

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton  
Road, Gamston

**Members Present:** Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett, David Cuthbert, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths & Gary Arkless.

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Kay Cutts, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Richard Hughes (Moo Haven)

**5088. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies due to ill health.

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies.

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

**5089. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Arkless declared an interest in planning item iii) as it relates to his family home.

**5090. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes to Order of Business proposed.

**5091. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

Cllr Prett noted an amendment to Minute. 5077. 'Martin's Field' should read 'Martin's Meadow'.

Clerk noted the location of the meeting should read St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont.

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

**Clerk to make amendments to July '17 Minutes and forward to Cllr Arkless for uploading to the website.**

**5092. MOO HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE**

Richard Hughes from Moo Haven Animal Rescue on Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont spoke to the meeting. He thanked the Parish Council for the invitation to speak.

Moo Haven is a pony rescue charity based on the former West Bridgford Equestrian Centre site. Their purpose is to rescue sick, abandoned and unwanted ponies, rehabilitate them and find new

adoptive homes. The ponies are never sold to ensure Moo Haven are able to periodically check on the welfare of the ponies.

Richard explained that they had become a registered charity 5 years ago and had been helped financially by various businesses including Network Rail and Thorntons.

Moo Haven was originally based in Sandiacre but demand for their services outgrew the facilities there. They were successful in tendering for what was formerly Kentrigg Farm on Adbolton Lane. They moved in during April '16 and it has taken 18 months to bring the site up to the standard to be ready for a Visitors Open Day two weeks ago.

As well as horses Moo Haven provides refuge to many other animals including goats, pigs, donkeys, cats, rabbits and chickens. They do not take dogs though.

They are currently working on a project to create a Community Garden on site. They have purchased a 30ft poly tunnel that will be wheelchair accessible and will include a disabled toilet. It will provide an opportunity for anyone, including those with special needs, to be able to garden and also interact with the animals. There are also plans to build a summer house to use as a meeting place and chill out zone.

Richard explained that they would appreciate help from volunteers to create the groundworks for the poly tunnel, build the tunnel and also demolish a portakabin in order to site the summer house.

Richard spoke about his desire for Moo Haven to be a site that interacts with the community including their neighbours Skylarks. They have also set up a JustGiving page to raise funds to buy a wheelchair friendly cart in order to give coach driving lessons and rides. As this will benefit some of the Skylarks residents it is hoped they will partly fund the cart.

Moo Haven isn't a riding school. They have some horses on livery to provide some income and they also offer a 2 hour Pony Experience for £20. The intention is to try and help prevent ponies being bought on a whim. Moo Haven provides experience of all aspects of owning a horse from mucking out, feeding, grooming to riding the pony. There is also the option to paint and glitter the horses and paint their toenails!

Over the last 5 years they have rehomed 120 ponies. Unfortunately due to demand they have to turn away 1 or 2 ponies every week.

Moo Haven are extremely grateful of any donations large or small and also appreciative of volunteers. Any assistance with gardening expertise would be very gratefully received.

Richard also mentioned the wormery initiative that involved 1000 litre wheelie bins where the worms process the horse manure into really effective garden fertiliser. There are also future plans to use the horse manure to create dried out 'bricks' that can be used as odourless fuel, or be rehydrated and applied to the soil as fertiliser. Nottingham Trent University are investigating the possibility of building a Cob House from the bricks.

Cllr Tisbury explained that there may be future opportunity for the PC to help with a fund raising initiative and thanked Richard Hughes for his contribution to the meeting.

**Richard Hughes to write a piece for the Autumn HP&G PC newsletter.**

**Cllr Arkless to add a link to the Moo Haven website from the HP&G PC website.**

## **5093. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr Cutts noted that she was attending the next Sherwood Farms meeting tomorrow. There had been a few odour issues over the summer.

Cllr Cutts had attended a raising of the flag event at County Hall in honour of WW2 merchant seamen.

Cllr Cutts updated the meeting on progress with the HS2 Government project. The position of the line has been decided and advertised and Cllr Cutts is chairing a Liaison Committee in Notts. It was acknowledged that not everybody welcomed the development and its' creation would require the demolition of some buildings. There are plans to expand Toton into a garden village including business and recreational developments. The anticipated finish date for the HS2 line is 2030.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the Great Notts Bike Ride that took place a week ago which had been a big success.

Cllr Cutts explained that a replacement for the now closed Langar Recycling Centre was being sought. The Recycling Centre on Greythorn Drive was proving to be inadequate for the entire Rushcliffe area.

Cllr Cutts noted that there had been an accident at the Ambleside park crossing where a bicycle had been hit by a bus. The cyclist had pedalled out when the red man was showing at the crossing. She had been obscured from the drivers view by a large bush. Very fortunately the child was not badly hurt. There are now plans to erect railings to prevent this happening again. Also plans are being made for the bush to be removed to improve visibility. Cllr Mason thanked Cllr Cutts for her prompt response to the accident.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the Parish Council had objected to some County Council suggestions for cycle routes in the Gamston Parish which could have exacerbated the safety issue.

Cllr Cutts told the meeting that the mineral line planning application had permission granted. It was noted that there was a requirement to make the route safe for all users and not for it to become a race track for cyclists.

Cllr Hackett spoke about the fact that cyclists travelling along Holme Lane in HP often have no audible way of warning walkers that they are there which can be dangerous.

Cllr Cutts also told the meeting that the refurbished Beeston Library had been officially opened by Robin Hood.

**Clerk to send County Cllr Cutts electronic copy of the observations raised by the Parish Council to the proposed Gamston cycle route.**

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

#### **5094. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason reported no problems at the Play Park. The sand that had been left in place after the Summer Play Day had been well used and enjoyed over the rest of the summer. Cllr Mason asked for a couple of volunteers to assist in removing the sand in the next few days.

Cllr Mason had received the Play Park annual inspection report and noted that there were 42 items needing attention. Cllr Mason explained that he was gathering quotes for replacement or repair of the climbing frame cradle.

Cllr Tisbury explained that it was evident that trees at the Play Park had been pruned. He explained that on advice of our tree surgeon, the job needed correcting to ensure the ongoing health of the trees and asked if anyone knew who had carried out the work.

Cllr Mason explained that he had arranged for David Litchfield to prune the trees as recommended in the Play Park inspection report. The report identified this as a low risk item.

Our tree surgeon considered the job had been done poorly. Cllr Mason disagreed with this opinion. Discussion took place and Cllr Prett suggested the remedial work was carried out as part of the autumn tree review.

**Cllr Mason to arrange removal of sand, tarpaulin and sand toys from the Play Park before the next PC meeting.**

**Clerk to arrange autumn review of Play Park trees.**

#### **5095. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE**

Cllr Tisbury explained that an annual update was due to Rushcliffe Borough Council as a condition of our Capital Grant award.

**Clerk to provide RBC with Capital Grant Annual Update.**

Cllr Cuthbert explained that he had arranged for electrical retesting of the dishwasher. He provided evidence that the dishwasher passed this functionality test so all electrical equipment in the Village Hall is safe.

Cllr Tisbury explained that there had been a request to set up a Toddler Group in the Village Hall by a local mum. The group would give local mothers and pre-school children opportunity to meet up and get to know each other. The Bookings Clerk had asked for clarification from the Parish Council regarding the hire rate policy for this venture.

Discussion took place regarding establishing a charging policy applicable to charities and local groups. After discussion it was agreed to allow the proposed toddler group a weekly hall booking for two months free and then evaluate as to whether the group is viable.

It was noted that the local mum that had suggested the idea was unfortunately ill at the moment so the start date for the group would be delayed.

**8.25pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting**

**County Cllr Cutts left the meeting**

Discussion took place regarding the insurance implications of proposed toddler group. Also possible DBS requirements for leaders, if any.

**Clerk to investigate insurance implications of community toddler group.**

**8.35pm Richard Hughes from Moo Haven left the meeting**

Cllr Tisbury explained that the Summer BBQ was a fantastic event. 125 tickets were sold and it was a resounding success. It was noted that the Village Breakfasts will start again later this month.

## 5096. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that he had been dealing with left over open spaces issues.

Cllr Wheeler had also received notification of a complaint regarding late night noise from the pet food distributor on Ambleside. Unfortunately there have been no reports of a complaint to the Environmental Health Officer and consequently Cllr Wheeler has no contact details for the complainant.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the Local Plan Part 2. Development in Rushcliffe is currently taking place around Sharp Hill. No news of any progress with detailed plans for Gamston/Tollerton.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the spate of car break ins especially during the day at Holme Pierrepont Water Sports Centre. Runners' vehicles were being targeted. It was stressed that it was important to not leave valuables on show in parked vehicles.

**HP& G PC Autumn newsletter to include a graphic to remind people to not leave valuables on display in parked cars.**

## 5097. PLANNING

- i) *17/01886/TPO Mr George Brook Fell lime tree 3 Croyde Gardens, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6SX.*

This application has been withdrawn. Meeting agreed that the Parish Council stance regarding trees is to protect them wherever possible.

- ii) *17/01769/FUL Mr Melvyn Egglenton Construction of summerhouse The Rectory, Sandy Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2PW.*

**Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT**

- iii) *17/01989/FUL Mr Gary Arkless Demolition of conservatory and store. Two storey side extension. Single storey front and rear extensions 3 Bowness Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PE.*

Discussion took place at the meeting regarding the plans. Unanimous decision was taken to not object.

**Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT**

## 5098. HP&G PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Tisbury thanked Cllr Arkless for all his work on the website.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the Village Hall parking map needed to be amended.

Cllr Arkless confirmed he had fixed the unresponsive contact button.

**Clerk to obtain historical information displayed in the telephone box in an electronic format for uploading to the web.**

**Clerk to provide Cllr Arkless with accounts summary details for uploading onto website.**

#### **5099. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER**

Articles already outlined for inclusion in the next newsletter:

- Summer Play Day Review
- Summer BBQ Review
- Moo Haven
- Car Theft in the area
- Advertise improved web page
- Tree Fest advert

Discussion took place regarding timings and it was agreed that a draft copy of the newsletter to be produced as soon as possible, but by 25<sup>th</sup> October '17.

Cllr Tisbury raised the point that Susan Toon, who collates, proof reads and rewrites some articles and liaises with the Parish Council and printers has been paid £150 for her work each edition for the last 3 years. After discussion Cllr Tisbury proposed the motion that Susan Toon's remuneration per newsletter be increased to £175. Vote was taken. Cllr's Mason and Cuthbert abstained, all other Cllr's in favour. Motion carried.

**Clerk to inform Susan Toon of agreed increase in fee.**

#### **5100. TREEFEST 2017**

Discussion took place regarding the possible dates for Tree Fest, format, Village Hall, Play Park, tree options. As Cllr Stacey was not present at the meeting it was agreed that a meeting would take place with the Tree Fest organising team to scope out a plan for the 2017 event.

#### **5101. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Mason noted that he had received a recent report from the residents at 3 Ambleside of bushes from the Play Park leaning on their fence.

**Clerk to add to Annual Play Park trees review.**

Cllr Prett explained that he had attended the Skylarks Festival. It was excellent and around 600 people came this year.

It was noted that the large store room was disorganised and cluttered.

**Clerk to arrange a day before the October '17 meeting to tidy store room.**

Discussion took place regarding the requirements for music and alcohol licenses for the Village Hall. Wine tasting evenings were discussed with reference to required licensing.

**Cllr Arkless agreed to look into licensing requirements.**

**Clerk to speak to U3A Wine Group regarding alcohol licensing.**

**5102. FINANCE**

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

**Clerk to issue September '17 finance handouts to Cllr's Stacey and Bancroft.**

Clerk explained that the HP&G PC Annual Return had been selected to go through an intermediate review due to the expenditure relating to the new Village Hall during 2016/2017 financial year. This requires us to answer various additional audit questions and provide evidence and supporting literature for answers.

**Clerk to respond to Grant Thornton intermediate review requirements.**

**5103. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk reminded the meeting that the next Town & Parish Forum takes place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Clerk to register a place for Cllr Mason.**

Clerk spoke to the meeting about the Royal British Legion Lamp Post Poppy campaign.

**5104. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston.**

**The meeting ended at approximately 10pm**