

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 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 7.55pm), Janet Hackett, David Cuthbert, Adrian Hill & Geoff Prett.

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

**4652. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

County Cllrs Calvert & Plant sent their apologies as they were on other County Council business, but provided a written report for inclusion in 5. County Report

**4653. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4654. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes proposed to the order of business.

**4655. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Prett seconded the motion that these Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. (Cllr Cuthbert abstained as not present at December '14 meeting). Minutes were adopted.

**4656. COUNTY REPORT**

County Cllr Cutts explained to the meeting that she had been on annual leave for much of the previous month.

Cllr Cutts noted that budget responses were back, there were far fewer than in previous years.

Cllr Cutts reported on the effect of snowfall on the counties roads. The response to the weather conditions was considered to be too slow.

Cllr Cutts explained that the issue of the restriction of access to Bassingfield Lane for motor vehicles was being looked into by the County Council. Channel of communication to parishioners to be via the Clerk. Cllr Cutts considered that the only achievable solution would be to stop up the road completely, which was presumed would be unacceptable to the residents. A halfway house of restricted access was considered, by Cllr Cutts, to be unenforceable.

Parish Councillors discussed the possibility of signage and on the spot fines. The signs may act as a deterrent to some, if not all vehicles. Also discussed the possibility of a sign preventing left hand turns from the A52 into Nottingham between 8am and 10am?

**Clerk to update Parishioners on the Bassingfield Lane situation.**

Cllr Prett mentioned the flooding on the road near the Gamston Lock. He has been complaining about this situation for a couple of years.

**Cllr Prett to forward the information he has regarding Gamston Lock flooding to Cllr Cutts and copy in Clerk.**

County Cllr Calvert submitted the following written report in his absence:

**1. Winter gritting**

There was a short but extremely heavy snowfall on Boxing Day Friday evening. All the main routes were gritted between 7.30pm and 1.30am the next morning. Gritting then continued virtually around the clock Saturday and Sunday and into Monday morning. The initial effectiveness of the gritting was compromised by a number of factors including

- A MET office forecast that turned out to be inaccurate as it did not expect snow to fall until late evening.
- The fact that the snow was preceded by heavy rain which would have washed away any early gritting.
- The very low amount of traffic on a bank holiday evening which meant the grit was not effectively churned up with the snow to create slush.

In some parts of the County there were several complaints about the gritting service. These are being looked into and there is absolutely no room for complacency. However an initial review would suggest that the extenuating circumstances above rather than any operational issues were at play. There is a motion to County Council on this matter on Thursday this week.

**2. Combined Authority**

The proposal for a Nottinghamshire Combined Authority for Economic Development, Skills and Training and Strategic Transport is currently out for Consultation. The proposal requires approval of all constituent local authorities (City, County and seven Districts) if it is to progress. Consultation closes on 6th February with information available on all Councils' websites.

**3. Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) Review of Nottinghamshire**

There is a review ongoing into the County Council Division Electoral boundaries. This has come about because many current Divisional electorates are more than 10% in variance of the County average. Following earlier consultation, the LGBCE has agreed that the number of Councillors remain at 67. Local people and organisations have until 9th February to make comments on the makeup of the new Divisions which should take account of the new Borough

wards in Rushcliffe. There will be a report to the Council's Policy Committee on 11th February outlining a proposal for new Divisional boundaries.

#### **4. Ollerton By-Election result**

Labour's Mike Pringle was elected on 18th December, votes were as follows:

Labour 1,171

Conservative 533

UKIP 347

Lib-Dem 24

Cllr Tisbury asked that the Clerk send a note of thanks to County Cllr Calvert for forwarding reports when he is unable to attend.

Cllr Cutts responded to the report by explaining that she had put forward the motion for debate regarding the snow response.

Cllr Cutts also spoke about the boundary changes in the area and the likelihood that there will be a new seat in West Bridgford.

Discussion also took place regarding the Combined Authority explaining that it would add an extra bureaucratic layer to local government. It would necessitate its' own secretariat and officers in a similar way to a LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership).

Cllr Tisbury mentioned a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March debating development growth in the East Midlands.

#### **4657. DISTRICT REPORT**

##### **7.45pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.**

Borough Councillors not present at this point so Agenda item 6. delayed until later in the meeting.

#### **4658. PLANNING**

No new planning applications were received during the past month.

Clerk noted that she had received notice of permission granted for an application in the Parish, as follows. However, notice of the original application had not been received.

*14/02282/FUL                      Mr Baz Najden                      Erect a prefabricated steel 75 seater stand by the side of the existing football pitch                      Gedling & Sherwood Cricket Club, The Regatta Way Sports Pavilion, Regatta Way, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AT*

**Clerk to ask RBC planning why this application was not received and ensure PC are notified of all applications within the Parish. Cllr's expressed concern at the inadequacy**

**of the decision and the absence of any parking controls where this is already a problem or increased parking provision.**

**4659. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the ‘Groundworks’ consultant who is meeting with him to walk the Open Spaces in Gamston to provide suggestions and advice.

**7.55pm Cllr Macdonald-Preston arrived.**

Cllr Tisbury raised discussion topic of the purchase of new gazebos. Cllrs Prett and Macdonald-Preston had made some preliminary investigations. It was agreed that a good quality was required that was easy to put up and down and store away. It was agreed to work to a budget of £500 to buy 2 new gazebos.

Cllr Tisbury confirmed that the Local Plan was adopted by full RBC on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 in its’ current format. This confirms that the proposed housing East of Gamston has been approved.

**4660. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Prett informed the meeting that the newly improved nature reserve at Skylarks was having an Open Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April with guided walks at 10am and 2pm.

**Clerk to contact Ruth Testa to find out further details.**

Cllr Prett to start collating articles for the next Newsletter. Working to an anticipated delivery date of mid-March to early April.

To include articles on the following :

TreeFest	Cllr Stacey
John Ingram Advert	Clerk
Advert to encourage other local advertisers	Cllr Prett
Summer Play Day Flyer	Clerk
Chairman’s Report	Cllr Tisbury
Open Spaces	
Village Hall Rebuild	
Diary of Events	
Goose / Gamston Lock	Article and offer for local residents? Restaurant reviews?
Watersports Centre	
Skylarks	
Parish Boundary Changes	
Abacus Nursery	

Cllr Stacey asked the meeting if they were in agreement to get a quote for the grass cutting for 2015 from Mark Winter. Meeting agreed as they were pleased with his work.

Cllr Stacey noted that she, Cllr Hackett and the Clerk had a date arranged to meet and plan the Summer Play Day for 2015.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had started work on supplying an information board for Holme Pierrepont. The board will include detail of; historic land use, current land use including the water sports centre, Skylarks, River Trent, gravel, church, hall and parish etc. There is a restriction of only 600 words.

£3000 has already been budgeted for this item from July 2011, Agenda item 4055. Malcolm Lane were the chosen supplier, from the 3 quotes provided at that time, and have agreed to freeze their quotation from that time. Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Cuthbert seconded the motion that Malcolm Lane provide the HP Information Board. Vote taken, unanimously in favour.

Cllr Cuthbert explained that once the new Village Hall is up and running he will be in a better position to create a business plan with Cllr Hill. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that in the future we could run a weekend breakfast club on a rota basis, say once a month for the older residents of the Parish. Also mentioned a possible cinema club. Cllr Bancroft spoke about the possibility of use of the hall for Dementia Friends meetings for the Gamston area.

Cllr Hackett spoke about the possibility of including provision for the building of homes specifically for elderly people in the Parish in the Local Plan. There is often a percentage of social housing required, but no specific provision for older people, which constitute an ever growing percentage of the population.

#### **8.25pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived.**

Cllr Mason reported that the allocation of winter salt had arrived, although one bag was split open.

#### **Clerk to chase up the delivery of the salt bin in Bassingfield.**

#### **Clerk to acquire a new list of regular users of the Village Hall from Bookings Clerk.**

Cllr Mason spoke about the LAF (Local Area Forum) and the fact that they are going to restrict development in West Bridgford. Borough Cllr Wheeler noted that Borough Cllr Robinson was heading a new committee aiming to control development through planning to ensure diversity on the high street.

Cllr Mason also noted that there had been a spate of handbag thefts from Morrisons car park.

Cllr Mason explained he had played Father Christmas for Pierrepont Gamston School.

Cllr Mason spoke about the use of the surgery in Gamston to take some 111 (non life threatening) patients at the weekend between 8.30am and 12.30pm.

### **4661. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD**

Cllr Tisbury explained that the amended plans had been deposited on the Planning Portal. Cllr Tisbury has amended the Design and Access statement to reflect the current plans.

Cllr Tisbury has been in contact with British Telecom (BT) regarding plans for the overhead cables over the proposed site for the new Village Hall. BT have no plans to bury them underground. There is the option to move them if we want to, but not essential, and it will incur a cost.

Result of the planning application should be received in 12 weeks, around the first week of April '15.

Next stage is to create a tender document and working drawings. This could take 4/5 weeks after planning approved. Tender process takes 3/4 weeks. This takes us to around the end of August '15. Build start date will depend upon the availability of the chosen builder.

**8.40pm Borough Cllr Cooper arrived.**

**Cllr Tisbury to send an example specification document to Cllr Prett in order that he can start creating a document for tender for Gamston Village Hall.**

#### **4662. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr Wheeler reported on the LAF regarding the WB group to control retail and development. The aim is to maintain growth. Was noted that WB is the town centre for Rushcliffe, but it was considered it was never going to have its' own retail heart as it is so close to Nottingham town centre.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the adoption of the local plan. It was poorly attended, the reason being assumed that most people considered it a foregone conclusion. Barton-in-Fabis were launching a legal challenge though. Cllr Cooper explained there were 34 Cllrs in favour, 2 abstentions and 1 against. Cllr Hill asked when the houses would be built. Answer unknown, could be anytime up to 2028, and beyond for additional houses.

Cllr Tisbury stressed that the biggest impact would be on traffic in the area. The park and ride plans were somewhat contentious. Solutions must be in place before building starts.

Cllr Tisbury raised the question as to whether, in light of the approval of the plan, we should join forces with Tollerton PC to ensure the road networks are suitable prepared to cope with the extra capacity. Discussion took place. There was agreement that combining forces may lead to greater strength, however consensus was that we shouldn't spend money should a legal challenge be proposed.

**Clerk to contact Tollerton PC to express our interest in combining forces regarding road networks.**

Cllr Wheeler spoke about WB Hall, Gresham Fields, Civic Centre and Tesco developments.

Cllr Cooper explained that due to the sad death of Cllr Cranswick, a contest for Deputy Leader had been held. There were 3 candidates that had been individually interviewed and Cllr Cooper had asked each one; if they were successful would they support funding for the Open Spaces in Gamston. Responses were unclear with one being largely positive, the other two less so.

#### **4663. OPEN SPACES**

It was confirmed that David Banks (RBC) was meeting with Bovis on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January '15.

Discussion took place regarding proposed strategy for discussions.

Jenny Kirkwood was still proceeding with plans for a play area next to Morrisons.

**Borough Cllrs to report back to Clerk on the outcome of the RBC/Bovis meeting.**

Cllr Prett mentioned trees that had fallen with the weight of the snow on the pathway leading from Ambleside to Morrisons.

**Borough Cllr Cooper to look into getting trees cleared.**

**4664. HP & G WEBSITE**

Cllr Macdonald-Preston had spoken to Skylight Media to quote for redesigning the HP&G PC website, estimated cost approximately £1000.

**Cllr Macdonald-Preston to bring a further two quotes to the meeting.**

**9.50pm Borough Cllrs Cooper and Wheeler left the meeting.**

**4665. DRAFT 2015/2016 BUDGET**

Clerk presented a first draft budget document for discussion. Clerk explained that the final budget must be signed off at the February '15 meeting in order to meet the deadline for the precept request.

Meeting discussed projected spending for the 2015/2016. After debate the agreed amendments to the draft were to:

- i) Increase Grounds Maintenance by £1500 to £6000
- ii) Decrease Replacement Village Hall by £1500 to £3500
- iii) Increase Play Park by £500 to £2000
- iv) Reduce Members Allowances by £400 to £600
- v) Reduce Live Theatre by £100 to £500
- vi) Increase Newsletter by £150 to £2400

Overall total precept request totals £39, 450.

**Clerk to produce revised budget for sign off at the February 2015 PC Meeting.**

**4666. FINANCE**

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

**Clerk to enquire as to whether first aiders can be hired at a cheaper rate than St John Ambulance for future PC events.**

**Clerk to report on the growth in reserves year on year.**

**Clerk to chase up invoice for payment from tree surgeon.**

**4667. CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk explained that Mr John Scott-Lee the Managing Director of Streetwise would be attending the February 2015 PC meeting to talk about ways in which they can support the Parish.

Clerk reminded the meeting that the next Town & Parish Forum was on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Clerk explained that she had been copied in on some correspondence regarding the ownership of the bridge over the canal near to Morrisons.

**4668. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015** in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston.

The meeting ended at approximately 10.20pm.