

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.15pm in St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont

Members Present: Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury (Chair), Cynthia Stacey (Vice Chair), John Mason, Simon Macdonald-Preston (arrived 7.30pm), Janet Hackett, Adrian Hill & Geoff Prett.

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllrs Steve Calvert & Kay Cutts, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Sally Griffiths.

4745. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies as he is on holiday.

Cllr Cuthbert sent his apologies as he is on holiday.

County Cllr Plant sent her apologies.

4746. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made.

Clerk collected outstanding register of members' interests' form from Cllr Hill.

Clerk to submit all revised forms to Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC).

4747. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes to Order of Business suggested.

4748. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th JUNE 2015

Cllr Prett proposed and Cllr Mason seconded the motion that these Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Hackett abstained as not present at June '15 meeting. Minutes were adopted.

4749. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Calvert explained that at the last Full Council meeting discussion had taken place regarding the Midland Mainline electrification, Mandatory 20mph zones around parks and play areas and concern regarding the reduction in PCSO staffing.

A number of areas around schools and parks have Advisory 20mph signage, but there are plans for trial Mandatory 20mph zones in some areas of Lady Bay and Abbey wards.

Cllr Calvert mentioned the Boundary Commission review. Local bodies were invited to respond to the draft proposals. It is proposed that Gamston North is separated from Gamston South.

Discussion took place regarding the proposal of Gamston North being joined with Radcliffe-on-Trent.

7.30pm Cllr Macdonald-Preston arrived.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the sad news of the member of CC staff that had been shot in Tunisia.

Cllr Cutts explained that the motion to all County Cllrs regarding the Boundary Review was an agreement to do nothing and leave responses up to communities.

4750. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that the construction company Farrans had been commissioned to build the new Arena building. They had been selected due to their specialist knowledge regarding building a swimming pool on top of an ex landfill site. The question of increased traffic around the area was discussed. Question was asked as to whether the recycling centre will be moved.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about a Business Partnership meeting he had attended. Dr John Collins leads the group, which encourages business growth.

Cllr Wheeler reported on his recent surgery held in the Gamston Village Hall. Cllrs Prett and Tisbury had attended and PC Dave Blundell.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that planning permission had been received to move the Civic Centre functions to the new Arena building.

4751. OPEN SPACES

Cllr Wheeler updated the meeting on the latest news regarding Open Spaces. He had re-walked the Open Spaces area with David Banks (RBC) and Barrie Herrod (Bovis). Contracts had been received by RBC from Bovis. There were a few amendments required and then it was anticipated they would be formally signed by Bovis.

It may take up to a year to formally transfer the land, but it is expected that early access to the land will be granted, in order to begin the maintenance process.

Cllr Tisbury reported the residents had been very patient and although it was accepted the appearance of the Open Spaces wouldn't improve overnight, the prospect of work starting soon was welcomed.

4752. PLANNING

15/01258/FUL Mr & Mrs RJ Holton Front extension and garage conversion 2 Millbeck Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PY

No objection was raised to the application. Building changes are minimal. Only possible issue increase in parking requirements due to loss of the garage, but this is a common development in the area, therefore PC response : Do Not Object.

15/01312/OHLUG Western Power Distribution (Emma Stevenson) Erect two new single poles in existing 33v overhead line OS Field 5300 Adjoining Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire

Cllr's Wheeler and Stacey had visited the site. The 2 new poles are to be sited approximately 4 m apart, they are partially hidden. Unsure why they are so close together but assume a valid technical reason. PC response : Do Not Object.

15/01369/FUL Mrs J Dayman Add new open porch and first floor window to The Dairy, Holme Lane The Dairy, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD

PC Response : Do Not Object

8.15pm County Cllr Calvert left the meeting

4753. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Tisbury explained that the Local Plan had now been adopted. A legal challenge by Calverton had been unsuccessful and financially costly. This has resulted in Barton-in-Fabis withdrawing their legal challenge to mitigate any additional financial loss. It is anticipated that planning applications will soon be received for the land East of Gamston.

Cllr Tisbury explained that considerable progress had been made on the VH rebuild project.

Cllr Tisbury confirmed that the Summer Newsletter was due to be distributed before the end of the month.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the electricity point columns had been ordered. Once they arrived it would be necessary to meet at the park to determine their exact location. Cllr Mason to be informed when the work will be taking place at the park.

Cllr Tisbury had attended the Parish Forum which had included information regarding the YouNG Project, Housing, Positive Futures and the possible extra river crossing.

RBC, Notts CC and Gedling CC had contributed £15k each to fund a feasibility study into a fourth River Trent crossing. It is thought that the project is very unlikely to go ahead. The question was asked as to why £15k of RBC money had been used for this study.

Clerk to write to Neil Clarke to ask why £15k had been contributed to feasibility study.

Discussion also took place regarding the concept of Localism and the devolution of powers to metropolitan Mayor's. Nottingham were against a metropolitan Mayor.

4754. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Stacey thanked the County and Borough Cllr's for their promise of financial contribution towards the Summer Play Day. Good progress had been made with organisation for the day, all help would be gratefully received on the day.

It was agreed that a number of Cllr's would meet to check the gazebos and throw away any that are broken.

New tent pegs to be purchased for the Play Day event.

Cllr Hackett explained to the meeting that she had purchased geraniums and planted them in the WW1 centenary planters in Gamston Village, but sadly all but one had been stolen.

Cllr Hackett to replant WW1 planters with flowers.

Cllr Hackett commented that the Summer Play Day would be an ideal opportunity to engage with the community and encourage the younger generation to show an interest in and join in with Parish Council activities. Various alternative forms of social media communication such as Twitter were discussed.

Cllr Mason noted that he would be away in holiday in August, but back in time for the Play Day.

8.45pm County Cllr Cutts & Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

Cllr Mason noted that the PAT testing of electrical equipment was due in the Village Hall. The previous electrician was no longer available to perform the task.

Clerk to provide Cllr Mason with contact details for Greg Sowter regarding PAT testing.

Cllr Mason noted that David Litchfield had fixed the broken kitchen cupboards at the VH.

Cllr Prett explained that he had covered for Cllr Mason whilst he was on holiday.

Cllr Prett had also attended the Solar Farm exhibition.

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the Boundary Commission review. The County Cllr's were not going to get involved. Meeting agreed that it supported Gamston remaining aligned with West Bridgford as opposed to Radcliffe-on-Trent.

Cllr Tisbury to formulate a response to the Boundary Commission proposals affecting the Parish. To be circulated to the PC and submitted before the deadline date of Monday 10th August 2015.

Cllr Prett noted that next year it is the Queen's 90th Birthday. This could be celebrated in some way by the PC with an event. The official birthday weekend is 10th/11th/12th June 2016. Possibility of combining with a VH official opening event?

4755. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD UPDATE

Cllr Tisbury explained that the VH Working Party were meeting the next day at 9.30am. The job would hopefully be put out to tender before the next PC meeting. It was explained that there was an intention to remove gas from the building. As well as reducing heating costs, there was an increased safety benefit.

Cllr Hill asked about the decision to create the walls from panels versus brick and block. It was explained that no firm decisions had been made until received costs.

Cllr Hill asked the question about what decisions would be returned to the wider Parish Council to make? Cllr Tisbury explained that there were pro's and con's for every decision. These had been investigated for both panels and brick and block options. The Working Party were tasked with producing the tender document.

Cllr Tisbury explained the discussions that had taken place regarding the issue of parking at the new VH. RBC Planning Dept were insistent that there is no adverse impact on the hedge around the VH. There are some safety concerns regarding either reversing into a parking space at the side

of the hall, or reversing out onto the road. Cllr Macdonald-Preston noted that some form of disabled parking facility would be desirable. The gate could incorporate both a hand gate and a large gate that is locked and is strictly controlled by the Booking Clerk. Discussion took place.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that a VH Parking Space is included as part of the scheme, with the intention to review this in the future. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Tisbury noted that it was anticipated that the build could be completed within the £160k budget, even with a real slate roof. Landscaping/Externals of the grounds would be at an additional cost.

Cllr Prett explained that there was a possible issue in the top corner of the building where the land goes up, cuts into the roof height higher. There was the possibility that we may need a retaining wall and it could make it easy for children to access the roof area.

4756. HP & G WEBSITE

Cllr Macdonald-Preston explained that during the month he had progressed investigations into using Vision ICT to produce a new website for HP&G PC.

Costs Year 1 for design, hosting and full support would be approximately £1.5k

Costs for Year 2 for hosting and full support would be approximately £1k

The company produce fresh, modern websites, specialising in Parish Council's. A benefit being they offer unlimited pages.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston proposed and Cllr Tisbury seconded the motion that Cllr Macdonald-Preston engage Vision ICT to develop and design a new website for HP&G PC with full support for Year 1. Situation to be reviewed after 1 year. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston to contact Susan Toon/Kablooie Creative to ensure website is created with a consistent image/font type/colour scheme to the Parish Newsletter.

4757. SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett explained that the newsletter had gone to print and would be distributed before the end of the month.

Cllr Prett explained that he had three articles too many that would be included in the Autumn edition.

Cllr Tisbury thanked Cllr Prett for co-ordinating the newsletter production.

4758. FINANCE

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

Clerk to issue month's financial reports to Cllrs Bancroft and Cuthbert.

Clerk to ensure Rambler's Association DD is confirmed as cancelled.

4759. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk had received correspondence from a resident local to Gamston Village green regarding the possibility of obtaining funding for heritage style lamp posts.

Clerk to liaise with Borough Cllr Wheeler regarding his thoughts on the idea.

Clerk explained that the Bookings Clerk was on Annual Leave from Monday 17th August to Monday 24th August inclusive. Clerk is also away that week, but will take the Bookings Clerk's phone and diary to cover any enquiries during the week. Help is required with the existing bookings at the VH.

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

Clerk urged all Councillors to go and view the fantastic history display in the telephone box on Gamston Village Green that local resident Pauline Lumley has created in her spare time. Informative display that has been beautifully presented.

4760. OPTION TO CO-OPT SALLY GRIFFITHS TO PAISH COUNCIL

Cllr Tisbury thanked Sally Griffiths for attending the last two Parish Council meetings and contributing to the discussions. Cllr Tisbury asked if Sally was still interested in joining the Parish Council, which she confirmed, and then left the meeting to allow a vote to take place.

9.45pm Sally Griffiths left the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the suitability of Sally Griffiths to take the remaining vacancy on the Parish Council representing Holme Pierrepont - Adbolton Grove.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that Sally Griffiths be co-opted onto Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to inform Sally Griffiths of the PC decision to co-opt.

Clerk to issue New Councillor documentation to Sally Griffiths before next PC meeting.

Clerk to prepare necessary documentation to co-opt Sally Griffiths onto the Parish Council at the start of the next PC meeting.

4761. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 14th September 2015** at the **Village Hall, Gamston Village**

The meeting ended at approximately 10pm.