Scott-Lee with the location and landowner name for the dangerous tree.

4673. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th January 2015

Cllr Prett noted the following amendments required to the Minutes:

- i) 4656. Reference to Gamston Lock to include Public House for clarification.
- ii) 4667. Reference to bridge near Morrisons to note issue of slippery surface when wet or icy, for clarification.

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Tisbury seconded the motion that these Minutes be approved, subject to the above amendments. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted.

4674. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Calvert updated the meeting on the month's activities including detail of the Boundary Review Report which was due to go to the Rushcliffe Policy Committee. This would be looked at by the Boundary Commission who will publish final proposals in Sept '15.

Cllr Calvert noted renewed discussion regarding a new cycle bridge across the Trent. It is considered that this will prove prohibitively expensive. Also spoke of Colston Bassett meeting regarding bus services.

8.05pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived.

Cllr Tisbury posed the question as to how we could, as a Parish Council, get involved early in the process of planning highways transportation and infrastructure ahead of the proposed housing East of Gamston. It was agreed that the PC needed to be involved ahead of the master planning exercise.

County Cllr Cutts also spoke of the Boundary Review, with the observation that the Boundary Commission tended to do what they wanted to do anyway.

Cllr Cutts also spoke about bus services in East Bridgford, a peer challenge on the Health & Wellbeing Board, success for the Downie sisters and the West Bridgford Cricket Club at the Sports Review of the Year, bridge crossings of River Trent. Cllr Cutts thought it most likely to happen at Gunthorpe if anywhere.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the planning permission pertaining to an exploratory oil well in Cotgrave. She considered hysteria surrounding possible fracking was unfounded, which had been escalated by the Evening Post and East Midlands Today.

8.25pm Borough Cllr Cooper arrived.

Discussion took place regarding the County Council response to the PC request to investigate the possibility of restricting access to Bassingfield Lane.

A reply to this had been received that day by the Clerk from Diane Kidger of Bassingfield.

After much debate regarding the way forward, County Cllr Cutts affirmed that there was no problem with the reply received from Notts CC, it was a reply that had been previously received and the position had not changed. Cllr Cutts explained that Bassingfield Lane is a stretch of road anyone is free to use, as with any other public highway, sometimes it may be busy, at other times not. 'Near misses' do not equate to actual accidents. Cllr Cutts explained that the request by one resident for a traffic counter would not happen.

Cllr Tisbury summarised the debate by concluding that if Bassingfield wanted to influence County Council opinion they would need to gather a larger group of residents that share the same concerns and for them to produce some quantitative evidence. This would necessitate a diary being kept at certain times, monitoring flow of traffic, to provide some empirical evidence.

Clerk to distribute Diane Kidger's letter to Parish and County Cllr Cutts.

Clerk to communicate suggestions for next steps to Diane Kidger.

8.30pm County Cllr Calvert left the meeting.

4675. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Cooper informed the meeting of the legal challenge to the Local Plan by Barton-in-Fabis. Also the planning application that had been submitted for 200 dwellings in Edwalton.

Cllr Cooper spoke about the May elections and that many residents had registered in order to vote.

Borough Cllr Wheeler informed the meeting of investment that had been secured for access to A46 that will improve the local infrastructure.

8.40pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

4676. OPEN SPACES

Meeting agreed to discuss 12. Open Spaces at this time.

Cllr Tisbury updated the meeting with the last communication received from David Banks. It was considered to be a realistic view of the situation. The request to pass ownership of the Open Spaces land to RBC with a commuted sum was being taken at the Bovis main board meeting in February '15. There was also suggestion that Bovis may maintain the Open Spaces in 2015 before handover to RBC.

There was suggestion that resolution of the problem may in part be related to Bovis' involvement in the Sharphill development.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed PC community garden.

Open Spaces situation to be reviewed further at the March '15 Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Bancroft to speak with Streetwise re: Community Garden planning.

Cllr Tisbury to draft an article regarding Open Spaces for the Spring Newsletter.

4677. PLANNING

*14/02671/TPO Ms T Kennard Remove pine tree Rear Of 2 – 28
Stavely Way, Gamston, Nottinghamshire*

Parish Council Response : To object to the removal of any tree subject to a TPO within the Parish, unless it poses a Health & Safety issue as assessed by professional opinion.

Borough Cllr's to speak with Andrew Pegram at RBC to establish why PC not always being notified of planning applications within the Parish.

4678. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Tisbury spoke about having met up with the 'Groundworks' consultant to walk the Open Spaces in Gamston to provide suggestions and advice.

Cllr Tisbury has spoken with Tollerton Parish Council with regard to discussing a possible combined approach to the future issue of increased traffic on local roads created by the development of the Land East of Gamston as it was now part of the approved Core Strategy. Cllr Tisbury to meet with Tollerton PC Chair.

Cllr Tisbury raised the issue of safe electricity points to the Play Park. Cllr Tisbury to obtain quotations for installation of bollard sized units.

4679. SIGN OFF 2015/2016 BUDGET

Clerk reissued revised budget, as discussed at the January '15 PC Meeting, for approval.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Mason seconded the motion that the budgeted amount of £39,450 for 2015/2016 be approved. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

It was noted by Cllr Prett (and later by Cllr Macdonald-Preston) that the budget column was incorrectly labelled as 2014/2104.

Clerk to fill in necessary documentation to request 2015/2106 Precept of £39,450 by the deadline date of 15th February 2015 and submit to RBC.

9.20am Borough Cllr Cooper left the meeting.

4680. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Mason updated the meeting on activity at the Park, Neighbourhood Watch in Gamston and the Local Area Forum where the new Deputy Leader of RBC Cllr Robinson had given a talk.

Cllr Prett spoke about the Skylarks Open Day on 11th Apr '15 which is set to be a big event. Cllr Prett confirmed that the Amphibian Pond that the PC had donated towards, does in fact exist.

Cllr Bancroft informed the meeting that he had seen a Rose Pagoda at Wheatcrofts Garden Centre that would make a great centrepiece for the memorial garden.

Cllr Stacey reported that she had represented the Parish Council at RCAN's 90th birthday celebrations in January. Issues covered included rural sustainability and it was stated that Parish Councils have a great capacity to initiate change.

Cllr Stacey explained that Mark Winter's quote for Grounds Maintenance in 2015 was identical to that in 2014. He suggested one extra cut in May.

Grass is cut once in March, once in April, twice in May (once in 2014), twice in June, twice in July, twice in August, once in September and once in October.

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Cuthbert seconded the motion that Mark Winter be selected to provide Grounds Maintenance to the PC for one year, and provide an extra cut in May '15. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Stacey commented on the electrical requirements for the bouncy castle hired for the Summer Play Day on 12th August '15.

Clerk to write and award 2015 Grounds Maintenance contract to Mark Winter.

Clerk to arrange for new Play Park electrical supplies in time for Summer Play Day. Suggested exploring putting in 110V supply as well as 240V.

9.30pm Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

4681. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD

Cllr Tisbury explained that the revised planning application had been submitted and we were awaiting a decision.

Discussion took place regarding the strategy for whittling down the internal requirements wish list into actual requirements. Agreed Cllr's Mason and Prett, Clerk and Bookings Clerk to meet to assess the requirements, based on the current and proposed future uses of the VH.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he felt we should look for an alternative architect that is more practical than design led, to put together a brief for tender. Meeting agreed for Cllr Tisbury to speak to other architects.

Clerk to arrange meeting to discuss VH internal requirements.

Cllr Tisbury to provide details of alternative architect to work on VH brief for tender.

4682. HP & G WEBSITE

Discussion took place regarding a new HP & G website.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston to circulate some quotes for a new website to all Cllr's before the March '15 meeting.

9.50pm John Scott-Lee left the meeting.

4683. FINANCE

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

4684. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Mason, David Litchfield, Pauline Lumley and Clerk were meeting to arrange for the new noticeboard to be fixed inside the Gamston Village telephone box.

Clerk informed the meeting that she was on annual leave next week over half term.

Clerk requested that she be permitted to attend a NALC VAT course in March '15 at a cost of £15. Meeting agreed.

Clerk raised the issue, which had been highlighted by Cllr Mason, as to whether businesses could advertise using banners attached to the Play Park railings. Discussion took place.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that no commercial advertising take place on the Play Park railings. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Bancroft noted that local businesses could pay to advertise in the HP&G PC Newsletter.

4685. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 9th March 2015** in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston.

The meeting ended at 10pm.