

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 8th June 2015 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston Village

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

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Kay Cutts, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler (arrived 8.30pm), Sally Griffiths

4728. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hackett sent her apologies as she is in Spain on holiday.

Cllr Hill sent his apologies as he is in India with work.

County Cllr's Calvert and Plant sent their apologies.

4729. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made.

Clerk collected outstanding register of members' interests' forms.

Clerk to chase Cllr Hill for his members interest form.

4730. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Cllr Tisbury suggested that 7. Open Spaces be delayed should Borough Cllr Wheeler not have arrived at that point in the meeting. Meeting agreed.

Cllr Tisbury also explained that Sally Griffiths would be sitting around the table during the meeting. She has expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

4731. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th May 2015

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Macdonald-Preston seconded the motion that these Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted.

4732. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts reported that the last month had been fairly quiet and had included a Bank Holiday. She had attended a meeting at Sherwood Farms where everything had been quiet but they had received one complaint since that meeting, of unacceptable levels of unpleasant odour from the composting facility.

Cllr Cutts also commented on the drilling well to search for oil at Radcliffe on Trent. There is expectation that there will be commercial quantities of oil.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the future savings to be made noting that funding for schools, the health service and overseas aid would be ring fenced. She commented that although the Borough Councils do an excellent job, they are expensive to run.

Cllr Cutts had also attended a meeting of the Strategic Migration Board. She explained that they were being asked to find a solution to a huge worldwide problem of integrating asylum seekers.

Cllr Cutts also spoke about a company from Cornwall, Cormack, that provide Cornish council services, are proposing to provide services for Notts. All due diligence has still to be performed.

Agenda items 6. District Report and 7. Open Spaces to be delayed until Borough Cllr Wheeler arrives.

4733. PLANNING

15/01022/FUL Mr Bernard Popham Whitelams Farm, NG2 6NN Conversion of existing playroom and office to form independent apartment

No objection was raised to the application, with the question raised over the parking provision. It was assumed that if the new apartment was sold the land for the parking space presumably remains the property of Whitelams farm.

4734. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had been attempting to speak with the consortium leader of the approved development East of Gamston. He had spoken to the Stage 1 leader, but Stage 2 was to be carried forward by someone else, as yet unidentified.

Cllr Tisbury confirmed that a majority of 7 votes to 1 had been received for the Rolec option for the Play Park electricity points.

Clerk to get quote re-confirmed (received April '15, valid for 30 days) and proceed with order.

Cllr Tisbury noted that he had seen a banner at the Play Park advertising the Pierrepoint Gamston School summer fair. Clerk confirmed that she was aware and that as it was non-commercial advertising relevant to Parishioners had agreed to banner for week leading up to event.

Cllr Bancroft raised the issue of declarations of interest and the fact that he was unaware that the chosen provider of the electrical points at the Play Park, Colin Harrison of Pelliere, is a friend and neighbour of Cllr Tisbury and as such he should have declared that and have no right to vote in anything pertaining to him, in the interests of transparency.

Discussion took place. Clerk confirmed that alternative quotes for the work had been sought and only Cllr Prett had provided such. This was nearly 3 times as expensive as Pelliere for identical work. It was noted that the name of the owner of Pelliere was printed on the quote that was circulated to Cllr's. It was agreed that going forward all Cllr's should declare any prior knowledge of individuals or companies that the Parish Council may work with, but in the absence of any pecuniary interest in any specific proposal, Cllr's would not be precluded from any vote.

4735. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Mason noted that the trees at the Play Park were getting substantially bigger and he had received a complaint from Number 3 Ambleside that the trees were damaging his fence.

Clerk to contact Jimmy Harrison, Tree Surgeon to arrange annual review of park arboriculture.

Cllr Mason also noted that the Village Hall hedge looked in need of a trim. Discussion took place with regard to regulations regarding hedge trimming and nesting birds.

Cllr Stacey to contact Mark Winter re:hedge trimming.

Cllr Mason also noted a very poor response from StreetWise regarding a fallen tree blocking half the road on Ambleside. Five calls to different numbers were all unanswered. Ultimately a 999 call was made in order to get it moved.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston noted a tree overhanging the entire pavement at the corner of Ambleside and Radcliffe Road.

Clerk to report to County Council.

Cllr Stacey reported that the Summer Play Day planning was all in hand.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had secured 'Alice in Wonderland' play from Village Ventures to be performed at Pierrepont Gamston School in the evening on Wednesday 2nd December 2015. It is suitable for adults and children over 4 years of age.

Cllr Stacey noted that weeds were growing very high around Frank Thomas' commemorative bench. Meeting agreed for Clerk to contact the landowner James Parker to ask permission for the Parish Council to trim the weeds when required.

Clerk to contact James Parker.

Cllr Stacey to ask Mark Winter to periodically trim weeds around Frank's bench.

Cllr Stacey informed the meeting that work had begun on the solar farm at Stragglethorpe.

4736. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD UPDATE

Cllr Prett updated the meeting on progress to date, reiterating the content of the Working Party minutes that had been previously circulated to the Parish Council.

Cllr Mason noted that only 2 Cllr's had attended one of the meetings and that he was always available to sit on the Working Party if required.

Discussion took place regarding the use of plastic wood and it was agreed that, although effective from a distance, it did not look sufficiently realistic close up. Working Party to find the preferred wood sample from the consultation events.

Cllr Mason informed the meeting that RBC Environmental Health had treated the Village Hall for rodents. It was explained that it was impossible to completely prevent a future occurrence so strongly recommended that the contents of the store cupboard be stored in plastic boxes.

Clerk to procure large stackable plastic boxes for Village Hall storage.

4737. HP & G WEBSITE

Cllr Macdonald-Preston presented the meeting with a comparison of Website providers that specialise in Parish and Town Council sites. He expressed a preference, after investigation, for Vision ICT.

Decision is to be made whether go for an a) Fully Managed site or b) Self-Managed site.

Question was asked as to who would manage the site if we did it in-house.

Discussion took place as to whether the Village Hall bookings should be managed online. Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Bancroft seconded the motion that the Village Hall bookings system remains the same as now. Vote taken, unanimously in favour.

Cllr Cuthbert suggested that we investigate the possibility of having a fully managed system for say Year 1 and then move to a self-managed system in subsequent years. The costs of which would be required and the procedure for training to use the system.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston to investigate feasibility and costs for future self-managed system. Anticipated that weekly updates to the site would be required.

All Cllr's to look at Vision ICT reference sites and testimonials.

8.30pm Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

8.35pm County Cllr Kay Cutts left the meeting.

4738. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Wheeler reported that Barton-in-Fabis had withdrawn their legal challenge to the Local Plan. Calverton had lost their battle in the High Court and consequently it had cost them a lot of money.

The Arena developments were due to be a big agenda item at the Borough meeting that week.

Cllr Wheeler had met with Ruth and Kate from Notts Wildlife Trust to discuss ways in which RBC can assist them.

Cllr Wheeler raised the issue of crime in the area including a large amount of bike thefts and also the attempted abduction of two girls in Edwalton.

4739. OPEN SPACES

Cllr Tisbury confirmed that the Bovis proposal goes to RBC cabinet tomorrow. It is anticipated that everybody will be on board with the recommendation and it should go through without issues.

The opportunity to take on areas of land for Parish Council use eg Frank Thomas Memorial Garden, will still be possible, but will be delayed whilst RBC take on the land, subject to the vote tomorrow.

The indications are extremely positive. The Parish Council petition was worthwhile and was cited in the RBC papers on the subject.

Cllr Mason asked if there would be any Parish Council input to what needs doing to the land ie how will it be cut, how often, will the trees be pruned also? Cllr Wheeler responded by explaining StreetWise would review the acquired areas. He stressed that there would be democratic

involvement once the land was, hopefully, owned by RBC, rather than Bovis. RBC were keen to get community involvement and if extra jobs were created for them to be filled locally first. It was also noted that not all the areas of Open Space fall within our Parish.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to update the Parish Council on the outcome of RBC meeting re:Open Spaces.

Cllr Tisbury to include an update in the Summer Newsletter.

4740. SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett updated the meeting on progress with the Summer Newsletter.

This edition relied on a lot of external contributors which required repeated chasing up, but was still on track according to plan.

4741. FINANCE

Clerk explained that the Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2015 had been internally audited and signed off by the Internal Auditor Brian Hardy. For external audit the accounts require sign off by the Parish Council.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2015 be approved by the Parish Council. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Relevant sections of the documents were signed by Chairman and Clerk.

Clerk to arrange submission of Accounts and supporting documentation to External Auditors, Grant Thornton.

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 Hackett and Hill.

4742. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk had received correspondence from a Trent District Community First Parishioner regarding attending a Parish Meeting to ask for financial support to expand their service into our Parish.

Clerk to obtain further details before further action.

Clerk explained that the Carlton Brass Training Band were unable to play at our TreeFest event this year due to a commitment at Burton Joyce Christmas Fayre. Clerk has secured the services of the Long Eaton Brass Band to attend our event, for the same fee as last year.

Clerk explained that she had been asked if she was able to help the new Clerk at Tollerton as she had not received a good handover. Tollerton PC were prepared to pay for this service. Clerk explained that she would like to help but was experiencing an increase in her existing workload, and was finding it increasingly difficult to achieve this within the 15 paid hours per week. It was agreed for the Clerk to help Tollerton if she had enough spare time and to log her HP&G PC hours to establish the extent of the extra hours being worked.

4743. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Mason requested that he should know when the park electrical work was taking place.

Cllr Mason also spoke about the hiring of gazebos for the Summer Play Day. Summer Play Day team to investigate.

Cllr Tisbury thanked Sally Griffiths for attending and hoped that she had enjoyed the meeting. Sally would be invited to attend the next meeting and there would be the option to co-opt onto the Parish Council at the end of the meeting.

Short discussion took place regarding the future possible community events to be organised by the Parish Council once the new VH is built. Currently cater for children's events, would be good to provide events for adults too. Also need to plan a big event for the opening of the new Hall.

Clerk to add future PC events to the agenda for July 2015 meeting.

4744. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 13th July 2015** in **St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont**

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.