

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton  
Road, Gamston

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

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler & Martyn Paradise (Parishioner).

**5253. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies due to being on holiday.

Cllr Arkless sent his apologies due to work commitments.

County Cllr Cutts sent her apologies due to a clash with Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish meeting.

**5254. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5255. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Agenda items pertaining to Borough Cllr Wheeler to be deferred until his arrival.

**5256. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

Cllr Prett noted that 'ANNUAL' should be removed from Agenda item 5241.

Cllr Prett noted that it was unnecessary to include advance apologies for the next meeting.

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

**Clerk to amend July '18 Minutes.**

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

**5257. COUNTY REPORT**

Clerk read out the following report forwarded by County Cllr Cutts in her absence.

*'Over the last few weeks, we have continued with the budgeting process. Nottinghamshire County Council is experiencing rising demand in both adults and children's social care. Annual Council Tax increases have been capped by government to 5%, including a 2% precept*

*for Adult Social Care. This means that our income is not keeping pace with our demands and, further, we have to find another £54 million in savings by 2021.*

*We are now looking at all services to make these savings, but inevitably this would have a detrimental effect upon the County. Because of this problem, we have looked at the organisation of local government and concluded that the two-tier (three including parish councils) system is expensive and heavily bureaucratic. Nottinghamshire has seven district councils, each with their own Chief Executive and secretariat. Nottingham City Council regained its unitary status in 1998, and before this – since local government reorganisation in 1974 – the city had been a district council in its functions. The County Council reorganised to allow the city to achieve its status, and this resulted in 25 councillors who represented the City on the County Council becoming City Councillors only – with no entitlement to influence the spending on the County Council. This is why we have launched a local government review, which is outlined in the report to Policy Committee (Item no. 4).*

*The Tour of Britain cycle ride, which came to Nottinghamshire for the second year on Saturday, was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the street parties, bunting, and yellow bikes at significant junctions. We were informed by the Tour Director on Saturday that our stage was not only the longest but also that more people turned out to watch the race than across the rest of the country. There was more of a welcome from towns and villages, and that it was the best organised. This is certainly a feather in the cap for the County Council, and our colleagues in the district councils who played their part.*

*I understand that Rushcliffe Borough Council have agreed to contribute £10,000 towards a further feasibility study to extend the tram. I am concerned that this may result in a park and ride being proposed, yet again, for Gamston – which I know from past experience is not wanted by residents. May I suggest that you ask your district council representative to fill you in on the details. Nottinghamshire County Council have not been invited as yet for their views, which is odd to say the least as NCC are the Highway Authority for all roads except trunk roads.*

*I have been approached by Diane Kidger of Bassingfield for a grant towards a WWI poppy scheme, which I have been pleased to support.*

*If there are any questions, would you please contact me by e-mail or telephone, and I will be happy to help.'*

## **5258. VILLAGE HALL**

### *Bookings Clerk Update*

Cllr Tisbury presented the Bookings Clerk summer update.

*'After a very busy July and the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of August the hall has had a quiet couple of weeks. The regular groups start back this week and next. The weekends have a number of bookings, so things will start to pick up again. Party/booking enquiries are coming in on a daily basis, mainly via email. Occasionally by phone. The locals' discount of 20% is appreciated by many.*

*The dry summer damaged the grass. I have spread a few grass seeds over the parts that haven't yet recovered. The Christmas tree and flowers are still doing well. I haven't needed to water them much recently. I've not found any dog mess in August, maybe the CCTV has helped.*

*No reports of the office being left open. I have made a habit of checking the doors when I visit and haven't noticed any problems thank you.*

*The Hall is reserved for the BBQ on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. Just to let you know the hall will need to be left clean on the same day as Daisy Baby are in the following morning at 9:45am and U3A in the afternoon. If it is the large BBQ in the store cupboard that is going to be used please can this not be put back in the hall before it has been cleaned otherwise it leaves an awful smell in the hall that lasts for weeks.*

*There was a large, bike charity event held at the hall. The group were very appreciative of the local charity booking refund by the Parish Council. The refund will go towards the Brain Tumour charity.*

*It has been pointed out to many of the users that we now have CCTV. A few thought this would 'invade their privacy'. I have assured them this would only be checked if we have a security issue at the hall and they would not be watched when using the hall, this made them feel more comfortable with the CCTV.*

*The leader of Daisy Baby spoke with me recently (16<sup>th</sup> July) to let me know that a local lady walked into her toddlers singing class and angrily demanded she moves her car as it was on her 'private drive'. This disrupted the children singing. She moved her car off the drive of Grange Farm but after looking into this further she was told by the local council that this was NOT actually a private drive and she had every right to park there. The sign showing 'Private Drive' was incorrect as this land is council owned. She said she won't park there again as she didn't want to cause any trouble but wanted to point this out in case anyone else has any issues.*

*Also could people with keys respect that when there are private paying groups using the hall they do not expect people to just randomly walk in. Thank you in advance*

#### *Acoustics*

Cllr Tisbury reiterated that a budget of £1100 + VAT had been approved at the previous meeting for the purchase and fitting of acoustic panelling for the Village Hall.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the quotation had been received for the supply of 16 panels. It was necessary to now obtain a quotation for fitting.

Discussion took place regarding fitting options. Cllr Tisbury enquired as to whether this was something David Litchfield could help with. Cllr Bancroft spoke about a gripple hanging solution that may be useful.

**Cllr Tisbury to further investigate fixing solutions and bring back to the next meeting. Suppliers to recommend best practise for fitting.**

#### *Air Con Servicing & Maintenance Contract*

Cllr Bancroft confirmed that the service had been completed and no faults found. He had chased up an invoice but explained that we may not be charged as the business owner that performed the service is a local resident who may provide the service free as a generous contribution to the community.

**Clerk to diarise second annual air conditioning service for Spring 2019.**

### *Village Hall Security*

Discussion took place regarding the security of the internal double doors that can be easily pushed open, even when locked. It was noted that these doors formed part of a fire exit. It was explained that internal bolts should be attached to the inside of one door only, identical to those on the external double doors.

**Cllr Mason to arrange for David Litchfield to fit top and bottom bolts on one internal double door only, attached from the inside of the hall.**

Discussion took place regarding Village Hall key holders.

**Clerk to maintain a comprehensive list of all key holders.**

### *Film Night*

Cllr Tisbury told the meeting that the next Film Night was this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September '18 when 'I Tonya' would be shown.

### *Summer BBQ*

Cllr Tisbury explained that 175 tickets had been sold for the BBQ taking place this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September '18. Food tickets had now all sold out but anyone was welcome to attend without a ticket to listen to the music and buy a drink.

### *AJAR Event*

The West Bridgford based folk group AJAR will be playing at Gamston Village Hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September '18. Entry is free with a collection being made for The Friary. Start time is 7.30pm. Everyone very welcome to attend and can bring their own refreshments.

Cllr Prett explained that he was meeting with the band and Cllr Tisbury this coming Friday at the Village Hall to run through the logistics of the evening.

### *Defibrillator*

Cllr Hackett raised the subject of providing a defibrillator at the Village Hall. Discussion took place and in principle it was agreed to be a good idea. Further investigation to be made and brought back to the next meeting.

## **5259. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER**

Autumn Newsletter is due to be issued mid to late November '18, so articles need to be finalised by the beginning of November '18.

It was noted that the following articles would be included, space permitting:

- Parish environmental issues
- Summer Play Day

- Edward VII article
- BBQ
- AJAR concert
- Advert for Christmas Event

Cllr Tisbury thanked Cllr Prett for his continued hard work on the creation of the Parish News.

**Clerk to issue periodic reminders to all Cllrs for newsletter articles.**

## **5260. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason had obtained a quotation from Notts CC for required wet-pour repairs at the Play Park, which had been previously circulated to all Cllrs along with the annual Play Park Inspection report.

It was agreed that a second quotation was required before deciding upon a provider.

**Clerk to arrange for a second wet-pour quotation from Streetwise.**

Cllr Tisbury enquired about the regulation quoted in the Play Park Inspection report, which referred to various British Standards, and asked if legislation had changed recently. For example, it was noted that the swings were too close together for current legislation but asked if when they were installed they complied at this time?

Discussion took place regarding the report and responsibility for the Play Park. Cllr Mason explained that as a result of receiving the report he compiled a list of repairs to be carried out by David Litchfield in order of importance. David Litchfield then worked through this list.

Cllr Tisbury expressed his concern over any urgent repairs that may result in harm to children using the park. He asked who was monitoring these issues as ultimately the entire Parish Council would be held responsible for any accidents as a result of faulty equipment.

Cllr Mason explained that he monitored the park but welcomed the opinion and guidance of all other Councillors in relation to ongoing maintenance of the park and interpretation of the Play Park Inspection report.

**All Cllrs to review the 2018 Play Park Inspection report and flag up any areas considered to be urgent, to Cllr Mason.**

**8.20pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.**

Cllr Prett noted some signage attached to the Play Park railings and asked who had approved this. Discussion took place and it was reiterated, that as previously agreed, any signage at the Play Park must be approved at a Parish Council meeting and we did not support the advertising of any profit-making organisation on the Play Park railings, as this would potentially open the floodgates to numerous requests.

## **5261. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about how well received the Tour of Britain had been and the boost to the Rushcliffe economy that it had potentially generated.

Cllr Wheeler explained some potential new legislation, which was under consultation, which may result in additional housing targets being imposed on the Borough if there were not enough sites within the City to meet targets. Cllr Wheeler spoke about the already ambitious development plans for Rushcliffe. The Government has had 5 different housing ministers in the last 2 years and every time there is a change the targets are re-evaluated and re-set so the goalposts are constantly moving.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the new extended car park at Rushcliffe Arena was almost complete and the extra capacity is much needed.

Cllr Wheeler has spoken with Skylarks Care Home about a planned fundraising balloon release and managed to encourage them to change their plans and adopt more environmentally friendly promotional activity.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that around 8,000 people attended the successful Lark in the Park event which was a fantastic advert for the Borough. Cllr Wheeler explained that he had enjoyed attending the HP&G PC Summer Play Day.

Cllr Bancroft asked Cllr Wheeler about the money contributed to a study to assess extension of the tram network to Gamston. Cllr Wheeler explained that the study was to justify extension of the tram network for economic reasons. There would be a business benefit to extending out to Clifton Pastures employment zone. Tram journeys are subsidised and therefore do not generate any profit. The money has been invested in the study to demonstrate a commitment to helping local businesses that want to move into the area and making that a more viable option for them. Cllr Wheeler said there had been no mention of a park & ride in the Gamston area in relation to the tram network.

Cllr Wheeler considered a logical extension would be to take the tram line 4 miles further to East Mids Airport via East Midlands Parkway. The airport is looking at large growth in cargo transport. Also the large Amazon and DHL depots in the area would benefit.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the land East of Gamston development could potentially generate 20k extra car movements a day generating a need for substantial investment in public transport. This included 20ha of employment development, 4,000 houses plus schools, hospital, shops etc and could ultimately be bigger than the Clifton extension.

Discussion took place regarding the debate surrounding replacement of the Boroughs with a single unitary authority.

## **5262. PLANNING**

- i) *18/01607/FUL Mr Ramiro Alberio Construct single storey rear extension and enclose front porch. 44 Elterwater Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PX.*

Cllr Griffiths explained that the plans were for a small increase in floor space and mostly internal changes. Recommendation was Parish Council response DO NOT OBJECT.

- ii) *18/00795/FUL Mr Mason Soiza Replace existing dwelling & annex with new dwelling (resubmission) Jubilee Cottage, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD.*

Cllr Wheeler explained that he had met with a number of local residents that had previously objected to the plans for Jubilee Cottage, in order to work on a solution for the development. He wanted to help the neighbours be involved in finding a workable solution to the problems.

It was established that one of their primary concerns was the issue surrounding further development on the site after the new property has been built. There is a perceived risk that once planning permission has been granted for the house the owners will keep adding to the building on the site. In conjunction with the Planning Officer it has been agreed that a condition will be added to any permission, that prevents any further development whatsoever on the site without first obtaining planning permission. Even for development that would be automatically allowed on other sites. This condition would pass to any new home owners if the property were to be sold in the future.

Another concern of local residents is the disturbance that will be caused by building work, potentially during anti-social hours. The applicants have made guarantees that work will be only carried out during legally permitted hours.

Neighbours to the plot also expressed concern around the potential removal of hedgerows thus reducing privacy. Also noise associated with the entertainment facilities incorporated in the plans for the house. The applicant expressed that he too wants privacy and to provide a home sympathetic to the area.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that, subject to the agreed conditions, the local residents were accepting of the development.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the Parish Council had been key to the process of ensuring a solution was achieved. He had identified the mistakes in the original plan for an excessively large development, which had consequently been reduced in size.

- iii) *18/01968/ADV Replacement and new signage including internally illuminated signs. MRH Pierrepont Service Station, Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire.*

**Cllr Tisbury agreed to look at this application.**

## **5263. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Hackett asked the meeting if there were any further developments to improve the safety of the Lings Bar junction. Discussion took place. It was noted that dualling of this stretch of the A52 was a possibility when the land East of Gamston is developed.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the local resident hadn't yet received written confirmation from VIA that they can return their ornamental cart containing flowers to the roadside. Cllr Tisbury asked if Borough Cllr Wheeler could take this forward in County Cllr Cutts absence.

**Cllr Tisbury to check with resident if any further correspondence from VIA has been received.**

**Borough Cllr Wheeler to investigate in conjunction with County Cllr Cutts.**

Cllr Hackett raised a request on behalf of Cllr Stacey in her absence. Cllr Stacey is planning to create a permanent display at St Edmunds Church to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. The existing display boards are to be refurbished and Borough Cllr Wheeler has kindly agreed to donate £250 towards this. Twenty two large poppies to represent each resident lost are to be displayed in the churchyard. County Cllr Cutts has kindly agreed to fund this. Cllr Stacey asked if the Parish Council would be happy to cover the cost of reprographics for this project, which is anticipated to be approximately £100.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Bancroft seconded the motion that the Parish Council support the production of graphics for the Remembrance display at St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Mason asked if any applicants had come forward to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of David Cuthbert. Clerk confirmed that no one had come forward.

Cllr Mason asked the meeting who would be taking over the Village Breakfast in David Cuthbert's absence. Cllr Tisbury explained that this initiative was not run by the Parish Council, but a group of local residents and would continue as such.

Cllr Mason asked the meeting who would be taking over running the Film Night in David Cuthbert's absence. He asked what would happen with the film night finances. Cllr Tisbury explained that the Film Club would continue to run as now. Any donations collected are passed to the Clerk and recorded in the monthly accounts, minus the cost of the film which is usually around £10.

Cllr Mason asked for a revised list of Councillor names, addresses and contact details for the notice boards, with David Cuthbert removed.

**Clerk to check Cllr contact details are up to date and issue revised document.**

**Clerk to print copies for display on the notice boards.**

Cllr Mason told the meeting about a dog attack that Cllr Arkless had spoken to Cllr Prett about. Cllr Mason explained that Cllr Arkless' dog had been attacked by the same animal that had shown its' teeth to Cllr Mason and believed it was owned by a friend of Cllr Tisbury. Discussion took place with regard to the direct relevance of this incident to the Parish Council. Cllr Mason suggested that this may result in the Police being involved. Cllr Tisbury explained it was not a matter for resolution by the Parish Council and Cllr Arkless must take the action he felt appropriate. Cllr Mason asked Cllr Tisbury if he would speak to the dog owner about the animal. Cllr Tisbury agreed to speak with the dog owner.

**Cllr Tisbury to speak with dog owner.**

Discussion took place regarding the consultation to reduce the speed along Regatta Way to 40mph. Clerk confirmed no further information had been received.

**Clerk to chase up update from VIA regarding proposal to reduce speed limit to 40mph along Regatta Way.**

Cllr Mason informed the meeting that he had found a portable radio device at the Play Park and had reunited it with its owner by putting a notice on the notice boards.

Discussion took place regarding the viability of the Community Garden idea within the Parish. It was agreed that it was unlikely to come to fruition and the funds ring fenced for that purpose to be reallocated to the Village Hall Sinking Fund.

**Clerk to reallocate Community Garden budget to VH Sinking Fund.**

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the parking matting and whether we should ask Streetwise to return to look at the patches where there is little soil. Clerk considered, taking the extreme summer weather conditions into account, the area was becoming well established. Clerk felt the area needs a winter for the area to fully mature.

Discussion took place regarding the CCTV system at the Village Hall.

**Clerk to ensure Village Hall booking form documents the CCTV policy.**

**Clerk to ensure revision to VH booking form uploaded on web.**

Discussion took place regarding delivery of the next newsletter. Cllr Bancroft mentioned an advert in the Local News that advertised rates of £20/1,000 to deliver.

**Clerk to investigate outsourcing delivery of Parish News.**

Cllr Mason asked the meeting if an induction loop for the hard of hearing would be a useful addition to the Village Hall. Cllr Tisbury explained that this had already been discussed by the Village Hall working party and rejected as it would be too expensive.

Cllr Mason asked if Mark Winter the groundsman could be supplied with a key to the large gate at the Village Hall in order to access the grounds with his ride on mower.

**Clerk to arrange spare gate key for Mark Winter.**

Cllr Prett noted that the damson tree in the Village Hall grounds was dropping much fruit onto the path.

#### **5264. FINANCE**

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

Clerk explained that she had received a request for the 50% local charity discount for a booking hoping to raise money for the Wish Upon A Star children's charity. Meeting agreed to grant this discount. Clerk to find out further details regarding the booking.

**Clerk to issue Cllr's Stacey & Arkless with copies of July/August '18 financial transactions.**

**Clerk to communicate to charity booking discount and gather further information.**

## **5265. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk reiterated that the next Town & Parish Conference was due to take place at Rushcliffe Arena on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September '18, with lunch included.

Clerk raised the issue of the offer from Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council to purchase their speedwatch radar. Discussion took place. It was agreed that we would not have sufficient need and there was an element of doubt as to whether any results would be considered relevant. Calibration would be an ongoing expense and user training required. Meeting asked Clerk to explain to Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council that we may be interested in short term loans of the equipment but not to purchase it outright.

**Clerk to reply to Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council regarding speedwatch radar equipment.**

Clerk notified the meeting of the NALC (Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils) AGM on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November '18 at Epperstone Village Hall.

Clerk notified the meeting of help required from a research fellow student working at Nottingham Medical School, in advertising for people to help with his study.

**Clerk to contact research fellow to acquire a flyer for the notice boards.**

Clerk informed the meeting of a request for help from an organisation, Metropolitan Connect, wanting to promote their service within our Parish. They provide support and assistance to keep people independent in their own homes. Clerk to further investigate and liaise with Bookings Clerk regarding possible dates for use of Village Hall to promote the service.

**Clerk to liaise with Bookings Clerk & Metropolitan Connect.**

**Clerk to ascertain the date of West Bridgford Christmas Lights Switch On in order to liaise with Carlton Brass Training Band to book them for HP&G PC Christmas Event.**

**Clerk to acquire RBC environmental policy and distribute.**

**Clerk to read new model Standing Orders and recommend changes to our existing Standard Orders, if appropriate.**

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

## **5266. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.15pm** in Gamston Village Hall, Main Street, Gamston.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.50pm.**