

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston

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

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

4762. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies as she is on holiday.

Cllr Hill sent his apologies as he was delayed at a work related meeting.

County Cllr Calvert sent his apologies.

4763. NEW COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

Sally Griffiths read her Declaration of Acceptance of Office for New Councillor and her Acceptance of Code of Conduct. Documents were signed by Sally Griffiths and the Clerk and Cllr Griffiths formally took her position as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Griffiths passed Members' Interests form to Clerk for submission to Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC).

Clerk issued revised list of Parish Councillor contact details, with copies for the notice boards, and asked that everyone remembered to include Cllr Griffiths in all future correspondence. (sally.griffiths@ntlworld.com)

4764. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tisbury declared that he knew some of the contractors that had been shortlisted to tender for the VH Rebuild.

4765. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes to Order of Business suggested.

4766. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2015

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

4767. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Plant explained that during the summer break, although no formal meetings took place, lots had happened. Concerted cross party effort had taken place on improvements to children's social care administration in response to unsatisfactory OFSTED assessment. A unit had been created, in conjunction with the Police, to investigate historic child abuse claims.

Cllr Plant spoke about the creation of a Combined Authority. A decision is awaited as to whether Nottingham will have a Mayor or Regional Commissioner. There are many unanswered questions regarding the proposals.

Cllr Plant congratulated the Parish Council on a very successful and enjoyable Summer Play Day event.

Cllr Cutts also spoke of the Public Consultation regarding the extraction of sand and gravel in Shelford. Removal of the aggregates by road would potentially cause big traffic problems.

Cllr Cutts also congratulated the Parish Council on the huge success of the Summer Play Day, noting that the Councillors gave their time and enthusiasm voluntarily for the benefit of the community.

Cllr Cutts had attended the Sherwood Farms Committee meetings. There had been 3 complaints during the summer, caused when some machinery had broken down, but the problem had been quickly rectified.

Cllr Cutts had attended the Notts Wildlife Trust Open Day at Skylarks Nature Reserve. Sadly this had not been well attended.

Cllr Cutts noted that the budget for 2016/2017 would be discussed and set soon. As there was no overall control it would be an all Council budget.

Cllr Mason spoke about the reduction in numbers of PCSO's. It was agreed it was a great shame but was numbers had been reduced to cut costs.

Cllr Cuthbert asked whether the Combined Authority was also a cost cutting exercise. Cllr Cutts confirmed that this was intended to be fiscally neutral.

4768. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the recent fire at Rushcliffe Arena. It was thought to have been an arson attack by teenagers. Damage had been caused to areas due to be demolished. The new leisure centre will still be delivered but may take a bit longer due to the Police investigation.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the Cabinet meeting last week where the YouNG project for 12 to 18 year olds, improving their business skills within the community, was discussed as an initiative across Nottinghamshire.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that RBC would be supporting the creation of a Combined Authority considering it necessary for development funding.

Cllr Wheeler also offered his congratulations to the Parish Council on the successful Summer Play Day.

4769. OPEN SPACES

Cllr Wheeler was delighted to report that on Friday 11th September 2015 Bovis had made a payment to RBC in respect of Grounds Maintenance of the Open Spaces. The legal agreement had not been signed but permission to go on the land had been granted. Work was due to commence 15th September 2015, starting with the footpaths.

Cllr Tisbury wanted to thank Cllr Wheeler, on behalf of the Parish Council and local residents, for his invaluable help in achieving a solution to the problem. He noted it had not been easy and thanked him for keeping the Parish Council informed of progress.

Discussion took place regarding the required work and it was noted that it appeared some work had already been done.

Cllr Wheeler said that after the first couple of cuts had been done he would be walking the entire area with StreetWise and reassessing the maintenance requirements.

Cllr Mason wanted to express his thanks too to Borough Cllr Barrie Cooper for the work he had done on Open Spaces in the past.

Cllr Bancroft noted that the area on Ambleside between the traffic lights and Radcliffe Road was heavily vegetated and caused a significant hazard to pedestrians. Cllr Wheeler said he would look into resolving the problems on Ambleside with the County Council.

7.55pm Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

Cllr Prett asked about how developments with Bovis affected the intended creation of the Parish Council Memorial Garden. It was explained that until ownership of the land had formally been transferred over to RBC no pockets of land could be transferred to the PC. This could take up to 18 months. StreetWise are able to carry out maintenance with a license to operate on currently Bovis land.

Discussion took place regarding residents' concerns over the condition of Stavely Way. This was still owned by Bovis, who were not maintaining the road. Cllr Wheeler explained that he was willing to try and help the residents solve their problems. Cllr Tisbury noted that it may help for residents to find information regarding contractual obligations regarding amenity land in their title deeds information.

8.05pm Cllr Plant left the meeting.

4770. PLANNING

- i) *15/01374/FUL Mr & Mrs J Davis Demolition of existing single storey garage; alterations to existing study including installation of new bi-fold doors to the rear elevation; construction of new first floor extension to create additional bedroom with en suite bathroom together with all ancillary external works Beaton House, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD*

Parish Council were concerned about the scale of the development bearing in mind the original size of the buildings. If no precedent is created do not oppose, but have reservations over the size and lack of garage, which may be subject to future application.

ii) 15/01651/FUL John Enever Single storey extension The Paddock,
Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LT

PC response : Do Not Object.

iii) 15/01271/FUL Mrs Christine Goodband Construction of open fronted
porch to front door and porch canopy to rear door The Wheelwrights Cottage,
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AS

PC Response : Do Not Object

iv) 15/01645/FUL Mr and Mrs Hill Single storey extension and car
port The Beeches, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12
2LD

PC Response : Do Not Object

v) 15/01815/TPO Mr Dino Romano Fell Sycamore, Prune Lime, Fell
Cherry tree Land South East of Radcliffe Road, Gamston, Nottinghamshire

Parish Council object to the unnecessary removal of any trees, particularly those protected by a TPO. Cllr Wheeler agreed and would argue the case for retaining the trees when the application was discussed at the next Development Control meeting.

vi) 15/01462/FUL Mr Martin Miller Demolition of existing rear single
storey conservatory and erection of new single storey rear extension. 72
Elterwater Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PX

PC Response : Do Not Object

vii) 15/01407/FUL Mrs Lesley Osborne New garage and proposed extension
and alterations to the existing house. Bramber, 2 Adbolton Lane, Holme
Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AS

PC Response: Object to the proposed extension as it is too large and too close to the neighbouring properties. Do not object to the application for a garage.

viii) 15/0137/FUL Mr Phillip Coxill To extend parking spaces within current
land by an additional 50 spaces. This is required to alleviate traffic congestion and
side road parking during busy events. Retain additional exit from accessible changing
rooms to existing balcony, for ease of disabled use and extra fire escape. National
Water Sports Centre, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LU

PC Response : Do Not Object

ix) 15/02072/FUL Mr Dean Dury Installation of ramped access to assist
disabled user to gain access and egress from his home. 89 Greenacres Park,
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AX

PC Response : Do Not Object. Concern was expressed that Planning Permission could not be granted far more quickly in this case as the applicant is housebound and without the ramp is unable to leave their home.

x) 15/01971/FUL Mr David Cramer Construction and operation of a solar
photovoltaic farm including fencing, internal service tracks, inverter and transformer
stations, cabling, CCTV, landscaping and customer substation and ancillary
cabins. Land South of Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire

PC Response : Do Not Object

xi) 15/01705/FUL Mr Matthew Betts Erection of 6ft high boundary fence
(retrospective) 10A Moore Close, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AY

Parish Council Response: Owner should reduce the height of the fence and maintain the more open aspect referred to by the local residents. Alternatively a fence of this height should be set back from the public footpath.

Discussion took place regarding the process for submitting Parish Council responses to the RBC website. Clerk agreed to email out a reminder for comments a couple of days before the deadline.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the RBC planning portal did not store PC responses on an individual application in the same place as Members responses. Cllr Wheeler would feedback this comment to the planning department.

4771. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Tisbury congratulated the Parish Council on possibly the best Summer Play Day ever. We were fortunate with the weather and there was lots of different activities going on. Must have been over 300 people attending.

Cllr Tisbury thanked Cllr Mason and Prett for their work on maintaining the Village Hall bookings when the Bookings Clerk was on annual leave.

Cllr Tisbury confirmed that his representations on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to the Boundary Commission proposals had been received.

Cllr Tisbury suggested that the PC could help to advertise future Skylarks events by displaying banners on the Play Park railings. Notts Wildlife Trust are not profit making so this advertising would be allowable. Cllr Prett to explain this opportunity to Skylarks.

Cllr Tisbury welcomed Sally Griffiths to the Parish Council. He hoped she would enjoy being a Councillor.

4772. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Prett spoke about the first Skylarks dementia walk. Skylarks were also hosting a fun day for the Air Cadets in October and also the Hindu Sewa festival is also taking place there. On October 5th a professional photographer will be taking photos at the nature reserve and is looking for models to assist.

Cllr Cuthbert explained that he and his wife were keen to organise monthly community breakfast events once the new Village Hall was built. They were going to Hickling to help in their kitchen and get tips on how it could possibly run. Envisage a charge would be made but no profit made.

Cllr Bancroft noted that his wife had the idea of using the new Village Hall to host a dementia café. Many of the events planned focus on entertaining children and this would encompass other groups that live within our Parish.

Cllr Mason reported that the Play Park was in good order and the grass cutting was excellent. One of the large swings had been out of action but was now back in place with the worn parts replaced. Cllr Mason explained that the Play Park trees had been cut and maintained and looked tidy and had opened up the light in the park area again.

Cllr Mason noted the electrical equipment in the Village Hall had passed the PAT testing.

4773. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD UPDATE

Cllr Hackett presented the update on the VH Rebuild project. The initial QS estimate came in too high at approximately £280k. Changes were made to the specification, including building a traditional brick and block structure as opposed to SIPS panels. This has reduced the QS estimate to just within budget. Concrete slate tiles are included within this budget.

It was noted that this QS estimate is a starting point from which to go out to tender. Any element of the quote can still be amended after tenders have been received.

In terms of heating, the Working Party would obtain alternative quotes for electric panels and aircon and radiators before any decisions are made.

Cllr Bancroft asked that the QS document be circulated amongst all Cllr's. It was explained that this was a starting point for tender and was subject to change based on the quotes received.

Clerk to circulate QS Document version 3 to all Cllrs.

After discussion Cllr Mason proposed and Cllr Cuthbert seconded the motion to go out to tender based on the QS Document v3, as a starting point for quotation. Vote taken, unanimously in favour.

Bruce Bradley to arrange to go out to tender to the following companies; 1. Carlin Construction, 2. FC7, 3. Thomas Long, 4. Ackroyds, 5. Frank Goulding

Cllr Bancroft noted that the date for works to start in the doc needs to be changed from Autumn 2016 to Autumn 2015.

Cllr Mason thanked the Working Party for moving the project forward.

Discussion took place regarding the VAT reclaim situation and it was explained that this is not straightforward. Clerk has contacted NALC for advice. They sent a huge amount of literature on the subject but ultimately recommended paying for specialist advice.

Cllr Wheeler offered to speak with Paul Cox at RBC for advice.

Cllr Bancroft also offered to speak with his VAT contact on return from his holiday.

Cllr Tisbury to speak with Cllr Hill to see if he knows of anyone that can assist.

Cllr Cuthbert suggested Clerk contact Grant Thornton, External Auditors, for VAT advice.

Discussion took place regarding the £15k grant that had been previously approved for payment to the PC from RBC, but timed out. Cllrs are welcome to check if there are still any grants available and apply for them.

4774. HP & G WEBSITE

Cllr Macdonald-Preston explained that since the last meeting Vison ICT had created a draft build of our new website, which had been circulated amongst Cllrs's.

It was agreed that it was aesthetically pleasing; clean, fresh and simple to use.

Clerk noted that the success of the website was dependent on it containing up to date information, and that it had a consistent message from the Parish Council.

Discussion took place regarding ownership and responsibility of updating the site. If everyone has a link to update the site there would be a reduction in control of the content. It was suggested that a panel of 3 people vet the content that is uploaded. Cllr Macdonald-Preston agreed to be on that panel with two other people. Other individuals to be agreed at the next PC meeting.

9.45pm Cllr Bancroft left the meeting.

4775. WINTER NEWSLETTER

Discussion took place regarding the timescales for the Winter Newsletter. Delivery for distribution among the Parish is required on or before Saturday 28th November 2015.

Cllr Prett to gather articles that were pending over from the Summer newsletter including Barn Owl article, U3A, Meet @ Morrisons.

Articles to be prepared regarding the Summer Play Day, new Website and Open Spaces.

4776. FINANCE

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

Clerk confirmed that she had received the signed External Auditor certificate and report confirming that the 2014/2015 Annual Return is unqualified and with no matters arising.

Clerk to issue month's financial reports to Cllrs Stacey and Hill.

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

4777. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk asked that all Councillors noted that this year the TreeFest Christmas Light Switch On event would be taking place on Saturday 12th December 2015. All help would be gratefully received.

Clerk explained that the work on the Play Park electrical points was due to start on Wednesday 23rd September 2015.

Clerk explained that all Cllr's were welcome to attend the next Town and Parish Forum on October 19th 2015 at Keyworth Village Hall.

Clerk had received notification of Skylarks Nature Reserve AGM & Members Day on Saturday 24th October 2015. Cllr Prett would be attending and would report back on behalf of the PC.

Clerk explained that invitation to the NALC AGM had been received for Wednesday 18th November 2015 at Epperstone Village Hall.

Pauline Lumley, local resident who kindly arranged the local history display in the Gamston telephone box noted that it had been money well spent and was being enjoyed by many people. It was noted that the light was not working though.

Cllr Mason to arrange for light to be fixed.

Clerk to arrange for representative(s) from St Lukes church to attend the next PC meeting.

Clerk to arrange for free winter salt to be delivered.

4778. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 12th October 2015** at the **Village Hall, Gamston Village**

The meeting ended at approximately 10pm.