

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road,
Gamston

Members Present: Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury, Cynthia Stacey, John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths & Gary Arkless.

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

5059. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cuthbert sent his apologies as he was required to assist with his sons' business.

Cllr Mason sent his apologies for a late arrival due to an optician's appointment.

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

5060. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5061. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

5062. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 2017

Cllr Prett noted that he had not received the May '17 Minutes and was given an opportunity to review them at the June '17 meeting.

Cllr Arkless proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted. Cllr Bancroft abstained as not present at the May '17 meeting.

Clerk still to upload November 2016, December 2016, January 2017, February 2017, April 2017 and May 2017 Minutes, once training has been received.

5063. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Cutts explained that over the last 5 weeks the County Council had been establishing their new committee structure. On 13th July '17 a full plan for the next 4 years would be published. A primary focus would be driving investment in the county forward.

Cllr Cutts spoke about a referendum in the Bassetlaw area pertaining to houses in the north of Nottinghamshire.

Cllr Cutts spoke again about the formation of a unitary authority for Nottinghamshire. This would result in some cost savings rather than having 7 separate districts. More power would be devolved to Parish level for local services and District councils would disappear. All planning would be dealt with by the County Council and representations could be made in person at committee by prior arrangement.

Cllr Tisbury commented that, based on our previous experience of County level planning consultation, there would need to be a significant improvement in liaising with interested parties and communication generally.

Cllr Cutts explained that £1million had been earmarked to fill in the potholes in Nottinghamshire.

Cllr Arkless distributed a diagram showing the junction of Lings Bar and Ambleside, annotated with numerous safety issues regarding lighting, signage and vegetation. Discussion took place regarding traffic light control of the junction and the accident statistics recorded. It was suggested that the Highways Agency are invited to come to look at the junction.

Clerk to forward Cllr Arkless' report to County Cllr Cutts for assessment.

Cllr Cutts spoke about recent crime problems at the mobile home park in Gamston. On speaking to some of the older people that live on the park, it is apparent that there is some concern over recent levels of crime including use of drugs, alcohol, damage to vehicles and petty burglary. Discussion took place over possible ways of helping these Parishioners. It was suggested that we could find out from the Police actual reported crimes. A survey of the locality was also suggested, including the wider area, to enable feedback to be collected on perception of local crime. It was also suggested we could highlight any issues in the Parish Newsletter. Also the local PCSO could come and speak to the Parish Council.

Cllr Arkless to liaise with local PCSO regarding recently reported crimes on the mobile home park.

5064. PLANNING

- i) *17/00864/FUL Mr Rajinder Koshal Boundary wall with trellising 8*
Fellside Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PZ.

The application is to replace a hedge with a wall and trellising. Any boundary with the public highway over 1 metre in height requires planning permission. Recommend no objection.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

- ii) *17/01291/TPO Mr Charles Polson Crown lift and reduction of maple tree*
1 Goldrill Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6AQ.

This property has experienced a number of issues with the trees on site. There is a large Scots Pine which the Maple Tree is expanding into, that will cause issues for both trees.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT providing the work is approved by RBC's arboriculturist.

8pm Cllr Mason arrived at the meeting.

5065. VILLAGE HALL

i) *Kitchen Appliances*

Cllr Hackett explained that she had arranged for one free visit from CDA to fix the dishwasher. Cllr Cuthbert was going to coordinate this visit.

Cllr Cuthbert to update meeting on progress with CDA dishwasher visit.

ii) *Parking*

Discussion took place as to whether Parking Webbing was still a requirement and it was agreed it was, especially to provide disabled parking. There is no budget and it was suggested that we could investigate whether there are any grants we can apply for to fund the work.

Clerk to contact NALC to investigate possible funding opportunities.

Cllr Tisbury explained that we had received further complaints about parking around the Village Hall. Discussion took place and it was suggested that the frequently used pedestrian gate be locked on a trial basis to ascertain if this alleviates the parking issues.

Clerk to create temporary signage for gate to inform not in use.

Cllr Tisbury to acquire padlock for gate.

Clerk to inform Bookings Clerk of change to access to VH site.

iii) *Tree Planting*

Clerk to register the Parish Council for the Legacy Tree Charter.

iv) *Doors*

Cllr Tisbury explained that we were awaiting information from TK Builders in order to progress our insurance claim for the wind damaged side door.

The external side door and internal door to the main hall are not shutting properly. Discussion took place regarding possibility of using bolts or pinning back the doors to prevent possible future damage.

Cllr Tisbury to speak with TK Builders regarding joinery issues.

5066. SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Summer edition of the newsletter is due to be issued in week commencing 17th July 2017. Articles to be passed to Cllr Prett by 21st June 2017.

5067. SUMMER PLAY DAY

Cllr Stacey explained that all arrangements were in hand for the Summer Play Day on Wednesday 9th August '17 – 'Ahoy there me hearties!'

Cllr Stacey thanked County Cllr Cutts kindly for her £200 contribution towards the Summer Play Day from her Divisional Fund.

8.30pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

5068. FINANCE

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

Clerk to issue Cllr Cuthbert with June '17 financial statements.

Cllr Tisbury explained that a Charity Curry Night had taken place at the Village Hall in aid of the breast cancer unit at City Hospital and had contributed agreed £20 hall hire.

Clerk asked for the Councillors to sign off the previously issued Internally Audited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March '17. Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Tisbury seconded the motion that accounts be signed off. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour.

Clerk to send off Annual Accounts and supporting documentation for external audit by Grant Thornton.

Cllr Tisbury explained the legal requirement for the Parish Council to provide access to employees to a Workplace Pension. Clerk working on complying with legal requirements.

8.45pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

5069. THE YEAR AHEAD – 2017/2018

i) Website

It was agreed that, if kept up to date, the website was a valuable asset to the Parish Council and that a lot of money had been spent on. After discussion Cllr Arkless agreed to undertake the web updating telephone training.

Clerk to provide Cllr Arkless with web updating training details.

ii) Village Hall Promotion & Management

Cllr Tisbury opened a discussion regarding the future for the newly built Village Hall. He thanked Cllr Mason for managing the ongoing maintenance of the hall, assisted by David Litchfield. Cheryl Newman, the Bookings Clerk and Caretaker was thanked for her work in the efficient management of bookings and prospective hirers and keeping the hall clean.

When looking at regular bookings, there are spaces during the day on weekdays that could be utilised. Filling these gaps in the bookings calendar was discussed. Cllr Tisbury

spoke about the Village Hall Committee that had previously been in existence to promote the use of and manage the Village Hall, separately from the Parish Council.

Lots of ideas were discussed but it was noted that it needed someone to take these forward. Cllr Tisbury spoke about previous plans to create a Business Plan for the Village Hall but Councillors who had volunteered to create this had since resigned from the Parish Council. Question was asked as to whether the PC should pay someone to perform the role of promoting the Village Hall.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had spent a huge amount of time last year completing the Village Hall Rebuild project from start to finish with support from the working party but it now needed someone else to take control of the finished hall and drive it forward. No volunteers were forthcoming. He explained that it wasn't necessarily something that would take lots of time. Perhaps placing an advert to attract hirers during the day. It was noted that we were experiencing problems with parking so extra hirers may exacerbate that problem.

iii) *Village Hall Outdoor Space*

It was agreed that as many Councillors as possible would meet to tidy up the Village Green.

Discussion took place regarding moving the WW1 Commemorative Planters into the VH grounds so they can be more closely looked after.

Possibility of planting a slow growing Christmas Tree in the VH grounds was mentioned.

Village Hall Outdoor Tidy Up Tuesday 20th June '17 6.30pm until 8.30pm. (Clerk to check with Bookings Clerk no VH bookings at that time.)

Cllr Tisbury to bring along rubble sacks.

WW1 planters to be emptied and brought into VH grounds.

Bookings Clerk to ask Rainbows/Brownies if they would like to use the planters.

5070. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about his attempts to find a boundary map of the Parish showing ownership of land, but had so far been unsuccessful.

Cllr Arkless noted a number of areas in the Parish where vegetation was overgrown.

Cllr Arkless to collate a list of overgrown vegetation. Clerk to forward list to County Cllr Cutts and Borough Cllr Wheeler.

Cllr Wheeler explained that after 12 years Neil Clarke had stood down as Leader of the Borough Council and his replacement was Simon Robinson.

The new Mayor of Rushcliffe is Barrie Cooper, the Deputy Mayor is Maureen Stockwood.

Cllr Wheeler explained that public speaking, limited to 3 minutes and by prior appointment, would be allowed at future Planning Committee meetings.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about various crime issues in the region including targeting of Asian households in search of gold, pinpointing them by their Asian house names. He discouraged people from essentially advertising on social media when they are on holiday and the house is

empty. There has also been a number of cases of ATM skimming in West Bridgford. Cllr Wheeler advised anyone to ring 101 if they witness any suspicious behaviour.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the district leisure strategy was on the website. There was a lot of development taking place in West Bridgford, Fire & Ice was being converted into The Botanist, Chin Chin has become 44, Riverbank has become a gastro pub, Cured has become A Venue Street Food, Grices is still empty as there is an ongoing legal dispute and there are a couple of empty units on Gordon Road.

5071. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk reminded the meeting that the Annual Town & Parish Conference was due to take place on Friday 16th June 2017 at Rushcliffe Arena.

Clerk explained she had received notification from Notts County Council that basic repairs were being undertaken to Holme Road in Holme Pierrepont starting on 19th June and lasting 3 – 4 days.

5072. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Clerk explained that the date of the next meeting unfortunately clashed with a one-off end of primary school performance. For this one occasion, the meeting date has been moved. Clerk apologised if this now made it difficult for anyone to attend.

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **WEDNESDAY 19th July 2017 in St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont.**

The meeting ended at approximately 9.55pm