

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton  
Road, Gamston

**Members Present:** Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury, Cynthia Stacey, John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Simon Macdonald-Preston, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett & Sally Griffiths.

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler

**4979. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Cuthbert sent his apologies due to family commitments.

Borough Cllr Wheeler sent his apologies for a late arrival due to a previous meeting.

County Cllr Cutts sent her apologies due to a clash with Radcliffe-on-Trent PC meeting.

County Cllrs Calvert & Plant sent their apologies due to a clash with Branch meeting.

**4980. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Macdonald-Preston declared an interest in Planning Application 16/02876/FUL as this relates to a path running adjacent to his property.

Cllr Hackett declared an interest in Planning Application 16/02843/FUL as this relates to her house.

**4981. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Proposed possible deferment of agenda items pertaining to Cllr Wheeler until his late arrival.

**4982. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION**

Clerk explained that since the last PC meeting Adrian Hill had resigned from the Parish Council. Rushcliffe Borough Council were notified and the Notice of Vacancy had been displayed for the allotted time. Clerk confirmed that RBC had not received any applications for the vacancy.

The Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy. There is no formal timescale for this.

**4983. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

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

**Clerk to arrange for November 2016 Minutes to be uploaded to website.**

#### 4984. COUNTY REPORT

Clerk read out report submitted by County Cllr Cutts in her absence.

*There has been an exhibition on in Radcliffe on Trent by the Highways Agency regarding the improvements to the junctions on the A52. As this is a trunk road which the Highway Agency are responsible for maintaining they are using the highway that they already control to improve the junctions starting us the RSPCA at Radcliffe on Trent and Cropwell Road traffic lights. This will be followed by junction improvements at Holme House and in the same phase improvements to the Bingham Road traffic lights. Next they will be addressing the Gamston roundabout and finally Wheatcrofts roundabout and the Nottingham Knight. The Highways Agency are expecting developer contributions for the final two but they have sufficient funding to carry out the first two phases. Nearer the time I expect there will be a further exhibition to allow those living locally to make comments. This is not a consultation but an information exercise as there is no extra land take required as it is all in the Agency's ownership.*

*Christmas is fast approaching and I had pleasure of representing my division at a presentation by disabled young people on the history of Nottinghamshire.*

*I attended a Christmas Concert at the Royal Concert Hall representing school choirs, steel band and orchestras. This was by Inspire who are the charity which Nottinghamshire Libraries have been put into in order to make savings.*

*Today I have attended a photo opportunity at Radcliffe on Trent together with the parish councillors, borough councillors and our Member of Parliament, Kenneth Clarke QC MP. This was attended by Network Rail and we were celebrating together the improvement to the number of trains stopping at Radcliffe Station on their journey into Nottingham or Grantham.*

*On Saturday it gave me great pleasure to attend the Tree Fest you had all worked so hard to prepare for the community you serve. It was an excellent event which gave great pleasure to all who attended and particularly children who are excited at preparing for Christmas. The tree is lovely, the band was excellent, the presentation of the Christmas story was beautifully done and the hot mulled wine and mince pie rounded off the event. We were lucky with the weather this year, nothing blew away and even the heavy rain held off until everyone had gone home. Congratulations to all who took part and prepared for the event.*

*I am looking forward to the Nine Lessons and Carols at Holme Pierrepont Parish Church next Sunday and I hope to see many of you there.*

*May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.*

Clerk read out report submitted by County Cllrs Calvert and Plant in their absence.

##### *1. A52 junction improvements*

*The public information events on the junction improvements on the A52 at Nottingham Road and Cropwell Road are currently taking place. Two events have taken place and the third and last event will be at the Gamston Village hall on Thursday 15th December 4pm-8pm. These two junction improvements do not require any additional land and can accordingly be fast tracked. It is hoped to commence work in early January 2017. The majority of the construction work will take place overnight (8pm-6pm) to avoid disruption.*

*Preferred layouts for Gamston Roundabout, Stragglethorpe Road junction and Bingham Road junction have been developed and construction will begin 2017/2018, subject to funding availability.*

More info [www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a52-Nottingham-junctions](http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a52-Nottingham-junctions)

Tele 0300 123 5000

### *2. Minerals Local Plan.*

*This Plan was approved at the 24th November County Council to be submitted to the Secretary of State for a Public Examination Hearing in early Spring next year. It includes a large new Sand and Gravel site located at Shelford.*

### *3. Planning and Licensing Committee*

*Planning and Licensing Committee (15th November) approved an application for exploratory drilling for shale gas at a site near Misson, north of Retford. Further similar applications are expected in the near future.*

Cllr Tisbury explained that he would be attending the Highways England presentation.

## **4985. DISTRICT REPORT**

District Report and Planning deferred until Borough Cllr Wheeler arrives at meeting.

## **4986. TREEFEST EVENT**

Cllr Tisbury thanked all involved with the TreeFest event for their hard work and another successful event. Particular thanks to Cllr's Stacey and Hackett and the Clerk for organising the event.

Cllr Tisbury also noted his thanks to Cllr Cuthbert and his wife Wendy for their invaluable assistance with drying out the wet gazebos and then returning on the morning of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December to pack them away in time for a party booking later that day.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the public events put on by the Parish Council are very important as they are visible to the local residents.

Cllr Stacey reiterated her thanks to all those that had helped make the TreeFest a great event. Cllr Stacey explained that she had sent notes of thanks to all the people outside of the Parish Council that had contributed to the event.

Clerk suggested the possibility of keeping the entire event at the Village Hall next year. It was difficult dismantling the event shelters and gazebos in the dark, whilst it was raining, and then transporting them back to the Village Hall. Suggestion that we could still have a tree with lights at the Play Park but also plant a tree at the Village Hall to decorate each year.

**TreeFest article to be included in Spring '17 Newsletter.**

#### **4987. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason explained that, with David Litchfield, he had cleared the leaves that had accumulated in the play area.

Clerk explained that the annual review of the Play Park trees had been carried out by the Tree Surgeon. His recommendation would be to remove some trees that are ailing and plant approximately 6 new trees. Meeting discussed this and agreed in principle to following the Tree Surgeon's advice but also noted that there are a lot of trees already in the Play Park.

Cllr Prett explained that he was aware of an environmental grant of up to £1k that could be applied for to possibly use on planting at the Play Park. The next deadline for applications is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Cllr Mason thanked Cllr Prett for acquiring the free hedging plants and explained that David Litchfield had planted them.

**Cllr Prett to prepare application for Environmental Grant.**

**Cllr Tisbury to speak with Tree Surgeon regarding suggested tree planting at Play Park.**

#### **4988. HP&G WEBSITE**

Clerk explained that we were currently unable to update web content as we had reduced our payment to Vision ICT to bring updating in house.

Discussion took place regarding the fact that the website was useless if the information displayed was out of date. To be effective, the site must be updated regularly. Clerk explained that the Bookings Clerk had offered to do this at her hourly rate.

**Cllr Prett to receive telephone Web Updating training from Vision ICT and disseminate information to Clerk, Bookings Clerk and Cllr Griffiths.**

#### **4989. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE**

Cllr Tisbury explained that £450 for fire door fixings was still in dispute with the builder despite Building Control confirming the requirement. Also the three sets of outdoor lighting needed to be linked together and the PIR sensors operate on entry and exit from the building.

Meeting discussed the issues and agreed that if the builder would not rectify these matters, the Parish Council would use the retained money to resolve them by employing other tradesmen.

**Project Manager Bruce Bradley to communicate, in writing with the Builder, Parish Council stance regarding outstanding issues in dispute ie fire door fixings and outdoor lighting/sensors, giving them a deadline to confirm whether they are undertaking the work and a timetable for the works.**

Cllr Mason explained that recent PAT testing of Village Hall appliances had highlighted a potential problem with the new dishwasher.

*'Leakage reading to dishwasher to be verified with supplier as new appliance reading is just above the maximum permissible.'*

**Clerk to contact electrician that performed PAT test for more details.**

Meeting discussed quotation for window cleaning. It was agreed that Clerk would contact window cleaner to set up a monthly clean, outside only. Inside clean as and when agreed.

**Clerk to contact window cleaner to set up monthly clean.**

**8pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.**

Cllr Stacey wanted to formally thank Cllr's Prett, Mason and Tisbury for all their efforts in watering the grass seed at the Village Hall.

Cllr Tisbury explained that there had been a couple of issues with parking at the Village Hall. The new site of the hall and the fact that people enter the building via the side door, has moved the traffic and parking to one end of the Village Green where the road is most narrow. There is a bottleneck around 6pm on a Wednesday evening when Rainbows pick up and Brownies drop off. Some parents block Main Street when dropping off or collecting children. This poses a health and safety hazard and emergency vehicles would struggle to pass. Old Tollerton Road, however, is a much wider, straighter road and parking should be encouraged there.

Meeting discussed the issue debating whether to request double yellow lines and also staggering the end and start times of Rainbows and Brownies. More Councillors were in favour of staggered start times.

**Clerk to liaise with Bookings Clerk regarding suggestions to improve parking safety around Village Hall.**

Bookings Clerk has raised the issue of excessive mud being brought into the Village Hall due to the fact that the pedestrian entrance to the Village Hall on the corner of Main Street, is unfinished.

**Cllr Mason to speak with David Litchfield regarding slabbing the entrance and filling in with crushed gravel.**

#### **4990. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler noted that he enjoyed the TreeFest event and had spoken with the Mayor who agreed there was a good community spirit. The meeting thanked Cllr Wheeler for his support of the event.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the Arena development had been handed over to RBC and staff would be in situ by the end of the week. The facilities would be open to the public on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. Cllr Wheeler mentioned that the arsonist that had set fire to the old building had been caught and jailed.

Cllr Wheeler commented on the rise in burglaries in West Bridgford, many of which were caused by not locking doors and car doors. Cllr Wheeler explained he would be holding another community event focussed on security in the New Year.

Cllr Wheeler noted it was full council meeting next week where budget proposals would be presented.

Cllr Wheeler explained that RBC were continuing to try and ensure Edwalton Golf Course provided a sporting facility to the area.

Cllr Stacey asked how Cllr Wheeler had progressed the request for a bin on Bassingfield Lane.

**Borough Cllr Wheeler to chase up bin request with David Banks.**

Cllr Stacey asked about the closure of footpaths in the area. It was explained that Highways England close unsafe routes that have for example rotten bridges and unpassable areas.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that there was due to be a change in Monitoring Officer from Phillip Horsefield. The new Monitoring Officer will be Glen O'Connell. Nigel Carter will be the deputy with Paul Cox assisting.

**4991. PLANNING**

- i) *16/02752/FUL*      *Erection of a 27 bedroom hotel with associated car parking and ancillary development*      *The Gamston Lock, Radcliffe Road, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NP.*

Discussion took place regarding the previous applications and the potential problems regarding light and sound, especially to adjacent dwellings. It was noted that objections had been posted on the planning portal, but a larger development had previously been approved.

Clerk explained she had secured a deadline extension for comment until 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**Cllr Tisbury to draft Parish Council response, ensuring local residents not affected, and forward to Clerk for uploading to RBC planning portal.**

- ii) *16/02843/FUL*      *Mr & Mrs Janet & David Hackett*      *Single storey front (south) extension; insert roof light in the rear (north) roof slope*      *South View, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD.*

Application has been through a thorough pre-application process and is following that advice.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

- iii) *16/02872/FUL*      *Dr & Mrs Mike & Elizabeth Ekwuru*      *Single storey side extension*      *64 Elterwater Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PX.*

Small extension within permitted development.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

- iv) *16/02876/FUL Mr Sean Parks New 3m wide bitumen path across desire line over existing grass area, widening of existing 1.5m bitumen path to 25m and removal of trees to accommodate this Land South of Stavely Way, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6QR.*

Discussion took place regarding plans for revising the cycle path network around West Bridgford and the surrounding area. Discussion took place regarding the lack of consultation and ways in which the Parish Council can influence the proposed scheme.

Cllr Wheeler explained that although the public are not able to speak at the meeting, if the application goes to Development Control, he could speak on our behalf.

**Cllr Prett to contact Emily Dodd at RBC to request an extension to comments deadline until after 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and prepare a response with Cllr Tisbury based on this discussion.**

**Cllr Tisbury to speak with County Cllr Calvert as Vice Chair of the Transport Committee regarding the consultation.**

**9pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.**

#### **4992. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Prett spoke about the need for a composting toilet facility at Skylarks. He also explained that Ruth Testa had left to work in Devon.

Cllr Stacey explained to the meeting that the 'Seven Ages' performance at Pierrepont Gamston Primary School (PGPS) had attracted an audience of 120. Cllr Stacey explained that after many years of organising an annual Live & Local performance she would not be continuing with this next year, and asked if anyone else would like to take this forward.

Cllr Tisbury thanked and congratulated Cllr Stacey for all her past efforts with the productions. He noted that it was sad for the Parish Council to stop a regular event. No one volunteered to take over. It was suggested that PGPS may want to take this in-house.

**Clerk to speak to PGPS regarding taking over Live & Local theatre performances.**

Spring edition of the Parish Newsletter is due to be published last week in March 2017. Suggested include advertisement for Parish Councillor vacancy.

**All Cllrs to forward articles for Spring Newsletter to Cllr Prett.**

Cllr Stacey spoke about the fact that the hydro-electric scheme in Holme Pierrepont was now not viable. A lot of public money had been lost.

Cllr Hackett explained that the Bassingfield signs had still not been fixed.

**Cllr Hackett to recontact Notts County Council to fix Bassingfield signs.**

Cllr Griffiths spoke about Detonate Halloween event being closed down. It appears the summer event is still scheduled to take place.

**Cllr Griffiths to create another Detonate article for Spring Newsletter.**

#### **4993. FINANCE**

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

Discussion took place regarding assessing the impact of the new Village Hall. It was agreed a Management Committee would be a good idea, with a sub-committee to look specifically at; how the building is used, what to buy, acquiring feedback from users etc. Cllr Griffiths agreed to coordinate this with Bookings Clerk.

**Clerk to speak with Bookings Clerk regarding contact from Cllr Griffiths.**

**Cllr Griffiths to speak with Bookings Clerk regarding Village Hall feedback.**

Cllr Tisbury thanked the Parish Council for all of their efforts over the last year.

Cllr Stacey wanted to thank all members of the Village Hall Rebuild Committee for creating such a fantastic facility for the community.

Cllr Mason wanted to thank the Chair and Vice Chair for their work over the past year.

#### **4994. CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk explained that she had been contacted by Sue Dryden, following the success of Nottingham Citizen's Group, about the possibility of developing a Rushcliffe Citizen's Group. She would be happy to discuss at a Parish Council meeting.

**Clerk to invite Sue Dryden to a PC meeting in 2017.**

Clerk explained that she had been contacted by Notts Wildlife Trust regarding an initiative in conjunction with Skylarks Care Home, asking for donations towards refreshments. Discussion took place and meeting agreed that as this was in conjunction with a private business, they should be approached in the first instance for financial assistance.

Notts County Council's new Broadband Engagement Officer had contacted the PC offering to discuss faster broadband. Discussion took place and it was agreed that broadband speeds throughout the Parish were of an acceptable level, even in the outlying rural areas.

Clerk notified the meeting that a further request had been received to improve lighting on the footpath between Grange Farm and Ambleside. Meeting agreed this was an important issue and would revisit in the New Year.

#### **4995. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.20pm**