

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 9th October 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, Hilary
Middlecote (local resident)

5105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cuthbert sent his apologies due to ill health.

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

5106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5107. ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. District Report and 8. Planning to be deferred until Borough Cllr Wheeler's arrival.

5108. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th
SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

Cllr Arkless to upload September '17 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

5109. GAMSTON VILLAGE PLANTS

Hilary Middlecote a local Gamston village resident, was introduced by Cllr Tisbury and thanked
by him for attending the meeting.

Hilary wanted to express, on behalf of a number of local residents, their upset and disappointment
at the disappearance of the flower planters situated next to the Gamston village telephone box.
She questioned the lack of communication regarding the repositioning.

Cllr Tisbury explained that since the planters had been acquired, the flowers had either died or
been taken on numerous occasions. Local residents had repeatedly complained about the unkempt
appearance of the planters and as a result they were moved into the Village Hall grounds where
it is easier for them to be looked after by the Bookings Clerk and the Brownies.

Hilary explained that there were people that would have looked after them but they did not know who to approach to offer help and were scared to interfere.

Cllr Mason confirmed that the planters had never been looked after and there was a notice board with all Parish Councillor's contact numbers at the perimeter of the Village Hall. He also noted it had taken a lot of hard work to move them.

Hilary stated that she knew a number of people that would be very happy to look after communal Village plants and flowers. Cllr Griffiths noted that a scheme operating in Lady Bay where volunteers 'Adopt A Planter' and take responsibility for care of those plants works really well.

Cllr Tisbury thanked Hilary again for her contributions and reiterated that it is great to see community participation and involvement. Hilary agreed to recruit other members of the community that would be happy to 'adopt' responsibility for flowers in Gamston village and she would pass their details on to the Parish Council via the Clerk.

Cllr Prett to include an article regarding possibility of 'Adopt a Planter' scheme in Gamston, space permitting.

7.30pm Hilary Middlecote left the meeting.

5110. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Cutts explained that she had spent a week in China in conjunction with the University of Nottingham discussing trade agreements. Nottingham Forest Football Club also sent a coach to provide football for children. Cllr Cutts felt that it was important to build friendships and trade agreements and from that position be able to positively influence human rights issues within the country.

Cllr Cutts had spent some time with the County Council Customer Service Centre in Annesley celebrating their 10 year anniversary. The centre take all the enquiry and social services calls and do an excellent job.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the approved mineral line multi-user route project that, subject to sufficient funding being found and clement weather, should be completed by Christmas 2017. Plan is to provide a route for cyclists, pedestrians and horses. Chicanes are to be included in the plans to ensure it's a family safe cycle track and therefore slow down racing cyclists.

Cllr Cutts explained that the HS2 line construction had started last week and is due to be finished by 2033. Cllr Cutts spoke about the plans for 'Garden Villages' along the route to include sports and recreation as well as housing and commercial areas. There are also plans for an innovation hub station for research as opposed to a student campus.

Cllr Cutts explained the winter gritting programme has been published. As in past years, response will be made to the weather forecasts. The principle road network will be treated but not all full bus routes.

Cllr Cutts was pleased to announce the County Council have replaced the damaged grit bin on Holme Lane in Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Cutts commented in response to the earlier discussion regarding village plants to explain that in the next six months a revised Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) was due to be introduced that would include labelling. The Parish Council could possibly bid for funding for a Gamston Village sign. It would include Notts CC and HP&G Parish Council in the wording.

Cllr Mason thanked Cllr Cutts for arranging for the removal of the bush near the crossing on Ambleside Play Park. Cllr Cutts confirmed that there would also be safety railings positioned near the crossing.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed cycle lane changes in the area and the consultation process. Cllr Tisbury had met with Notts CC personnel to discuss but had heard nothing further.

Cllr Cutts agreed to take up the issue on the Parish Council's behalf.

Cllr Tisbury asked if there were any large projects in Nottinghamshire that were reliant on EU funding. Cllr Cutts confirmed that the Mineral Line was, but should be finished by the end of the year. There are also town centre schemes in West Bridgford and Bingham relying on EU funding.

Cllr Tisbury also asked if Cllr Cutts was aware of any imminent progress with the development of the Land East of Gamston. There was no known progress.

Cllr Cutts spoke about finding out why the East Midlands receives the 3rd lowest funding, per head of population, than other areas in the UK.

Cllr Cutts explained that she was always happy to hear from Cllr's and Parishioners between meetings. Email is the best form of contact and Cllr Cutts will always respond.

Agenda items 7. & 8. to be deferred until Borough Cllr Wheeler's arrival.

5111. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Meeting discussed a consistent approach to Village Hall hire costs for local charity events. After discussion Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded, a proposal for a 50% discount for local charity events. Vote was taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to communicate information to Bookings Clerk. Charity bookings to be verified by Chairman or Clerk.

Meeting discussed the issue of alcohol and entertainments licencing at the new Village Hall. Cllr Arkless had circulated information regarding temporary alcohol licensing.

Clerk to clarify exact Parish Council licensing position.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had received an update from the Bookings Clerk regarding use of the Village Hall which was very useful:

Monday - Parish Council meeting,(every 2nd Monday evening). We have random U3A Photography bookings.

Tuesday - Tiny Talks Baby and Toddler classes in the morning, except for the 3rd Tuesday of each month when Free Spirits have the hall. I visit the hall in the afternoon for viewings.

Wednesday - Random U3A Singing for Fun and U3A wine tasting groups occasionally use the hall 2pm -4pm. Rainbow and Brownies use the hall in the evening.

Thursdays are usually free, apart from the odd random booking. I visit the hall usually around 10:30 to check and clean the hall and carry out viewings or answer any questions for potential users.

Friday - Free (Karate have recently moved to Lady Bay).

Saturdays - Often private functions.

Sundays - Gamston Fellowship Group use the hall on 1st Sunday of each month.

The contact details I have for the group leaders may not be the same as their commercial contact details, therefore to respect their privacy if people are interested in joining a particular group I would suggest they look up the details online to ensure they have the correct contact details.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had spoken to a lady who could potentially help us with a Parish Film Club. She had read about our possible plans in the latest Parish Newsletter.

Cllr Tisbury explained that another successful Village Breakfast had taken place. New faces had attended which was pleasing. Cllr Tisbury had spoken to these people to find out how they had heard about the breakfasts and it seemed that the most effective form of advertising was word of mouth via dog walkers. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of placing advertising boards near dog bins. Village Breakfast contributed £20 towards energy costs for this month.

PAT testing has taken place on all VH appliances. However, a newly purchased electric flat plate, stored in the Village Breakfast cupboard, had not been tested. It was confirmed that the product was less than a year old and would need to be added to the PAT testing list for next year.

Cllr Mason confirmed that the annual Notts Fire Safety check had taken place. One fire extinguisher has been replaced as it had a faulty tap. It was explained that some confusion had taken place regarding the storage of a BBQ gas cylinder in a locked cupboard within the Village Hall. Notts Fire Safety had advised that the cylinder should be stored outside so the cylinder had been moved. However, according to British Safety standards it was perfectly safe to store in a locked cupboard provided a warning sign was placed on the door. It was expressed that it was possibly less safe outside as it could be tampered with.

Cllr Tisbury to speak with Geoff Munroe from Notts Fire Safety to discuss and clarify.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had contacted Rushcliffe Borough Council to ask for their specific requirements regarding the first annual Capital Grant update. As yet, no reply had been received.

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the quality of the door stoppers in the village hall and an alternative solution was to be sought.

Cllr Tisbury to speak with David Litchfield regarding door stoppers.

Cllr Prett asked the Clerk if the action from last month to tidy up the store room had been completed. Clerk explained that the tidy up was planned for this coming Thursday 12th October at 10am. Cllr's Mason and Griffiths kindly volunteered to assist the Clerk.

Clerk explained that the Bookings Clerk had received requests for the Village Hall heating to be switched on for the winter. Discussion took place regarding the complexity of setting the individual controls in each room, especially the main hall, to provide an ambient temperature for all user groups.

Cllr Tisbury to provide Cllr Bancroft with instruction manual for heating in order to look at cost effective settings.

Clerk asked the meeting for Parish winter salt requirements. It was agreed that a grit bin and shovel was required for the Village Hall.

Clerk to order 5 free Notts CC salt bags. Cllr Tisbury to look into cost of small grit bins for Village Hall and communicate to Clerk for procurement.

5112. HP&G PC WEBSITE

Cllr Tisbury thanked Cllr Arkless for bringing the website up to date.

Cllr Arkless to create a website article for the Autumn '17 Newsletter. To include lots of screenshots.

5113. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Discussion took place regarding the possible articles and timings for the next newsletter. Suggestion was made to include a map of the Parish.

Cllr Prett confirmed all draft articles to be produced by 20th October '17 and to be received by Susan Toon by 25th October '17.

Cllr Stacey to provide Cllr Tisbury with A3 colour map of the Parish to scan into PC and forward to Cllr Arkless for inclusion on HP&G PC website.

5114. TREEFEST 2017 – SAT 9TH DEC '17

Clerk confirmed that TreeFest was taking place on Saturday 9th December 2017.

Cllr Stacey spoke about the need for a large induction pan to heat up the mulled wine. Cllr Griffiths very kindly offered to use her Cllr allowance to purchase a pan for the Parish Council. Cllr Stacey thanked her very much for the generous offer.

Cllr Stacey confirmed a planning meeting was taking place that coming Friday 13th Oct '17 to confirm details. Discussion took place regarding advertising. It was agreed to include advert in the newsletter and also to send out an individual flyer as a changed format was being trialled this year.

8.40pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting

5115. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Mason updated the meeting on the Play Park. He explained that around 30 empty lager cans had been collected in the last couple of weeks. It was a litter problem rather than a public disturbance.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had looked at the park foliage in relation to the complaint from the house on Ambleside that borders the park. Cllr Tisbury could see no damage and there is a gap between the trees and the fence.

Cllr Griffiths confirmed to the meeting that the proposed housing development site at Simkin's Farm, Adbolton has now been dropped, as communicated in the Lady Bay newsletter. The article mentioned the Parish Council comment in support of local residents.

Cllr Hackett explained that wires measuring the speed of vehicles into Holme Pierrepont had been positioned by Notts CC but was unsure if they were in the right place to capture the fastest moving vehicles.

8.45pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Prett explained that the vernacular building was being constructed at Skylarks.

Cllr Prett also noted that the overflow car park has been created at Regatta Way.

5116. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the purchase of a £1.8million distribution centre in Coalville, Leicestershire by RBC. He explained the Council strategy for long term investment in property to rent out in order to provide an ongoing income. Bids had been made for properties in Rushcliffe but the eventual prices were too high, so they were looking out of area. He explained that an announcement on an offer on a larger investment was due to be announced soon. Funds had been procured from the sale of RBC land.

Cllr Tisbury observed that historically councils have not been wholly successful in investing reserves in property and asked how RBC were minimising their risk. Cllr Tisbury noted the bigger the return the greater the risk. Cllr Wheeler explained that the Leader Cllr Robinson had put advisors and part-time specialised officers in place to ensure all risks were minimised.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the Gamston Community Hall and his desire for it to be redeveloped into a building that would provide more use to the community. It could include upstairs office space to provide local employment.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the developments in Local Plan Part 2 would include 120 homes in Radcliffe-on-Trent.

Cllr Wheeler also told the meeting that the A52 road developments were 4 months late.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about a Borough skateboard parks strategy. There would be a grant scheme to provide resources for older children. Meeting spoke about the possibility for a skate park sited at the side of Morrison's supermarket, although this is outside the Parish Council area.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about money that was being made available to promote development in Rushcliffe to create more jobs. There are plans to invest in trees with planting at Sharpill and also a ring of trees around Rushcliffe Arena. Also possibly on a square of land behind Stavely Way.

Cllr Wheeler explained the YouNG Project was ongoing with ambassadors appointed from local secondary schools.

Cllr Tisbury asked if the Local Plan Green Belt Review had precipitated any changes. Cllr Wheeler confirmed it had not.

5117. PLANNING

- i) *17/01623/FUL Mrs Goshy Woody Zipser-Zareba Single Storey side extension, single storey rear extension, outbuilding with new 2.6m tall fencing screen (revised description) 32 Cumbria Grange, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6LZ.*

This is a retrospective application for a fence that is mainly situated against a building that is considerably higher than the fence.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

- ii) *17/01227/FUL Mr & Mrs Lewis Two storey and single storey rear extensions, insert first floor window in side elevation 12, Sandale Close, Gamston, Nottingham, NG2 6QG.*

This is a reasonably straightforward planning application. An existing conservatory, at the rear of the house, is to be replaced by a two storey extension and a single storey extension. The extensions cover the whole of the rear of the house (two storey = 64%, single storey = 36%).

The number of bedrooms is increased from 4 to 5. The upper floor of the two storey extension contains a new master bedroom and en-suite and to provide access to them there are layout changes to the existing master bedroom and bedroom 2. The layout changes necessitate the insertion of a window in the side elevation.

On the ground floor the extensions enable the creation of a games room and a large kitchen/family/dining room.

The property most affected by the extension is number 15, which will face the two storey extension however the new window in the side extension should not be an issue.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT subject to no comments being received from neighbours.

- iii) *17/01629/FUL Marston's Inns and Taverns and Wild Construction additional eight car parking spaces The Gamston Lock, Radcliffe Road, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NP.*

This retrospective application is due to be considered by the Planning Committee on 12th Oct '17. Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that he had originally objected, as had the PC. When the original application was submitted it was without these parking spaces, then during building they were created and now an application for them retrospectively has been submitted, aimed at acquiring them without original planning. The development consequently has moved closer to residents. The developers said originally they didn't need extra parking but then removed substantial amounts of vegetation to create.

Borough Cllr Wheeler agreed to express the PC's opinion along with his own at the Planning Committee.

Parish Council Response : OBJECT

5118. FINANCE

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

Clerk to issue October '17 finance handouts to Cllr Cuthbert.

Clerk explained that the HP&G PC Annual Return had been approved and signed off by the external auditors Grant Thornton. It had been selected to go through an intermediate review due to the expenditure relating to the new Village Hall during 2016/2017 financial year. Clerk issued all Cllr's with a copy of the external audit report for information. No matters were reported regarding the financial calculations. Two issues were brought to our attention, one regarding timings of Public Rights to access. Clerk noted future extension by one day for Public Rights. Secondly, it was considered advisable to review the PC Financial Regulations and update for the latest 2014 model. It was not suggested there was any problem with our existing regulations, just prudent to review periodically.

Meeting thanked the Clerk for the additional work that was necessitated by the extended audit as a result of the financial implications of the rebuild of the Gamston Village Hall.

Clerk to acquire 2014 model Financial Regulations and diarise for review at a future PC meeting.

Clerk noted that there were only 4 Cllr's that were currently cheque signatories on the Parish Council bank account. Cllr Prett kindly offered to be added to the cheque signatory list.

Clerk to arrange for Cllr Prett to be added to the PC cheque signatories list.

5119. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk again reminded the meeting that the next Town & Parish Forum takes place on Thursday 9th November and to let her know if anyone wanted a place booking.

Clerk explained that she had received an invitation to comment on a City Council Local Plan. Cllr Tisbury agreed to take a look at the information on behalf of the Parish Council.

Clerk to speak to Tree Surgeon regarding adding in review of fruit trees at the Village Hall to the annual review.

Clerk to acquire Tree Surgeon invoice for the last two years reviews.

5120. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 13th November 2017 in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston.**

The meeting ended at approximately 9.25pm