

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road,  
Gamston

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

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

**5180. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies as she is on holiday in USA.

Cllr Arkless sent his apologies as he is away with work.

**5181. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**5182. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes proposed.

**5183. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

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

**Cllr Arkless to upload February '18 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.**

Cllr Tisbury noted that some users of the Village Hall had experienced problems with the acoustics and it was sometimes difficult to hear clearly. Cllr Cutts agreed. It was suggested that a new hall in Lady Bay has acoustic panels.

**Cllrs to investigate feasibility of acoustic panelling. Cllr Cuthbert to contact Nottingham HiFi for ideas and costs.**

**5184. COUNTY REPORT**

County Cllr Cutts spoke again about HS2 developments. The project is due to be delivered by 2033.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the changing shape of town and city centres. Online purchasing is increasing and this is resulting in a decline in demand for retail units within towns. Cllr Cutts noted the possible move to providing more housing within towns to create a vibrancy.

Cllr Cutts has visited a number of children's homes within the county and is pleased to report they were all clean, pleasant and well run. She observed however, that it would be preferable if a little more reading were encouraged and a little less television watched.

Cllr Cutts noted that the Tour of Britain would be returning to the country again and may start in West Bridgford.

Cllr Cutts explained that she had taken part in an event at County Hall to recreate a total failure of computer and telephone systems. A contingency plan was devised with a trickle down mobile phone plan and identification of secure places outside of County Hall to communicate.

Cllr Cutts has attended a conference on digital growth in Nottinghamshire during the month and had also flown the flag for the Commonwealth.

Cllr Cutts updated the meeting as follows on the previous query regarding cemetery provision:

*'Wilford cemetery is owned by Nottingham City Council. I know of no plans to expand the cemetery into Gamston or even into the Rushcliffe area, though the City Council do own some land. It is difficult to see how a cemetery can be full, because it largely acts as a crematorium, and burials in the County are carried out in many other cemeteries, some owned and controlled by parish councils, for example Radcliffe-on-Trent.'*

Discussion took place regarding the changing face of Nottingham city centre over the years. Cllr Tisbury noted that with the demolition of the Broadmarsh car park currently enables Nottingham Castle to be visible on approaching the city.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the deficit in school secondary places. There are plans for Rushcliffe School to expand to accommodate more pupils.

## **5185. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the annual budget and the increase in Council Tax. It was noted that HP&G Parish Council precept has decreased.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the RBC Abbey Road depot site was being developed for housing. Operations were being moved to Bingham. A £300k grant has been received from central government to assist with the project. £9.9 million has also been received from central government to progress the Fairham Pastures development in Clifton.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the green initiatives being implemented by RBC including replacement of single use paper and plastic cups with reusable glass and china. He noted that the recycling rate has plateaued and new ways to increase this were being sought. It was explained that to include doorstep recycling of food waste and glass however, would be too expensive.

Discussion took place regarding recycling centres. There is a definite need for an additional recycling site, possibly in the Cotgrave area. Cllr Cutts explained that she considered incineration of waste was a practical solution but in the past the proposed incinerator at Bilsthorpe had been prevented by Eric Pickles.

Cllr Tisbury asked about progress with development of the land east of Gamston. Cllr Wheeler explained that there was no current plans. Fairham Pastures is to be kick started with a government grant. Cllr Tisbury considered Land to the East of Gamston would need the same. Cllr Wheeler confirmed that an Aldi store was being located in Edwalton. Interest is still being shown by Waitrose in an adjacent plot together with a large care home. However, there are infrastructure concerns, especially regarding the road systems.

## 5186. PLANNING

- i) 18/00031/FUL Mr Melvyn Egglenton Change of use from agricultural land to a paddock with a menage The Rectory, Sandy Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2PW.

Discussion had already taken place with Cllrs by email and response posted on RBC Planning Portal to not object, with the proviso that what is meant is an area for training horses and riders, manège, as opposed to menage.

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that the planning committee this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March would be considering the canal side development in Lady Bay.

Cllr Cuthbert noted that he was aware that annual reviews for supported living in Rushcliffe were carried out by social worker from Broxtowe as none are available within the Borough.

## 5187. VILLAGE HALL

### *Licensing*

Required documentation and notification all in hand for Premises License application.

**Clerk to contact Cllr Arkless when newsletters arrive to confirm date to include on public notice for display around the Village Hall.**

### *Village Hall Management*

Clerk presented a comparison of energy costs for the new Village Hall compared to the last year of the old Village Hall.

**Clerk to report energy cost comparisons of next quarterly electricity bill.**

**Cllr Bancroft to arrange servicing of the air con unit as soon as possible and to set up a regular maintenance contract going forward.**

### *Bookings Clerk Update*

Cllr Tisbury communicated the Bookings Clerk update.

*'All is running well at the hall. All users are made aware of the parking restrictions and I have mentioned that we might keep the deposit if we get complaints about inconsiderate parking!'*

*Whilst the enquiries about the hall hire have been fairly steady over the winter period, there has been an influx of new enquiries over the past couple of weeks for summer parties. The hall seems to be more popular during the summer, probably because of the decking and gardens that we offer, which not many other venues can compete with! The £100 party function cost sometimes puts people off booking as they compare it to the Poppy and Pint who's weekend rates are better (I'm not sure how much they charge though). The locals don't seem to query the costs so the 20% discount seems to be a help. A majority of enquiries are sent via email. The regular users are happy with the hall and the heating. I am currently speaking with a lady who runs a children's cookery class and was very impressed with the hall when she viewed it last week. I've sent her a list of available week day slots and await to hear from her.*

*It was drawn to my attention that often the oven is not always cleaned after it has been used. I will mention this to the users who I believe use the oven occasionally.*

*The hall is due a deep clean. I am planning to start this on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This will involve deep cleaning the kitchen cupboards, windows, decking, oven, sorting/cleaning the store cupboards and litter picking the garden. The toilets and kitchen are always clean. The only thing I want to mention is that I 'regularly' find dog mess bags thrown over the top gate and dog mess not picked up along the path near the top gate which was also noticed by one of the U3A members who nearly stood in the mess along the same path a couple of weeks ago. Do we have a bin for dog litter nearby? If not, maybe it is something to consider!*

*I had an awkward viewing recently, which I thought I would mention! A group of ladies came to look at the hall. I initially thought it was for a baby shower or similar, but when they told me " they need the hall until after midnight as the dead spirits come alive at this time" I was shocked and told them hall needs to be vacated by 11pm. They said they would vacate the hall but would sit in the gardens to call babies back from the dead! They insisted that this should be allowed as they could feel the spirits in the grounds of the hall and are not actually 'in the hall' also the dead are revived after midnight! Eventually I made it clear that I couldn't allow this as it would be inconvenient for the local residents.*

*The hall is reserved for the film night every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday. A couple of locals have asked me if this is going to be a regular thing and how they can find out the details. Is it possible we could put details on the notice boards for the next ones?*

Cllr Tisbury expressed what an excellent job the Bookings Clerk does and the monthly updates are hugely helpful in understanding her workload.

Cllr Cuthbert explained to the meeting that the hall had been hired commercially for a retreat day. The hirers asked if they could use the screen and equipment to show slides as part of a presentation. Discussion took place as to whether a refundable deposit should be taken and also whether there should be a charge for the use of the equipment. All Cllr's expressed an opinion and after discussion Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Bancroft seconded the motion that, for COMMERCIAL bookings, a £100 cash deposit be received and £90 returned after equipment checked as being in working order. Vote taken, unanimously in favour, motion carried.

It was suggested that no charge be made to children's/youth groups or groups for the elderly.

### **8.30pm County Cllr Cutts & Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.**

Cllr Cuthbert reported back to the meeting regarding comfortable seating for film nights. Cllr Cuthbert proposed that 21 Amazon camping chairs at £7.99 each be purchased as a trial, Cllr Bancroft seconded the motion. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour with the exception of Cllr Tisbury who abstained. Majority decision in favour, motion carried.

### **Cllr Cuthbert to purchase chairs and pass receipt to the Clerk for reimbursement.**

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the Summer BBQ. A suitable date is yet to be established.

Cllr Hackett presented the information she had gathered regarding a permanent tree at the Village Hall for the Christmastime event. After discussion next steps were agreed. The

provision for summer watering, if the tree is planted in a pot, requires planning and clear communication.

**Cllr Hackett to email out details of 4 tree options to all Cllrs. Cllr Hackett to then gather details on speed and extent of growth, and costings for a large pot to accommodate plant in.**

#### **5188. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason reported back to the meeting his findings regarding new Play Park equipment. Possible additions could be a sand pit, zip wire, sunken trampoline, table tennis table, adult fitness equipment and water fountain. Discussion took place and it was agreed that further information was required, particularly on health and safety issues, before any decisions could be made.

**Cllr Mason and Clerk to make contact with RBC regarding the maintenance of existing sand pits in the Borough.**

**Clerk to add 'New Equipment' to PC April '18 meeting agenda.**

#### **5189. SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Prett updated the meeting on progress. Susan Toon has done a fantastic job in collating the articles and photos. Distribution is anticipated in the first week of April. This is before the next PC meeting.

Cllr Tisbury explained that a resident had contacted him to advise him that the Autumn '17 newsletter showed a picture of his child that he had not given permission to print. Cllr Tisbury informed him appropriate photography notices had been erected on site but offered to arrange for the child's face to be pixelated and this revised version of the newsletter will be uploaded to the website, which was welcomed.

#### **5190. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Prett explained that he had attended a West Bridgford U3A performance of the AJAR folk group. He considered they would be excellent for a one-off event at the Village Hall. They do not charge for their services, but request a charity donation.

**Cllr Prett to contact AJAR to arrange. Bookings Clerk to provide available dates.**

Cllr Prett spoke to the meeting about the possibility of hosting a British Heart Foundation CPR training event.

**Cllr Prett to gather further details from BHF.**

Cllr Hackett raised, in Cllr Stacey's absence, the issue of the damaged wall to the Millennium Garden at Holme Pierrepont. The quoted cost of repair is £120 and £100 of this has been promised by Borough Cllr Wheeler.

Cllr Stacey had wanted to ask the Parish Council if they would fund the remaining £20. Cllr Hackett thought that perhaps Borough Cllr Wheeler would be providing this amount.

**Clerk to contact Borough Cllr Wheeler to clarify situation.**

Cllr Griffiths spoke about the landowner plans to prevent cycle access to the footpath along a section of the river in Lady Bay. Cllr Griffiths had been in touch with Sue Mallender who had recently forwarded a number of related documents. These included a 9 page document for individuals to fill in to object to the restriction. Cllr Griffiths noted there had been a suggestion to designate the land as a 'Village Green' but was not overly optimistic this would be successful.

**Cllr Griffiths to issue documents to all Cllr's with an email summary.**

Cllr Mason explained that he would be arranging for the park to be painted ahead of the summer season.

Discussion took place regarding the supply and fit of Village Hall parking webbing by StreetWise.

**Clerk to obtain revised quotation for the work and arrange completion as soon as possible, including restoring the grass.**

Discussion took place regarding replacement gate and new notice board at Village Hall.

**Cllr Mason to liaise with David Litchfield to arrange replacement of Village Hall top gate.**

**Cllr Mason to ask David Litchfield to contact Cllr Tisbury regarding ideas for a new outdoor notice board.**

#### **5191. FINANCE**

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

**Clerk to issue February '18 financial documents to Cllr's Stacey and Arkless.**

**Clerk still to arrange to meet with Cllr Prett at HSBC to add him to the PC cheque signatories list.**

#### **5192. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk explained that the Town & Parish Forum due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 had been postponed due to bad weather and would now be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

**Cllrs wishing to attend Town & Parish Forum to notify Clerk in order to book a place.**

Clerk explained that she had received a flyer to advertise a monthly breakfast event at The Goose for Nottingham Rushcliffe Armed Forces & Veteran's.

**Clerk to provide printouts of flyer for Parish notice boards.**

Clerk explained that she had received a call from a resident living near Gamston asking for any possible help in forming a litter picking group to keep the area clean and tidy.

**Clerk to liaise with local resident and formulate ideas for litter picking initiatives.**

Clerk explained that she had received an email from Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council asking for assistance with their plans to rebuild their Village Hall. Cllr Tisbury agreed to be contacted by Clerk at Langar cum Barnstone in order to assist.

**Clerk to contact Barnstone Parish Clerk regarding their VH rebuild project.**

Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a request from Highways England A52 Nottingham Junctions department for assistance in setting up a residents meeting to address concerns about the proposed road changes, sometime in the next two or three months.

**Clerk to help to arrange A52 residents meeting.**

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

**5193. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018** in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston.**

**The meeting ended at approximately 10pm.**