

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton
Road, Gamston

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

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

4963. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies as she was unwell.

Cllr Hill sent his apologies due to work commitments.

Cllr Griffiths sent her apologies due to family commitments.

Cllr Cuthbert sent his apologies for a late arrival.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston sent his apologies for a late arrival due to delayed train.

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

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

4964. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

4965. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

4966. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th
OCTOBER 2016**

Cllr Mason 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 October 2016 Minutes to be uploaded to website.

4967. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts attended the Remembrance Service at Holme Pierrepont. A two minute silence was also observed at County Hall on 11th November at 11am.

County Cllr Cutts attended a County Council Network Conference in Croydon regarding infrastructure, also attended by MP's Chris Grayling and Sajid Javid. Disappointingly the electrification of the Midland Mainline is on hold.

7.25pm Cllr Bancroft arrived at the meeting.

County Cllr Cutts spoke about broadband and the need for improvements in speed in some areas.

County Cllr Cutts spoke about involvement with the Bingham and Radcliffe On Trent Growth Board. Focus has been on improving shopping facilities and in addition debating the cost and space available for car parking.

County Cllr Cutts attended the Notts Children's Awards.

Cllr Mason asked about the increased parking charges in West Bridgford. Cllr Cutts noted that the County Council are responsible for on road parking and the Borough Council are responsible for car parks. Cllr Cutts did comment on the fact that 2 hours parking is often insufficient for shoppers, especially if visiting the hairdressers. Parking charges are a large source of income for councils.

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

1. The WB cycle network report to Transport and Highways Committee is now published.

2. I attended a Nottingham in Parliament day which showcased the public transport offer in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Presentations were given by the Managing Directors of Nottingham City Transport, Trent Barton and Tramlink. It was an opportunity for MPs from around the Country to get a better understanding as to why both the County Council and the City Council have some of the highest levels of customer satisfaction. It also was a platform for the bus operators to set out their future plans for reducing air pollution.

3. I attended an Air Quality Workshop at County Hall. Speakers outlined the increasingly critical health problems arising from local air pollution, primarily caused by diesel vehicle emissions. The purpose of the workshop was to revise the existing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Air Quality strategy and report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. There are two major County hotspots for poor air quality around West Bridgford and Wilford Lane/Loughborough Road.

4. We expect an announcement within the next few weeks from Highways England regarding the timing of improvements on the A52. Nothing will be released until the Agency has given its approval.

Cllr Mason asked if there were plans to widen the single carriageway parts of the road from Nottingham to Radcliffe on Trent. This was discussed and although there is some money set aside for road improvements, the road is constrained on either side and there are no immediate plans for changes.

4968. DISTRICT REPORT

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

4969. TREEFEST EVENT

Cllr Hackett and Clerk explained that they had met with Cllr Stacey to plan the TreeFest event. All plans are in hand but request was made for other Councillors to assist with decorating the tree with the children's arts and crafts. Last year there was insufficient assistance, and decorating took a long time with the decorations not spread high enough up the tree.

Cllr's Hackett, Mason, Clerk and Bookings Clerk are meeting to decorate the Village Hall for Christmas on Thursday 1st December 2016. It was noted that common sense was to be applied to Christmas decorations so as not to damage any of the new paintwork or wood work.

4970. PLAY PARK

Cllr Mason explained that the Play Park continued to be well used and bring enjoyment to many people in the locality. Work has been completed on touching up the paintwork and it looks much smarter.

Cllr Mason noted that some mulch had been deposited at the Play Park. Cllr Tisbury explained that the Tree Surgeon will have done this and will get an explanation.

Cllr Mason expressed his disappointment at the response for his request for help to clear leaves at the Play Park. As well as no one turning up other than Cllr Prett, no one responded to let him know. It was agreed that it would be considerate for Councillors to respond to emails.

Cllr Tisbury to find out from the Tree Surgeon the purpose of mulch at Play Park.

4971. HP&G WEBSITE

The three Councillors on the Parish Council Web Team, Cllr's Griffiths, Cuthbert and Hill, were not present at the meeting at this point.

Clerk explained that the annual fee had been paid to the website provider in order to bring updating in-house. This will save the Parish Council over £600 per year.

It is recommended that one Cllr receive a 20 minute telephone training session and disseminate this information to other members of the Web Team and the Clerk and Bookings Clerk, in order for them to update their relevant pages. In the absence of the Web Team, Cllr Prett kindly offered to receive this training session and pass the information on.

Clerk to provide Cllr Prett with details in order to arrange In House Web Updating training from Vision ICT.

4972. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Cllr Tisbury asked if the Village Hall acoustics were still problematic. There was a mixed opinion but the soft furnishings had definitely made an improvement.

The Clerk explained that she had been informed by the Bookings Clerk that the yoga group were unhappy with the increase in hire rate and unless a reduction could be made, the group would be forced to find an alternative venue.

Discussion took place, with various options being discussed. It was felt that a fair rate was being charged and it was not desirable to have a piecemeal pricing structure and that the Parish Council should stick to their agreed pricing plan. The meeting unanimously agreed to keep prices as is, with no exceptions. However, the Parish Council hopes that the yoga group will stay and are willing to help them try to build their numbers by advertising in the notice boards and putting an article in the next newsletter.

Clerk to inform Bookings Clerk of Parish Council decision regarding pricing in order for Yoga Group to be informed.

Bookings Clerk to find out if yoga group would like an advertorial in the Spring Parish Newsletter.

Discussion took place regarding the areas of ground that have been seeded by Green Thumb. The grass has started to take root but some areas are still patchy.

Clerk to re-contact GreenThumb to ask opinion on grass growth.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had contacted RBC regarding renewal of our Premises License for the new hall.

Cllr Tisbury to chase response from RBC licensing department.

Cllr Tisbury explained that a meeting had taken place with Lee Marshall the Services Consultant that had worked on the Village Hall specification, to explain the heating and lighting systems. The heating system is quite complicated but the Bookings Clerk now understands how to control it. It was established that the outdoor lighting system is operated on three different circuits, which is not desirable. Cllr Tisbury explained he had met with the builder and electrician to ask them to link together the three circuits, together with a PIR system that senses movement at the point of entry and exit from the side door and triggers the lights. He was awaiting a response.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the Village Hall Working Party had met with the builder to discuss the final cost of the Village Hall. Discussion took place regarding remaining snagging items, including front door handle that the builder had broken by opening. It was established that the 6 month retention was still payable and just £450 for fire door fixings was in dispute.

8.20pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the steps that had been taken to establish the legal requirements for fire doors within the building. He explained he had spoken twice with the Fire Officer and also with Building Control, but was still trying to speak with the actual Building Control Officer that had signed our building off. Cllr Tisbury stated that the contractors should provide a building that complies with Building Regulations for a public building. However, the building has been signed off with the current level of fire safety.

Cllr Tisbury stressed that it was imperative that we provide a safe public building and it is essential that the contractor complies with Building Regulations.

County Cllr Cutts commented that it would be prudent to check our insurance stipulations regarding security lighting and fire door requirements.

Cllr Hackett commented on how dark it is by the back gate. Also that the path from the road to the gate is very uneven and the mat that has been placed there is very muddy.

8.30pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

Clerk explained that she had received the second £5k instalment of the Capital Grant from RBC.

Clerk to chase up final £5k Capital Grant payment.

8.35pm Cllr Cuthbert arrived at the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding microwave requirements.

Cllr Bancroft to purchase a 25 litre 850W microwave large enough to accommodate 10” plates.

Cllr Prett explained that, when icy, the paths at the Village Hall would need to be salted. There is a requirement for a salt bin and shovel.

Clerk to order a salt bin from RBC for the Village Hall.

4973. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that Morrison’s petrol station had applied for a 24 hour license to sell alcohol.

He also noted that Sainsbury’s had applied to build a store and petrol station on the Esso site on Melton Road.

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the hotel application on the Gamston Lock site. This has previous permission that expired about 10 years ago.

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the fact that the Detonate event was cancelled after half an hour and consequently didn’t cause a noise disturbance.

Cllr Wheeler explained that keys for the Arena development would be handed over on 28th November. RBC office employees are due to move before Christmas and the facilities are open to the public on 3rd January 2017.

Discussion took place regarding the Waitrose development in Edwalton. There are no imminent plans for a large Waitrose store. A precinct with a little Waitrose has been spoken about, and also Aldi and Lidl, but their possible adverse effect on house prices could be faced with opposition.

4974. PLANNING

- i) *16/02559/TPO Mr Alun Owen Remove epicormic growth and crown thin lime tree The Toll House, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD.*

This lime tree is about 80- 90 feet high in a very small garden. The owner wishes to remove growth up to a level of 20 feet, thereby ensuring that the shape of the tree is maintained. By pruning every 10 years he finds that the growth is controllable.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

- ii) *16/02641/FUL Mr & Mrs Kerruish Two storey front extension; raise height of roof; rear dormer window 12 Millbeck Close, Gamston., Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PY.*

Discussion took place. It had been thought that the plans looked acceptable although online comments from a neighbour indicates she feels she would be overlooked. There are some large trees which would block the view from the dormer during summer, but lose their leaves during winter. It is a considerable increase in footprint but there is a note on the plans saying "Rear extension to be built under permitted development rights" so presumably allowable. Parish Council felt that the neighbours have a right to privacy in their gardens. By allowing the development, as per the plans, would set a precedent. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that they did not object to the development provided there are design changes to the windows, either obscured glass or Velux windows.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT SUBJECT TO DESIGN CHANGES

9pm Cllr Bancroft left the meeting.

- iii) *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.*

Clerk to request an extension to comments deadline until after next Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th December 2016.

4975. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Prett spoke about the arson attack at Skylarks Nature Reserve on Halloween, causing in excess of £10k worth of damage in addition to harm to the surrounding flora and fauna.

Cllr Tisbury thanked Cllr Prett and Susan Toon for all their hard work on the excellent latest edition of the newsletter. Also to all Councillors that had contributed articles.

Cllr Cuthbert spoke about his plans for a regular Breakfast Club at the Village Hall. He has sampled the cooked breakfast morning a number of times at Hickling and this has generated a number of ideas. His intention is to have a trial run on a Sunday in late January 2017, date to be confirmed. He has a number of volunteers that can help him and this first time would be for residents living around the hall only, as a learning experience, before advertising out to anyone in the Parish.

Cllr Hackett noted that the Bassingfield signs are lying on the hedge on the A52.

Cllr Cuthbert explained that the wooden bridge over the dyke close to Stavely Way is very overgrown from both sides and has become very narrow. Also the non-slip boarding is coming off.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to check that the Stavely Way bridge is maintained by the Canal & River Trust.

Clerk raised issue, in Cllr Stacey's absence, of requirement for a litter bin at the junction of Bassingfield Lane and Tollerton Lane. There are two benches there surrounded by much litter. Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that he would put in a request to RBC to site a bin.

Clerk to forward pictures to Borough Cllr Wheeler to progress request for litter bin.

Cllr Prett & Mason explained that they had arranged for the planting of 30 free Woodland Trust hedging plants at the Village Hall.

4976. FINANCE

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

Clerk explained that she had assessed options for fixing the Village Hall electricity costs. The best option was a three year fix with British Gas.

Clerk explained that the Councillors would shortly need to think about budget requirements for the 2017/2018 financial year for the associated precept request.

4977. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk told the meeting that the next Town & Parish Forum will take place on Wednesday 15th February 2017 in the Borough Council's new offices, in the Council Chamber at Rushcliffe Arena.

Clerk asked that some of this year's training budget be spent on the latest edition of Arnold Baker, the 'bible' of Local Council Administration. NALC are offering a price reduction, dependent upon how many Councils request a copy. This purchase was agreed by the meeting.

4978. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 12th December 2016 in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

The meeting ended at approximately 9.35pm