

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**

Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.15pm in St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont

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

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

4917. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tisbury sent his apologies due to holiday in Italy.

Cllr Cuthbert sent his apologies due to a family gathering in Wiltshire.

Cllr Hill sent his apologies due to work commitments in London.

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

County Cllr Cutts sent her apologies due to her grandson's Graduation Ceremony in Hull.

County Cllr's Calvert & Plant sent their apologies due to a clash with another Branch meeting.

4918. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

4919. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

4920. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 2016

Cllr Prett noted the following amendments:

- i) Minute 4910, paragraph 15, replace '3 years' with '9 years' and replace '£27 million' with 'circa £27 million'.
- ii) Minute 4912, paragraph 3, replace 'Photo is also required from Cllr Prett' with 'Cllr Prett sent a photograph to Cllr Macdonald-Preston in February 2016 for uploading'.
- iii) Minute 4915, paragraph 8, replace 'County' with 'Country'.

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

Clerk to make amendments and re-issue June 2016 Minutes.

Clerk to arrange for June 2016 Minutes to be uploaded to website.

4921. COUNTY REPORT

Clerk read out the following report submitted by County Cllr's Calvert and Plant:

Generally, Council business has been less intense with the focus on the EU referendum campaign. However I highlight the following:

1. There was an exceptional Commemorative Event for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme held in County Hall on 1st July. In addition to a formal ceremony of Remembrance, there was a film show with original footage and a series of exhibitions about the 1st World War.

2. There have been a number of complaints about the lack of weed control on the kerbs around West Bridgford. The responsibility has been transferred by agreement from the County Council to Streetwise but there have been some "teething troubles". I am assured these are being sorted out.

3. The new Highways Joint Venture Company "Via" commenced operations on 1st July. There should be no difference in the Customer interface with the County Council as a result of the changes.

4. There was a special event in County Hall on 6th July to discuss unconventional hydrocarbons (Fracking). Representatives of organisations concerned about this new technology were invited to hear presentations from the range of agencies responsible for its potential development in The UK. This was followed by an extensive Q and A session. The Council's Planning and Licensing Committee will be considering its first planning application for exploratory drilling in the Retford area on 5th October.

7.20pm Cllr Macdonald-Preston arrived at the meeting.

4922. DISTRICT REPORT

District Report delayed until Borough Cllr Wheeler arrives at meeting.

4923. PLANNING

- i) *16/01353/FUL Mr & Mrs J Doherty The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for a single family gypsy pitch, together with the formation of hardstanding and utility/dayroom ancillary to that use Land North of Stragglethorpe Road, Stragglethorpe, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2JZ.*

Parish Council Response : OBJECT

As an **Adjacent Parish**, we have been asked to comment on this application. Recommendation we object based on the following material considerations:

1. The area is greenbelt and the land is grazing land.
2. The site will have a visual impact on the area, affecting the nearby well established holiday business (Thornton's Holt camping and caravanning)

3. Road entrance to the site - there are road safety issues for general road users and visitors to/from the application site (near to a busy junction).

4924. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Prett explained that he had been on park duty whilst Cllr Mason was on holiday. He noted that there had been an unexpected visit, coincidentally when Cllr Prett was at the park, from a Play Park Inspection Company. Cllr Prett told the meeting that the inspector had two main concerns; i) the large swing frames are quite wobbly when shaken and ii) the tree stumps around the park are a trip hazard and need to be cut down to ground level.

Clerk noted that although we are due a play park inspection, in previous years we have received a courtesy call to inform us of the proposed date. **Cllr Mason to investigate and report back to Clerk.**

Cllr Hackett updated the meeting on progress with the Summer Play Day. Cllr Tisbury had taken delivery of the new gazebos and it was suggested that it would be prudent to check the contents were intact and to practise putting them up.

Cllr's Hackett, Mason & Prett, Clerk and David Litchfield to meet at 10am on Monday 25th July 2016 to put gazebo's up.

Cllr Mason to check David Litchfield's availability for above date.

Cllr Hackett mentioned that due to the timing of the Village Hall Rebuild we would probably be without access to the toilets on the Play Day.

Cllr Hackett and Clerk to look into the possibility of providing a portaloos for the play day.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had visited The Goose public house and told the manager when our Play Day was taking place. She explained that they were welcome to attend but asked if they could bring along promotional vouchers of some kind.

Cllr Stacey had contacted St Luke's Church regarding loan of their PA system.

Cllr's Stacey & Hackett and Clerk to visit St Luke's Church for instruction on set up and operation of PA system.

Clerk to create a map of the site for Play Day and distribute.

Cllr Mason to arrange for inclusion of Play Day advert in the Pierrepoint Gamston Primary School newsletter.

Cllr Stacey confirmed that the Brownies would be attending the Play Day performing circus skills and would require two tables.

Cllr Stacey explained that Notts Wildlife Trust would also be attending. Cllr Prett said they had access to their own tables stored in a container.

Discussion took place regarding the Village Hall Opening/Queen's 90th Birthday Year event.

8pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Hackett spoke about a Rushcliffe Borough Council 'Back to Nature' grant for £750 that we could apply for.

Cllr Griffiths spoke about the communication circulated by the Clerk concerning the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation. She noted that the Ten Acre area was not listed,

and it was an area of persistent issues with anti-social behaviour. Cllr Griffiths had spoken to her local Borough Councillor regarding the omission.

Cllr Griffiths to draft a submission to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to be copied in on report.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston explained that he had advertised soil from the Village Hall site on Gumtree and four people had taken some.

Cllr Stacey explained to the meeting that the lychgate at St Edmund's Church was looking shabby and it had been recommended in the recent quinquennial report, that repair and decoration were required. Cost for materials and labour will be £81.49.

Cllr Mason proposed and Cllr Griffiths seconded the motion that work on the lychgate be carried out. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

4925. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that he had resolved the issue raised last meeting regarding the tree and foliage along the canal at the rear of Rossett Close. He had established that it was Bovis land.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the problem with cross-contamination of the communal bins at Stavely Way. New bins had been provided but had sadly been vandalised on the first day.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the Public Space Protection Order consultation. He explained that Police funding was extremely stretched. Question was raised as to whether this was a paper exercise or would result in real action.

Cllr Wheeler reported £1 million revenue had been raised from the green wheelie bins.

Cllr Wheeler explained that Heads of Terms had been signed for the sale of the Civic Centre for £4.7 million. They will be developed into high quality residential accommodation. By March 2017 RBC employees should be rehoused in the new office space at the arena.

Cllr Mason asked Cllr Wheeler about an issue with trees behind Keswick Close. Cllr Wheeler to speak with Tom Pettit, RBC tree specialist, concerning the matter.

Cllr Wheeler spoke to the meeting with an update regarding the changes at the recycling centre. It is considered that further consultation is required regarding the vehicle registration scheme. It has been suggested that registration could affect individuals credit rating, but unsure of how.

Cllr Wheeler also spoke of the fact that development of the new Waitrose store in Edwalton were currently on hold.

Cllr Stacey formally thanked Cllr Wheeler for his donation of £50 to renovate the Millennium Garden at Holme Pierrepont and noted it was looking lovely.

4926. SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett confirmed the newsletter was almost complete. Cllrs Stacey and Griffiths thanked Cllr Prett for his sterling efforts yet again in producing the newsletter.

Cllr Stacey also wanted to thank Susan Toon for all her work in editing the publication.

4927. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD

Update

Cllr Hackett updated the meeting on the VH rebuild project, explaining it was largely running to schedule, with possibly one week delay.

Cllr Hackett explained the roof was now on and the first fix of the plumbing and wiring had been completed.

Cllr Hackett explained there was a four week lead time for the kitchen and TK Builders were unable to order it until they had received upfront payment from the Parish Council.

Approval for required additional items

Clerk presented the meeting with a breakdown of the current financial position with specific reference to the Village Hall Rebuild project.

Financial analysis included cash in hand position, rebuild amounts still payable, remaining PC budgeted spend for the year and listing of required spend not yet quantified.

After discussion, Cllr Prett proposed and Cllr Griffiths seconded the motion that up to an additional £3,000 be approved for payment to TK Builders. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion was carried. TK Builders expenditure now approved up to £216,000.

9pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

4928. HP&G WEBSITE

Clerk noted that she had received request for payment from our previous web provider (ukservers) for hosting the site and associated email addresses.

Clerk to investigate invoice from ukserver to ensure no duplication of payment. Also to ensure continuity of web and email service.

Clerk to liaise with Bookings Clerk to update online Village Hall Bookings calendar.

Clerk raised issue highlighted by Cllr Prett that there was another Gamston website accessible online, www.gamston.net that contained much out of date information.

Cllr Prett to contact owners of www.gamston.net site using online details to establish future plans for the site.

4929. FINANCE

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

Clerk to issue copies of finance documents to Cllr's Tisbury, Cuthbert & Hill.

4930. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk noted that she had been informed that the light bulbs in the telephone box on the Village Green needed replacing.

Cllr Mason to arrange for David Litchfield to replace telephone box light bulbs.

Clerk explained that Cllr Prett had notified her of a possible future initiative for the Parish Council regarding a Great British Spring Clean in March 2017. To be discussed at a future meeting.

4931. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Hackett explained that she had arranged for the commemorative flagstone to be engraved and it was currently being stored at Smeeton's awaiting collection. Cllr Hackett noted that Smeeton's had discounted the amount payable and asked that they be invited to the Grand Opening Ceremony.

It was thought that the Silver Jubilee clock in the Village Hall requires attention before being re-sited on the outer wall of the new Village Hall.

Cllr Prett to investigate possible repairs to Jubilee clock.

Discussion took place regarding a silver plaque to be placed inside the Village Hall to explain the hall was opened by the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP.

Cllr Prett to investigate production of silver plaque.

4932. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 12th September 2016. Venue to be confirmed.**

The meeting ended at approximately 9.20pm