

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton  
Road, Gamston

**Members Present:** John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths, Gary Arkless (chaired the meeting) & Phil Jones.

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Kay Cutts, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler and Andy Stephens (Trent District Community First Responders).

**5329. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Tisbury sent his apologies as was unavailable that evening.

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies due to ill health.

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies for a late arrival.

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

**5330. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5331. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Proposed possible deferment of agenda items pertaining to Borough Cllr Wheeler until his arrival.

**5332. MINUTES**

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

Cllr Mason asked for the following addition to Minute 5326.

*'Cllr Mason suggested that the annual Members' Allowance be increased by £10 per Cllr to £70 per Cllr. Discussion took place but it was decided to freeze the Members' Allowance at £60 for the coming financial year.'*

Subject to this amendment, Cllr Prett 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 January '19 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.**

**5333. TRENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

The Parish Council had previously agreed to donate £250 as a result of receiving a defibrillator free of charge. East Midlands Ambulance Service suggested Trent District CFR would appreciate this gift.

Andy Stephens attended the meeting on behalf of Trent District CFR to receive the cheque and give the meeting a brief overview of their work.

Andy explained that all the CFR's were volunteers, he is in fact Finance Director at Loughborough University. The CFR's provide a volunteer service that attends local cardiac, asthma, diabetic and allergic reaction issues quickly. They are deployed by the Ambulance Service in addition to, and not instead of, a regular ambulance. Once on scene, they won't get called away.

In a similar way to the Air Ambulance service, CFR's receive no NHS funding, so any donation is gratefully received. It costs £1500 to kit out a volunteer with a kit that includes a defibrillator.

Previously the service focussed on adult cardiac issues. Now the scope has widened to include the other medical issues listed above and anybody over 1 day old. In Trent District over the last year, 15 volunteers have responded to 1300 calls, giving 4000 hours of their time. On an average Friday night Andy explained that between the hours of 6pm and 3am he would respond to 8 to 10 calls.

Andy reiterated his gratitude for the donation. As they have no paid staff or any premises, all money will go directly to supporting the front-line work.

Photograph was taken of Cllr Prett handing over the cheque to Andy Stephens.

**7.25pm            Andy Stephens left the meeting.**

#### **5334. COUNTY REPORT**

County Cllr Cutts spoke to the meeting about the 3.99% increase in Council Tax. This included 1% increase for adult social care. The increases are due to rising costs and falling incomes. Cllr Cutts explained that she had spoken with ministers in London with regard to the underfunding of the Midlands region. They understand and promise a transition over the next 5 years but Cllr Cutts considers this unfair as we need the money now.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the pressure for senior school places in the area. There are more children than school places. Rushcliffe School are taking above the PAN (Published Admission Number) this coming academic year to help alleviate the problem.

Cllr Cutts spoke about spending an evening with a road gritter team in the area. It was an educational experience and a much more complicated task than one might imagine.

Cllr Cutts told the meeting that she had talked to staff about the re-siting of the flower cart in Gamston to an alternative nearby acceptable site.

**Clerk to arrange for suggestion to be communicated to flower cart owner.**

**Clerk to feedback response to County Cllr Cutts in order to progress.**

Cllr Arkless asked if the 'Notice to Cultivate' communications were followed up as he was aware of a couple of properties were not complying with the notices. Cllr Cutts confirmed that they were but to contact her with any issues.

**Cllr Arkless to email Cllr Cutts with 'Notice to Cultivate' issues.**

Cllr Cutts showed the meeting an example of fibre optic cable that will run from the telephone exchange into people's homes. It is currently being rolled out in Gedling and hoped to be in our area soon.

Cllr Cutts explained that she had attended a Civic Dinner with a Futurologist speaker. They anticipated the eventual decline in the use of mobile phones, to be replaced with voice-activated technology such as watches and glasses and Alexa-style devices.

Cllr Arkless asked about the possible sale of the West Bridgford Police Station. Cllr Cutts was not aware of this but suspected it probably will be sold, although she would not recommend this. Discussion took place regarding need for local level policing and the increased funding required to keep young people occupied and out of trouble.

**7.40pm Cllr Bancroft arrived at the meeting.**

Cllr Mason asked about the elections in May '19. Cllr Cutts explained that Borough Cllr Wheeler had kindly delivered all their campaign leaflets.

Cllr Hackett asked if the Village Hall could provide a venue for a local youth club. Discussion took place, in theory this would be possible, but it would require youth leaders to run the group.

**5335. VILLAGE HALL**

Clerk communicated the Bookings Clerk update to the meeting.

*'Just a brief update for January 2019:*

*U3A now have 4 different groups at the Village Hall, Science, Singing for Fun, Photography and Wine Tasting.*

*Windows, skylights, clock and frames have been deep cleaned as a one off for £30.00.*

*Payments are up to date and Party enquiries are coming in daily for the spring and summer, mostly via email.*

*The paths are gritted for when the weather takes a turn for the worst.*

*I will be away on holiday 12th – 19th February inclusive. I'll set up for the meeting on Monday 11th February as I've arranged a viewing at the same time.*

*Emails are very regular. I am happy to catch up with them when I get back but there may be a few urgent ones that you might want to deal with ie Saturday's party or this weeks U3A.*

*Tuesday 12th Stock up toilet roll, towels. General sweep up, clean kitchen and toilets (keys to towel boxes are in a blue plastic cup in the boiler cupboard). Pilates are in that evening 6:30 – 8:30 they have a key*

*Wednesday 13th Grey bins out. Rainbows are in 5pm – 6pm. No Brownies, (remind Rainbows to switch everything off as Brownies aren't in (leave a note).*

*Thursday 14th Mop all floors, general clean up, bring bins in. Lady Bay Brownies are in that evening.*

*Friday 15th Tiny Talks in this morning.*

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 1st Birthday party. 1pm – 5pm. All paid, deposit on file. Open and close hall. Inspect for damages, send message confirming all was left clean and damage free so deposit won't be cashed. I would suggest you call them to confirm opening arrangement etc*

*Sunday No bookings*

*Monday Daisy Baby are on holiday. Open hall (and projector facilities) for U3A Photography 2pm-4pm and close afterwards. No Pilates*

*Tuesday Free Spirits. They may require help with the heating. Clean and stock up*

*Wednesday I'm back at work*

*A mini skip or similar to clear out old wooden post and concrete blocks from the garden would be beneficial.'*

Clerk explained that she could perform these duties and claim the hours taken in overtime, but was equally happy for Cllrs to share the duties amongst themselves. Cllrs Arkless, Bancroft and Prett kindly agreed to share the duties. Cllr Mason explained that normally he would be happy to help but he is currently caring for his wife at home who has suffered a broken hip.

**Cllrs Arkless, Bancroft & Prett to carry out Bookings Clerk duties for one week.**

Meeting agreed it would be a good idea to acquire a mini skip or rhino bag to clear large rubbish at the Village Hall.

Discussion took place regarding the fact that despite repeated painting of the Village Hall walls, as a community building with a large through flow of people, it was very difficult to keep the walls clean. Meeting agreed to investigate the possibility of some form of panelling on the lower portion of the Village Hall walls. Possibly painted tongue and groove to match windows or wood to match the doors. Meeting agreed to focus on the area below the windows around the main hall and also in the porch area.

**Cllr Bancroft to obtain quotations for possible options from David Litchfield.**

#### **5336. SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Prett explained that he felt there would be adequate articles for the next Newsletter and we were on track for delivery towards the end of March '19.

**Clerk to arrange provisional date for delivery of bulk of newsletter to Gamston, NB ensure Askham Court is included in delivery plan.**

**Clerk to draft article on Sandale Close Christmas lights.**

**5337. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason explained that the football pitch had flooded a couple of times recently. He noted that all the Play Park equipment in need of repair had now been fixed.

Cllr Mason explained that he had received a call from another Cllr asking if he was aware that the trees at the Play Park were currently being worked on. Cllr Mason confirmed he was not aware and would appreciate an advance call in future from the Tree Surgeon. Cllr Mason noted however that the work had been completed in a neat and tidy fashion.

Cllr Hackett asked if they had removed any roots and stumps to ensure a safe play environment. Cllr Hackett also asked if we actually needed any new trees planting at the Play Park as there is a good canopy and we have an issue in the autumn with falling leaves in the Playground area. Meeting agreed to raise issue with Cllr Tisbury.

**Clerk to add Parish Tree Management to March '19 Agenda.**

Cllr Prett reminded the meeting that it had previously discussed replacement of broken and damaged bird boxes at the Play Park. Cllr Prett told the meeting that through Skylarks Nature Reserve he was aware that a local group of home-schooled children make bird boxes as part of their studies. Cllr Prett suggested we ask if they might want to make some for us and put them up and monitor and care for them, perhaps in return for a charity donation.

**Cllr Prett to further investigate bird box possibilities.**

**8.10pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.**

**5338. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Prett updated the meeting on the first Gamston Litter Pick. Four pickers collected eight bags of rubbish that was subsequently disposed of by Streetwise. The equipment that had been kindly funded by Borough Cllr Wheeler worked well.

Cllr Prett explained that the next scheduled litter pick was this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am for a 2 hour litter pick around Pedigree/Stavely Way. The next litter pick after that will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April '19, again meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

Cllr Prett informed the meeting that HP& G Parish Council have been registered for the Great British Spring Clean.

Cllr Mason explained that he had established that the annual fire safety inspection did not cover the fire alarm system. Nottinghamshire Fire Safety Ltd had given Cllr Mason a contact to obtain a quotation for servicing the fire alarm. Clerk is awaiting receipt of quotation in order to circulate amongst Cllrs for discussion.

Cllr Hackett explained that she had spoken with Andy Stephens of Trent District CFR and he was going to contact her regarding the possibility of obtaining a defibrillator for Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Arkless asked about the cost associated with acquiring a dog bin at the Village Hall as discussed at last month's meeting.

**Clerk to bring price for purchase and installation of new dog bin to the March '19 PC meeting along with costs for emptying.**

Cllr Prett noted it would be advantageous to have a map of litter and dog bins throughout our Parish.

Cllr Prett asked if it would be possible to take the metal 'No Through Road' sign to Skylarks Nature Reserve to use as a notice board. If ever the PC need to use the signage, it could be returned from Skylarks.

**Cllr Prett to assess whether the sign would be suitable to use as a notice board at Skylarks before decision made to move it.**

Clerk informed the meeting that a date has been set for the HP & G PC Summer Play Day, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August '19 from 2pm – 4pm with a Super Hero theme.

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

**5339. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that Council Tax would be increasing by 3.73%, £4.95 increase on a Band D property. Cllr Wheeler spoke about the potential loss of business rates in the next couple of years when Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station is decommissioned. This will potentially result in a 20% reduction in total business rate revenue equating to approximately £6 million. Based on information currently available this power station is getting close to the end of its life, equipment will start being run down and it will be running at a reduced capacity.

Cllr Wheeler informed the meeting of plans to invest in new leisure facilities in Bingham. The existing leisure centre is old and attached to Toothill Secondary School, which poses a security risk to students. A proposal for a new £20million facility is going before RBC Cabinet this week. Plans will be loosely based on Rushcliffe Arena, but drawn up by different architects. The plans will also include business units.

Cllr Wheeler informed the meeting that at the end of January RBC had punished fly tippers for dumping fridges near Wheatcrofts Island, by taking away their vehicles.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that the upcoming elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May '19 are 11 weeks away and he will be standing for Gamston North again.

Cllr Wheeler updated the meeting on the planning application at Holme Lock. The working times at the site have been reduced to 9am to 5pm and having spoken again to the homeowner he is satisfied with the new restrictions.

**5340. PLANNING**

- i) *19/00112/FUL Mrs Dawn Buckley Construction of two storey side extension. 17 Elterwater Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PL.*

Meeting agreed with all listed objections to the above application.

**Clerk to collate objections and submit to RBC Planning website.**

- ii) *19/00219/VAR (adjacent Parish) Mrs Mary Doherty Removal of conditions 1 and 5 of planning permission 16/00634/VAR to allow the permission to be permanent and non-personal. Cedar Lodge Caravan Park, Nottingham Road, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottinghamshire.*

Previous conditions for the site limited the number of homes to 6 and all had to belong to the same family. The proposed variations are to increase the number of homes and remove the family connection.

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that despite objections the Planning Inspectorate were tasked with providing more traveller sites. He suggested that despite any objection it is likely that any such application would be approved on appeal.

Meeting agreed not to comment as per previous precedent as the application related to an adjacent Parish.

Parish Clerk explained that there were proposed changes to the consultations on planning applications at RBC. Clerk noted that as from 1<sup>st</sup> April '19 she would not be receiving any paper copies of planning applications. Discussion took place regarding the fact that this may pose a problem to some people in order to view the plans, if their computer screen was small, or they were viewing the plans on a phone whilst out and about. Cllr Griffiths noted that the new system, although ecologically friendly, was not very egalitarian. Suggestion to purchase a Parish Council tablet to view applications was discussed but decided to wait and see how the situation is after 1<sup>st</sup> April '19.

#### **5341. FINANCE**

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

**Clerk to delete 'County Cllr Cutts' from litter pick donation that had been erroneously added.**

**Clerk explained that she had submitted the application for internet access to view the Parish bank account in order to be able to offer online hall hire payments. Clerk to chase up response from HSBC.**

#### **5342. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk gave Cllr Bancroft a blank Members Interests form to fill in and return to her in order to update.

**Cllr Bancroft to complete Members Interests form and return to Clerk.**

Clerk reminded the meeting that the next Town and Parish Forum will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Rushcliffe Arena.

Clerk explained she had received correspondence from Notts County Cricket Club and also a local Kick Boxing academy asking if we have any upcoming events that they could attend. Discussion took place and it was agreed for Clerk to contact and ask if available for our Summer

Play Day. If they are, there may be the option of changing this year's theme to Sports Stars. Discussion took place and it was suggested if this were to be the new theme we could approach the local football clubs to ask if they could also contribute to this community event.

**Clerk to contact Notts CCC & Kick Boxing for initial discussion regarding possible sports Play Day.**

**9pm Cllr Mason left the meeting.**

**5343. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at **7.15pm** in Gamston Village Hall, Main Street, Gamston.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.10pm.**