

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road,  
Gamston

**Members Present:** Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths, Gary Arkless & Phil Jones.

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk) & Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler.

**5360. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies due to being on holiday.

Cllr Hackett sent her apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Cutts sent her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting.

**5361. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5362. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**5363. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

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

**Cllr Arkless to upload March '19 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.**

**5364. COUNTY REPORT**

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

*'I am not able to attend Monday evening's meeting, and I would like to draw attention to the follow items relating to Holme Pierrepont & Gamston for your members:*

*I have asked the officers of Nottinghamshire County Council to look into the advertising of the road race towards the end of March, as I believe the organisers were deficient in sending out sufficient notification to householders – and in particular Holme Pierrepont residents – who were greatly inconvenienced by having their one road closed.*

*Several hedges have been picked up by colleagues where they require trimming, and Nottinghamshire County Council will visit to ascertain any further action.*

*I attended the Bingham Day Centre for elderly people with memory problems, and was able to observe the pleasure that the elderly people and the young children took in the joint activities one morning, when the local playgroup made one of their regular visits.*

*I also attended the awards for the communities and groups at the Clifton Campus of Nottingham Trent University, which had been partially funded by the County Council, where I presented a community award to the winning organisation.*

*The Multi-User Route is being officially opened on Tuesday morning by the Chairman of the County Council, and as it is half term I imagine there will be many families there to witness the official ceremony. I have asked our officers to ensure that the extensive graffiti on the buttress to the railway bridge is cleared before the event, and to that end the road is being closed for the works to be carried out.*

*If there are any questions which councillors wish to pose to me and require a quick reply, may I propose that they put them in an e-mail.*

*I hope that you have a productive meeting.'*

Cllr Prett noted that it is in fact the Easter holidays and not Half Term.

Clerk asked Cllrs again if anyone was available to represent the Parish Council at the Cotgrave Greenway opening event. Unfortunately no one available that day.

**Clerk to send apologies to Cotgrave Greenway Opening organisers on behalf of the Parish Council.**

#### **5365. PLANNING**

- i) 19/00509/FUL Dr Luke Lonca Conversion and extension of barn to create new dwelling, new double garage, and alterations to existing access (revised scheme).  
The Thickett, Bassingfield Lane, Bassingfield, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LG.

Do not object. This application is almost identical to one that was submitted in 2014 (14/00905/FUL) and was granted consent. Although repeat applications should not necessarily have the same outcome we can see no reason to object.

The issues are; change of use from barn to residential and extending a building in the greenbelt. With everything else going on in the wider area and the building being within the built up area of the village we see no reason to object.

Clerk explained that Application 19/00112/FUL Mrs Dawn Buckley 17 Elterwater Drive is to be considered by the Planning Committee on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April '19.

Clerk explained that Application 18/02682/FUL Mr Matt Heather 1 Tilberthwaite Close, Gamston has been Refused Permission for the following reasons;

*'Due to its siting, scale and design, it is considered that the extended garage and new boundary wall/fence would have an undue prominence and would be intrusive in the Ambleside street scene, and would result in an undesirable hard edge along the site boundary*

*which would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area. The proposal would, therefore, be contrary to chapter 12 'Achieving well-designed places' of the National Planning Policy Framework, policy 10: 'Design and Enhancing Local Identity' of the Local Plan Part 1: Rushcliffe Core Strategy, policy GP2 (Design and Amenity Criteria) of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan, and the objectives of the Rushcliffe Residential Design Guide.'*

## **5366. VILLAGE HALL**

### *Outdoor Air Con Unit*

Cllr Arkless explained that some damage to the air conditioning unit attached to the outside of the Village Hall had been identified. It was suggested that maybe children had jumped from the nearby wall onto the air con unit. It was still functioning but had superficial damage. In addition the drainpipe nearby had been smashed. Cllr Arkless had repaired the drainpipe.

Discussion took place regarding possible solutions including a metal wire cage for the air con unit, or solid boxing in, or a sign to keep off, or covering in yellow and black danger tape.

### *Protective Wall Covering*

Cllr Arkless presented the meeting with the results of his investigations into protective wall covering at the Village Hall. Quotations had been received for unfitted Yeoman Shield with either double-sided tape fixing or polymer adhesive fixing. Cllr Arkless confirmed he had consulted with the Bookings Clerk with regard to the options.

Discussion took place regarding the various options. Cllr Tisbury asked the following questions for clarification:

- i) Do we want to purchase wall covering for the VH main hall?
- ii) Should we apply to the walls with tape or adhesive?

Meeting unanimously agreed that yes we did want to purchase wall covering and apply with adhesive.

**Clerk to arrange for purchase of wall covering materials.**

**Cllr Arkless to arrange to take delivery of wall covering materials at the VH at a time convenient with Bookings Clerk.**

### *VH Maintenance Purchases*

Cllr Arkless raised the issue of ad hoc payments for VH maintenance and whether it would be possible to have a cash float or set up an account at B&Q. Discussion took place regarding the wider issue of Parish Council banking. Clerk explained that she had previously investigated moving to a Unity Trust bank account that would perfectly suit the needs of the Parish Council as they specialised in these kind of accounts. However, in the past this had been rejected based on the fact that there was a monthly charge for the account and currently with HSBC the Parish Business Account attracts no charges whatsoever.

It was agreed that further investigation was required and a summary brought back to a future Parish Council meeting for discussion.

**Cllr Arkless agreed to investigate Unity Trust Parish Council bank accounts and report back to the Parish Council.**

**Clerk to add 'Unity Trust Bank Account' to June '19 Agenda.**

**7.45pm Cllr Bancroft arrived at the meeting.**

*VH Dog Bin*

Clerk confirmed that the dog bin and post were on order but would not be delivered to Streetwise until 9<sup>th</sup> June '19 due to a manufacturing delay.

*Air Con Annual Service*

Clerk explained that it was a year since the air conditioning system had been serviced. Clerk explained that she hadn't received an invoice for last years' service.

**Cllr Bancroft to contact Parishioner Jon Oldknow;**

- i) to arrange Annual Air Con Service**
- ii) for advice regarding cage for the outdoor section of the unit.**

*Relocate Village Hall Christmas Tree*

Cllr Tisbury explained that the alternative location for the Christmas Tree does not currently have easy access to power. Clerk explained that the ultimate aim was to have mains operated Christmas lights on this tree. After discussion it was agreed that as this species was very slow growing it would be left in its' current position.

#### **5367. PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS**

Discussion took place regarding possible locations for defibrillators around the Parish. It is essential that any location has an electrical power supply and is easily accessible by the public.

Defibrillator location ideas around the Parish have been requested in the latest newsletter. Meeting decided to wait and see if any suggestions were forwarded as a result of this request.

Cllr Mason confirmed that the Lady Bay and Poppy & Pint pubs have both got a defibrillator.

**Cllr Hackett to update at the next Parish Council meeting preferred location in Holme Pierrepont.**

**5368. SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Tisbury wanted to express his thanks to Cllr Prett for all his very hard work on the production of the Parish Newsletter. He stressed that it is something that the Parish Council should be very proud of.

Next edition will be the Summer Newsletter and it is hoped this will be distributed at the end of July '19. Consequently articles are required before the end of June '19.

**Cllrs to provide Cllr Prett with any articles for the Summer Newsletter before end June '19.**

**Clerk to send copies of the Spring Newsletter to Rob Birkin and Andy Stephens who appear in this edition.**

**5369. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason explained that the Play Park was looking lovely and was being well used by many local children. Cllr Mason asked the meeting if a wash of the football pitch could be arranged in the next month or so. Meeting agreed.

**Cllr Mason to arrange for AMG sports-play to wash and maintain the football pitch.**

Cllr Prett noted that as a result of the last Town & Parish Forum, RBC were asking the Parishes what sports facilities they had. Cllr Tisbury confirmed that he had responded regarding the pitch at the Play Park, explaining that it was a small pitch for younger children.

**5370. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

*Litter Picking*

Cllr Prett explained that the Gamston Litter Picking Group had collected 7 sacks of litter last month. He noted that when he had been placing the bags in the agreed location for later collection by Streetwise, he had been approached by a passing motorist who gave him a lecture on fly tipping! Once the situation had been explained the motorist readily apologised.

Cllr Mason noted that it would be beneficial for the group to wear hi-visibility jackets when litter picking.

**Clerk to look in store cupboards for hi-visibility jackets for the litter pickers.**

Cllr Prett explained that the Friends of Skylarks had received a grant from RBC towards work on the nature reserve including gorse bushes and tools.

Cllr Mason asked about any upcoming events at the nature reserve. Cllr Prett explained that there would be a Skylarks Open Day again sometime in August. There were also bat walks, dawn chorus walks and a moth trapping walk planned.

Cllr Griffiths noted that some willow trees had been completely chopped down near the river in close proximity to the Sailing Club at Holme Pierrepont. Cllr Griffiths had asked RBC about their removal and they confirmed that they had not authorised it. Cllr Tisbury explained that if any tree is not protected by a TPO there are no rules concerning its removal.

**8.06pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.**

Cllr Mason explained he had been approached by Parishioners Caroline & Jonathan on Eskdale Court and asked if the Parish Council would be able to advertise their pet care, dog walking and pet sitting business by putting some posters up.

Cllr's Bancroft and Jones declared an interest as they lived nearby to the couple.

Discussion took place about the Parish Council policy to not advertise profit making businesses. We do not endorse any individual or business. We do display posters for regular groups that use our Village Hall, when we have spare space.

It was suggested that Cllr Mason politely explains that we are sorry we are not able to help with posters but to suggest that advertising on Facebook or conducting a leaflet drop in the area would be advantageous.

**Cllr Mason to recontact Parishioners on Eskdale Court.**

**Cllr Mason, Stacey and Hackett to review advertising on existing Parish Notice boards to ensure compliant with the Parish Council policy on advertising.**

**Cllr Arkless to review Parish Website to ensure compliant with Parish Council policy on advertising.**

Cllr Tisbury explained that the film being shown this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April '19 was *Bohemian Rhapsody*. The next two films would be *Lives of Others* and *Green Book*.

#### **5371. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained to the meeting that last Friday Streetwise had conducted a litter picking exercise around Gamston and along the canal. Cllr Prett confirmed that the canal area looked a lot cleaner.

Cllr Wheeler explained that in a Royal Mail poll Rushcliffe were voted the 3<sup>rd</sup> happiest place to live in the country. Winchester was first and Barbergh in Suffolk was second. Measures included crime statistics, health statistics and life expectancy.

Cllr Wheeler explained the progress that the RBC Growth Board had made on promoting local businesses using the West Bridgford Way. Cllr Wheeler noted that there was an associated website [www.westbridgfordway.co.uk](http://www.westbridgfordway.co.uk).

Cllr Wheeler noted that the Council were on standby for possible Euro Elections. The Village Hall would be required as a polling station.

Cllr Wheeler explained that he had been canvassing in the area and had spoken to about 400 people on the doorsteps. Everyone is generally very happy with the area, the big issues currently being litter and the reckless disposal of Morrison's shopping trollies.

Cllr Wheeler congratulated all the Parish Councillors on being elected unopposed onto the Parish Council.

Cllr Prett asked Cllr Wheeler about the new interactive speed sign on Ambleside close to his house. Cllr Wheeler explained that a speed survey was being conducted and the current sign was temporary. The survey results will conclude whether a permanent sign is required.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about discussions regarding the remodelling of West Bridgford town centre to open up the Tudor Square area and join Gordon Road businesses seamlessly to Central Avenue. It was recognised that there is a problem with traffic flowing through the centre of West Bridgford

in relation to disjointed shopping areas. Currently the metal barriers provide valuable road safety. If they were to be removed, then perhaps so too should the traffic flowing through town.

#### **5372. FINANCE**

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

Clerk explained that the financial year end of 31<sup>st</sup> March '19 had passed and the external auditors PKF Littejohn had made the new audit forms available on their website.

**Clerk to download and understand new PKF Littlejohn audit requirements.**

**Clerk to prepare draft financial year end accounts.**

**Clerk to contact Brian Hardy to arrange Internal Audit of accounts documents.**

#### **5373. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk noted correspondence she had received from Notts County Council regarding Public Paths on Arable Land in the Parish. Cllr Griffiths explained that there was still an issue with public right of way on land in Adbolton.

**Clerk to provide Cllr Griffiths with documentation received for her to assess.**

Clerk had previously circulated information regarding an opportunity to recycle textiles at the Village Hall. Discussion took place and it was decided unanimously to decline the offer. It was concluded that there were other places to recycle textiles in the Parish and potentially the Village Hall could become a dumping ground for unwanted waste and bric-a-brac.

**Clerk to respond to Textile Recycling company to politely decline the offer.**

Clerk had received correspondence regarding the Great British Spring Clean 2019. Cllr Prett confirmed he had already responded to this on behalf of the Parish Council.

Clerk explained that she had received a request to display a poster on one of the Parish notice boards or at the Village Hall for EMCA Cheerleading Club. They are a not-for-profit organisation.

**Clerk to ask EMCA for more information on their location and activities and bring back to the next PC meeting.**

#### **5374. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019** at **6.30pm** in Gamston Village Hall, Main Street, Gamston.

Clerk explained that the May meeting incorporated both the May Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting that takes place in May, consequently the first meeting starts early at 6.30pm where the Chair and Vice Chair are elected for the coming year. This is followed by the

Annual Meeting where Parish representatives are invited to attend and update the Parish Council on their last years' activities.

Cllr Tisbury explained that due to increased work demands he would not be able to take the post of Parish Council Chair for the coming year. He would still be able to sit on the PC as a Councillor but he felt it only fair to give prior notice of his intentions so that the remaining Councillors could think carefully about taking over the role.

Borough Cllr Wheeler wanted to thank Cllr Tisbury for all he had achieved in his time as the Parish Council Chair.

Cllr Griffiths reiterated with her thanks.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.30pm.**