

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 9th March 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, Janet Hackett, David Cuthbert, Adrian Hill & Geoff Prett.

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllrs Steve Calvert & Kay Cutts, Borough Cllrs Barrie Cooper and Jonathan Wheeler and Cheryl Newman (Village Hall Bookings Clerk)

4686. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Plant sent her apologies.

4687. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4688. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes to Order of Business proposed.

4689. VH REBUILD – INTERNAL SPECIFICATION & EXTERNAL LANDSCAPING

Cllr Tisbury explained that this Agenda item had been placed at the start of the Agenda in order to enable the VH Bookings Clerk to contribute to the discussion.

Parish Clerk explained that at the end of February herself and VH Bookings Clerk along with Cllrs Mason and Prett had met to discuss the new VH internal specification. Items on the wish list were categorised as essential, unnecessary, nice to have etc. There were some items that required further investigation in terms of feasibility and costing. These were presented to the meeting for debate including:

Heating system

Roof space

Flooring

Air Conditioning

Window and door blinds

Hearing loop

IT requirements

Security lighting

Parking space

Cllrs Cuthbert, Bancroft, Mason and Prett also reported on their second visit to Upper Saxondale VH and the points they had noted from that trip.

Clerk to collate all information in a working document for the Internal Specification, to be distributed before the April '15 meeting.

Approximately 8pm VH Bookings Clerk left the meeting.

4690. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th February 2015

Cllr Cooper noted that the bridge near Morrisons, Minute Reference 4667. had now had anti-slip strips attached to resolve the problem.

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

4691. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Calvert updated the meeting on the month's activities including a meeting attended regarding Trent Barton rural bus services. Also a 6 year programme looking at flood risk, it was noted that some responsibility for this planning had moved from the Environment Agency to the Borough Councils. Cllr Calvert had also attended the Environment & Sustainability Committee that looked at Neighbourhood Plans around the county, the minerals plan and also a sub-group looking at renewable energy developments on County Council owned land. Possible solar farm sites are being sought. Cllr Calvert also reported that the budget meeting on 26th Feb '15 resulted in the proposed budget adopted on a 34/33 decision.

Cllr Tisbury questioned the situation regarding flooding and planning applications. It was confirmed that whilst the Environment Agency may make comments, the Borough are ultimately responsible.

Cllr Cooper asked about the search for solar farm sites asking if they are brown field sites. It was confirmed they could be brown field sites next to County Council buildings that could provide energy for that building.

County Cllr Cutts spoke about the East Midlands council and the belief that the East Midlands is underfunded in terms of health, schools etc.

Cllr Cutts also spoke about Shelford Hill being closed to treat drainage issues; Radcliffe on Trent Village Plan committee having appointed consultants; sand and gravel extraction; and the Harlequin 3 oil well application.

Cllr Prett thanked County Cllr Cutts for her interest in the flooding issues experienced near the Gamston Lock public house in Gamston. Kendra Hourd at the County Council has confirmed that the issue is more than just a drainage issue. Cllrs Cutts and Calvert are assisting in getting the problem resolved.

Cllr Tisbury asked a question regarding the land East of Gamston. The County Council own some land there, is there a consortium coordinating the development. Cllr Cutts explained that at the moment the approach was piecemeal, but a comprehensive approach was required to ensure adequate planning for roads, schools, 106 agreement etc.

The first house is due to be built 2017/2018, even earlier on Sharphill. Sharphill had been intended to be comprehensively planned but was now being treated in a piecemeal way, fear is the same could well happen with the land East of Gamston.

8.15pm County Cllr Calvert left the meeting.

4692. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Cooper confirmed that RBC council tax remains unchanged. He had also met with the Gamston Medical Centre about the fact that there were 2 disabled car park spaces but no dropped kerb accessible to wheelchairs. Alford Road sports pavilion was now open. Cllr Cooper had donated some of his Community Fund to a local group Gamston Angels Cheerleading Group. Also noted that West Bridgford school now includes Wilford in its' catchment area.

Cllr Hackett asked if any progress had been made with provision for homes for the elderly. Cllr Tisbury noted that there should be some provision in the development East of Gamston.

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the fact that Keyworth now has no bank and only one Post Office.

8.30pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

4693. OPEN SPACES

Cllr Tisbury updated the meeting. He had met with the Deputy Leader of RBC Cllr Robinson. RBC current position is that they are not looking to take on any more land. If the last is transferred it is recommended it be acquired by the Parish Council as it directly relates to the residents and they are the only people who use it.

Cllr Bancroft reminded the meeting that the PC had already voted to not take ownership of the land. Cllr Tisbury explained that ownership would not be without funding attached.

Bovis are now saying they will perform a health and safety cut twice a year, otherwise they want RBC to take the land on without any payment from Bovis.

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that Barrie Herrod from Bovis had recommended that the land be transferred to RBC with a lump sum payment, but the full Bovis board said no. As yet, however, there has been no official response in writing.

Cllr Tisbury explained that we were trying to find a solution. The documents that Cllr Prett had found had been reviewed informally by a barrister who advised that they were not legally enforceable without a planning permission that directly relates to the development brief.

Discussion took place regarding next steps. Cllr Cuthbert suggested there would be potential for taking the document Cllr Prett found to the press for publicity. It was suggested that RBC would be reluctant to set a precedent with this land as there are other similar situations within the Borough. Options currently available :

- i) Accept Bovis performing 2 basic health & safety cuts a year.
- ii) Collect 1000 more signatures to force a debate at RBC.
- iii) RBC take ownership of the land without a commuted sum and pass cost of maintenance on to residents.

- iv) Advertise to the Parish residents for help in finding details in their deeds that may help us link the development brief Cllr Prett found, to specific planning applications. Front page story in the next Parish Newsletter regarding Open Spaces.

Cllr Tisbury to draft an article regarding Open Spaces for the Spring Newsletter, including request for information from residents to strengthen case for RBC to take ownership.

4694. PLANNING

Local Development Framework (LDF)

Discussion took place regarding the creation of local plans on the basis of the LDF master plan. Barton-in-Fabis have set a legal challenge against the LDF but a court date has not yet been set. It was agreed that the development East of Gamston needs careful consideration regarding the master plan. Cllr Tisbury and Cllr Bancroft had met with Tollerton PC to assess whether we could join forces to strengthen position. Tollerton PC are not very advanced with discussions but it is agreed that there will be a continued dialogue between the PC's.

Planning Applications

Parish Council response to the following applications was to not object:

15/00267/FUL Mr J Kemp
15/00042/FUL Ms Charlotte Spiteri
15/00260/TPO Mr D Husk

New Application

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

To be reviewed, details passed to Cllr Hill.

4695. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Tisbury had reported the month's activities in the previous agenda items. Cllr Tisbury is also obtaining quotes for new electricity posts at the Play Park.

4696. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Stacey explained to the meeting that the main elements of the Summer Play Day had been booked. It will take place on Wednesday 12th August 2015, 2pm – 4pm.

Cllr Stacey noted that she had been very disappointed with the lack of response from Streetwise when putting in a request to litter pick Holme Lane in Holme Pierrepont. Cllr Prett noted that he'd also had a slow response when requesting clearing of rubbish on the A52.

Cllr Hackett explained that she had received a complaint about the amount of rubbish generated by the campsite opposite the Water Sports Centre in the hedge bottom.

Cllr Prett explained that he had been working on the newsletter with the anticipation that it will be issued at the start of April. One possible article could be the sighting of a rare American Widgeon in the Parish which had attracted a number of 'twitchers'.

Cllr Prett had also spent a considerable amount of time investigating feasibility and costings for various elements of the internal specification for the VH.

Cllr Mason updated the meeting on repeated handbag thefts at Morrisons, Gamston. He noted that the Play Park looked like it needed a wash down after the winter.

Cllr Mason had also attended the Local Area Forum during the month.

4697. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD

Cllr Tisbury explained that the VH Application 15/00024/FUL had received planning permission.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the next step was to appoint a Project Manager (PM) to move the project forward. We would soon be in a position to tender the work to various appropriate contractors. Cllr Tisbury had approached a number of people, most of whom were not interested in running the project. A positive response had been received however from a Keyworth based company, Welham Architects. They are experienced in public works and would run the project to completion for £9k.

Cllr Hill asked whether the chosen builder could run the project but Cllr Tisbury explained that that was not advisable as a separate PM provides a desired level of independence.

Cllr's to try to find alternative PM's to provide comparative quotes. Could advertise in next newsletter for local architects to quote for the role.

Cllr Mason thanked Cllr Tisbury for all his efforts in progressing the project to this stage.

9.25pm Borough Cllr Cooper left the meeting.

4698. HP & G WEBSITE

Discussion took place regarding a new HP & G website. Project to be progressed further with quotes for a full managed website to be obtained.

Outsourcing of the updating of the site is considered preferable. It is hoped that this will result in a site that is continually kept up to date.

Clerk to collate results of forms Cllr Prett has generated to assess preferred content for the site, and distribute.

4699. FINANCE

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

Meeting agreed for Clerk to spend up to £500 on a new laptop, printer and office software to update existing equipment. It was agreed a home license for software would be adequate rather than a full business license. Spend must be incurred during the 2014/2015 financial year.

4700. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk noted the recent fire at Antara on Radcliffe Road. Cllr Cuthbert suggested a letter be sent from the Parish Clerk expressing sympathy from the Parish Council for the loss suffered by Mr and Mrs Harbury-Carlisle.

Clerk to send letter to Antara.

4701. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 13th April 2015** in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston.

The meeting ended just before 10pm.