

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

Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston

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

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

4933. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

Cllr Cuthbert sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

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

County Cllr Cutts sent her apologies due to being on annual leave.

County Cllr Plant sent her apologies due to a clash with a local Police meeting.

4934. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

4935. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

4936. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th JULY 2016

Cllr Prett noted the following amendments:

- i) Minute 4920, replace '£27 million' with 'circa £27 million'.
- ii) Minute 4924, paragraph 2, **bold** the sentence 'Cllr Mason to ...' . Also Add Cllr Prett to the list of gazebo helpers.

Subject to the above amendments, Cllr Prett proposed and Cllr Hackett seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Tisbury abstained as was not present at the July '16 meeting. Minutes were adopted.

Clerk to make amendments and arrange for July 2016 Minutes to be uploaded to website.

4937. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Calvert wanted to congratulate the Parish Council on the creation of the new Village Hall, and had been following its' progress since 2013. Cllr Tisbury noted that the project started in 2004.

Cllr Calvert explained that no formal County Council meetings take place during the summer, however he updated the meeting on the following:

- i) During July and August a consultation took place regarding WB Cycle Improvements. Aim being to encourage more people to cycle more safely and more often. There is money available from the Local Enterprise Partnership to actions some of the ideas, with the majority of the work taking place next year. All those directly on the routes had been consulted.
- ii) Monthly meeting of the HS2 Strategic Board had taken place discussing progress and finalising routes, connecting public transport.
- iii) During September proposals for redesigned Parliamentary Boundaries will be published. The number of MP's is being reduced from around 650 to around 600 creating more equal sized constituencies in terms of electorate. There will be consultation time then a final publication.
- iv) The next Full Council Meeting proposes to discuss women's pension age and also recent grammar school proposals.

Cllr Mason asked if it could be clarified as to whether the footpath at the side of the Play Park on Ambleside is now included on the cycle route. Ideally it wouldn't be included as lots of young children use that path. **County Cllr Calvert to check inclusion of Play Park path.**

7.40pm County Cllr Calvert left the meeting.

4938. DISTRICT REPORT

District Report deferred until Borough Cllr Wheeler arrives at meeting.

4939. PLANNING

- i) *16/01128/FUL (revised) Mr Martin Johnson Addition of 1 storey to existing house (forming 3 storey dwelling); removal of chimney The Firs, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire.*

The revised application states in the supporting document that the overall height of the proposal has been reduced by 0.7m. The revised scheme is now 2.7m higher than the existing. The window fenestration and layout do not seem to have changed so we restate our original concerns.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

- ii) *16/01847/FUL Mr Colin Gotheridge Retention of garden building Number One Grange Farm, Main Street, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PB.*

The garden building cannot be seen from any public area but there are some very clear photos taken by the neighbour whose property is on the boundary. The height on the boundary is over the acceptable height.

Parish Council Response : OBJECT

- iii) *16/01920/FUL Mr & Mrs Swift Two storey side extension; single storey rear extension 4 Garsdale Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6QB.*

No parking issues are foreseen as a garage is retained. The two storey side extension does not have any windows on the West Elevation facing the non-attached neighbouring property, 6 Garsdale Close, i.e. construction of a similar extension to 6 Garsdale Close is not inhibited.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

4940. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Village Hall Opening Event

Cllr Stacey updated the meeting on plans for Sunday. The Ukulele Group will be arriving at 1pm and playing two 40 minute sessions. They will be bringing their own PA system.

Pierrepont Gamston Primary School are kindly lending us 80 chairs for the day. Cllr Mason and David Litchfield to collect on Friday afternoon and return Monday morning. **Cllr Mason to affix stickers to underside of Parish Council chairs to differentiate.**

Kenneth Clarke to park at Cllr Tisbury's house and officially open the hall around 2pm.

Cllr Tisbury to stake out the ground with red tape and bunting to ensure no one walks on the exposed earth.

Clerk provided maps of the proposed layout for the event including detail regarding the seating arrangement under the gazebos.

Cllr Stacey explained that Diane Kidger had provided some prints illustrating the journey of the Village Hall in Gamston including historic images of the old hall.

Cllr Prett explained that there may be some timing issues with providing the plaque with the logo. It was agreed, if impossible to create in time for Sunday, to produce the plaque without the logo and take it back afterwards to include logo.

Cllr Stacey encouraged all Councillors and their families to enter the flower arrangement and cake decorating competitions. An advertising note had been included in the Pierrepont Gamston Primary School newsletter.

Cllr Stacey had informed the Nottingham Evening Post who would be sending a photographer to the event. Unfortunately the Local News did not have enough reporters to cover the event. The Police had also been informed.

Cllr Mason to replace the Union Flag.

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the very successful Summer Play Day event, he was very surprised at the large numbers attending and considered it a superb event with lots of different activities. He noted Cllr Hackett's excellent themed costume. The event shelters had performed well and were very sturdy.

Cllr Mason noted that the sand was still being used at the Play Park and it was agreed to leave it there until the leaves started falling from the trees.

Cllr Griffiths spoke about the feedback to the Detonate article in the last Newsletter. It is clear that local residents do not want this event taking place in that location again. However, tickets are already on sale for next year's event. Cllr Tisbury suggested firstly contacting Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) environmental health department regarding event regulations and whether they had been adhered to. **Cllr Griffiths to contact RBC on behalf of the Parish Council.**

8.10pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

Borough Cllr Wheeler noted that as Nottingham City had given permission for the Detonate event he was not aware of any RBC involvement. However, meeting explained it affected a lot of RBC residents. **Cllr Wheeler to speak with David Mitchell regarding Detonate.**

Cllr Hackett noted that the left hand sign to Bassingfield off the A52 was leaning. **Cllr Hackett to contact Notts County Council Highways to inform them.**

Cllr Prett explained that he had ordered free hedge trees for the Village Hall site from the Woodland Trust.

Cllr Prett also explained that he had established that Nottinghamshire Archives would be happy to receive any archive material from the Parish Council. It was noted that the filing cabinet needs to be sorted out. **Clerk and Cllr Tisbury to sort through filing cabinet before Christmas 2016.**

Cllr Prett had attended the Skylarks Festival, and noted it was much better attended than last year. Our amphibian ponds now have newts in them which Notts Wildlife Trust are very pleased about. Cllr Prett explained he was attending a Rushcliffe Nature Conservation event on 8th October.

Cllr Mason explained that there were numerous posters displayed in the old Village Hall that needed to be displayed in the new hall. They were currently situated in the store. Arrangements are to be made to put up new notice boards in the Village Hall.

Cllr Mason noted that he had sorted the spare paint out. He was also due to attend a meeting at the Village Hall with the Fire Brigade where recommendations would be made for equipment required in the building. Cllr Tisbury explained that as a public building we had to bear any cost in order to comply.

Cllr Mason said a very well done to the Working Party on the completion of the build of the new Village Hall.

Cllr Stacey explained that the annual play at Pierrepoint Gamston Primary School would be 'Seven Ages' on Wednesday 30th November 2016.

4941. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett explained that the deadline for articles for the Autumn Newsletter is Friday 14th October 2016.

Cllr Hackett to create article about the Summer Play Day to be accompanied with photographs from Cllr Prett.

Clerk to submit advert for TreeFest event.

4942. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that the weather conditions meant that the Open Spaces were growing quickly but StreetWise seemed to be keeping the areas tidy.

Cllr Wheeler said the Arena development was progressing well.

Cllr Wheeler updated the meeting on local planning applications. The Firs application had been approved. There were concerns at the Development Control meeting regarding the Garsdale Close proposal. Cllr Wheeler spoke about the potential sale of the Civic Offices and the proposed regeneration of the building to provide up market apartments and offices. Cllr Wheeler also spoke about the plans for housing and shops on Gordon Road near the Test Match pub. Cllr Wheeler also mentioned an application for a micro pub on Abbey Road.

Cllr Griffiths raised the issue of the footpath on Adbolton Lane that was virtually impassable due to nettles. **Cllr Wheeler to speak with the relevant Lady Bay Borough Councillor.**

4943. HP & G WEBSITE

Cllr Macdonald-Preston explained that the new website was somewhat out of date. The Web Working Party, Cllrs Macdonald-Preston, Cuthbert and Griffiths, agreed not much had been done.

Clerk to ensure Minutes and Date of Next Meeting are up to date.

Meeting agreed to revisit the website in October '16.

4944. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD

Update

Cllr Tisbury wanted to thank the Village Hall Rebuild Working Party, Cllrs Prett and Hackett, for all their help in progressing the project to completion. This was met with a round of applause from all Councillors.

Cllr Griffiths particularly liked the shade of green paint used.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the Building Practical Completion Certificate had been issued. A snagging list was currently being completed by the builder.

Cllr Tisbury to create a user manual for the Village Hall and associated signage.

Keyholders were to be issued with just a side door key. Keys to the front doors and porch are stored within the hall. Cllr Mason agreed to help manage the hall with Bookings Clerk Cheryl Newman, and hold a key.

Booking Terms & Conditions

Clerk suggested that maybe local residents could be offered discounted hire charges.

Clerk to issue suggestions for pricing policy ahead of the October '16 meeting as a starting point for discussion.

It was noted that expenditure on an annual service for the air conditioning system should be budgeted for in future.

Discussion took place regarding the grass seeding of the Village Hall. Clerk had ordered a sprinkler and hose. It was noted that a rota was required for watering until the grass seed has germinated and become established.

Discussion took place regarding car parking on the surrounding roads and on site. It was agreed considerate parking of hall users should be encouraged. Possibility of inclusion of webbing in the grassed area at the side of the hall was discussed.

Meeting of VH Rebuild Working Party with Bruce Bradley Project Manager to be arranged for the near future.

9pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the zero rate VAT certificate. Vote was taken and unanimously agreed by the meeting to re-issue the certificate up to £216k. Clerk questioned the VAT liability on the kitchen appliances.

Cllr Hill to investigate appliance VAT liability and report back to Clerk.

Discussion took place regarding possible final amount payable to builders, after negotiation. Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that remaining budget from 2016/2017 Precept assigned to Replacement Village Hall be used to pay final account to builders. Vote taken, unanimously in favour.

Cllr Prett spoke about the three quotations he had received for soft furnishings at the Village Hall. Cowans were the cheapest. The meeting viewed the sample fabrics and it was agreed to place the order with Cowans.

Cllr Prett queried as to whether we needed a new First Aid box for the Village Hall. It was agreed the old kit would suffice for now. **Cllr Macdonald-Preston agreed to source a new First Aid kit as and when required.**

Cllr Prett suggested that the Fire Assembly Point may need to be changed from its' current location at the phone box. It was agreed to raise the issue with the Fire Brigade.

Cllr Hill highlighted the fact that the sloping path to the Village Hall would become dangerous in the winter when covered with ice. It was noted that there is salt at the top of the hill.

4945. FINANCE

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

Issue was raised regarding charge for power at the new Village Hall. Gas and electricity were both previously billed by British Gas. New Village Hall has no gas.

Clerk to ensure no standing charge being paid for gas and to investigate billing of electricity.

Cllr Macdonald-Preston questioned whether the hall would be equipped with wifi. There was no budget for this currently. It would be an item for review if demand justified inclusion.

Cllr Prett explained to the meeting that the land drain would require ongoing maintenance. Every six months the sieve would need to be cleaned in order to operate effectively. This would incur a charge that should be budgeted for.

4946. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the meeting that the next Town and Parish Forum would be taking place on Wednesday 5th October 2016.

Clerk informed the meeting that she had received correspondence from a Parishioner living adjacent to the Play Park requesting that some trees and ivy be removed.

Cllr Tisbury to contact James Harrison, Tree Surgeon to perform annual review of Play Park trees before end October 2016.

Clerk informed the meeting of correspondence received regarding Cotgrave Forest. **Cllr Prett to discuss with Gordon Dyne at the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Forum.**

4947. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 10th October 2016 in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

The meeting ended at approximately 10.05pm