

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road,
Gamston

Members Present: Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury (Chair), Cynthia Stacey (Vice Chair), John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths, Gary Arkless & Phil Jones.

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk) & County Cllr Kay Cutts.

5315. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies for a late arrival.

Borough Cllr Wheeler sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

5316. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Griffiths declared that she was a friend of the immediate neighbour of planning application 18/02790/FUL.

Cllr Mason declared that he lived opposite planning application 18/02790/FUL so would abstain from commenting.

Cllr Hackett declared that the adjacent Parish planning application 18/02806/FUL was on land owned by the Hackett family.

5317. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes suggested to the order of business.

5318. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2018

Cllr Prett noted the following corrections:

Minute 5299. to only reference planning application 18/02682/FUL Tilberthwaite Close.

Minute 5305. reference to Mr James Ross to be consistently applied.

Minute 5308. add surname to Rob **Birkin**.

Subject to these amendments, Cllr Arkless proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted. Cllr Hackett abstained as she was not present at the December 2018 meeting.

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

7.20pm County Cllr Cutts arrived at the meeting.

5319. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts spoke to the meeting about the crematorium planning application 18/02821/FUL (adjacent Parish). Cllr Cutts explained that she would be objecting to the plans based on their potential negative impact on the local traffic and also the incongruous nature of the plans to local businesses and amenities.

Cllr Cutts understood the need for an additional crematorium facility in the area and suggested somewhere closer to Newark would be more suitable. Cllr Cutts noted that although the proposed site is outside our Parish, areas within our Parish would potentially be affected, namely the Holme House traffic lights and the Green Line multi-user route. Cllr Stacey shared Cllr Cutts concerns and questioned as to whether the situation may indeed worsen if the site were to expand over time.

Cllr Cutts noted that she had attended numerous events and concerts over the Christmas period and had taken 10 days annual leave.

Cllr Tisbury asked if there had been any progress in reinstating the flower cart in Gamston. Cllr Cutts apologised that there hadn't but she would be looking at it and would report back.

The issue of speed and type of traffic along Ambleside was raised. Petrol tankers and lorries have been seen to use this route.

Cllr Griffiths asked about the 40mph signage along Regatta Way. Cllr Cutts confirmed this was in hand and would be sited in due course.

Cllr Cutts expressed that the acoustic panels had made a huge positive difference to the sound quality in the Village Hall.

Cllrs to obtain up to date photographic evidence of large and speeding vehicles using Ambleside, accompanied with date and time reference.

5320. PLANNING

i) 18/02790/FUL Mrs Jasbeer Sandhu Retention of raised patio. The Orchard, 11 Keswick Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PF.

This is a retrospective application for a raised patio at the rear of the property. The garden slopes downwards. It was understandable that the property owner may have not realised planning permission was required. The neighbour at the bottom of the garden on Main Street, had submitted a planning objection. The grounds were a lack of privacy and intrusive views into their house from the patio. The meeting discussed possible solutions other than removing said patio. It was suggested a screen of foliage could be planted to shield the patio although this could have an adverse effect on light.

7.45pm Cllr Bancroft arrived at the meeting.

Discussion took place. Although access to the applicant's garden had not been possible, it was clear from the plans that there was a distinct possibility that views from the patio could be intrusive. Cllr Tisbury recommended that we respond to the application, requesting that the case

officer access the garden of the property, and that of the neighbouring house, in order to assess the impact before making any decision.

Cllr Tisbury to draft a response to be submitted to RBC by the Clerk.

ii) *18/028210/FUL (adjacent Parish) Mercia Crematoria Developments Ltd Development of crematorium and memorial gardens with associated access, parking and landscaping. Land East of Main Road and South of Stragglethorpe Road, Main Road, Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire.*

County Cllr Cutts explained that she had objected to this application on traffic grounds. Also she considered the proximity to Shepherds public house, nursery, the Green Line multi-user route and Holts caravan park to be incompatible. Cllr Cutts questioned whether the established recreational uses in the area were conducive with people in mourning.

Traffic was highlighted as a major issue. The site would generate a lot of daytime traffic along a dual carriageway that is likely to be slow moving, which could increase the number of accidents occurring. Cllr Tisbury noted that Highways England had not yet commented on the application.

Cllr Bancroft asked whether we should get involved with this application outside the Parish. Cllr Stacey considered we should lend our support as parts of our Parish would be affected.

Cllr Tisbury explained that historically we had not commented on applications outside our Parish and asked the meeting what it should do in this case. Discussion took place and it was agreed that we should submit a comment relating to the perceived traffic issues. County Cllr Cutts noted that she had asked for a traffic count on the surrounding A roads.

Cllr Tisbury to study the supporting documentation and circulate a suggested comment. Clerk to submit agreed comment to RBC.

iii) *18/02806/FUL (adjacent Parish) Mr Alan Pole Residential development for up to 300 dwellings alongside approximately 1ha employment land, formation of primary access, infrastructure, open space provision, surface water attenuation and formation of surface water storage ponds (outline application with all matters reserved except for access) Land North of Nottingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire.*

Cllr Stacey spoke about her observations with regard to a doubling of properties from the original local plan, the inadequate assessment of flood risk on the site and access to an already overloaded A52.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the emerging RBC Local Plan had identified Radcliffe-on-Trent as an area where more houses were required.

Cllr Stacey spoke about the potential impact of traffic on Holme Lane. Already at rush hour in the morning and evening it is very difficult for residents of Holme Pierrepont to get out of their drives. This development will add to the use of Holme Lane as a rat run for traffic.

Cllr Mason noted that Bassingfield would also be affected, perhaps more significantly.

Discussion took place as to whether we should comment on this application which is in an adjacent Parish. A vote was taken on whether to object on the grounds of impact of traffic on sections of our Parish. Cllr Hackett abstained from the vote as she had expressed a declaration of interest.

Abstain: Cllr Bancroft; Submit an Objection to RBC: Cllrs Stacey, Griffiths, Mason & Jones; Do Not Submit an Objection: Cllrs Tisbury, Prett & Arkless.

Cllr Stacey to draft and circulate a Parish Council response relating to issues affecting our Parish. Clerk to submit agreed response to RBC.

5321. VILLAGE HALL

Defibrillator

Cllr Prett confirmed that the Village Hall defibrillator has been active since December 2018. Rob Birkin had delivered an excellent CPR training session before the January 2019 Parish Council meeting which had been very well received by the attendees and highlighted how simple the defibrillator is to use. Cllr Prett explained that Andy Stephens from Trent District Community First Responders would be attending the February 2019 Parish Council meeting in order to collect a donation cheque. Trent District CFR cover our Parish.

Maintenance of the defibrillator system involves opening the cabinet and checking the screen that there are three black boxes indicating the battery is charged, on a monthly basis.

Cllr Arkless to monitor the defibrillator on a monthly basis.

Clerk still to draft a note to residents surrounding the Village Green to inform them of the defibrillator alarm.

Maintenance

Cllr Arkless explained that David Litchfield had repainted the interior Village Hall walls in diamond white paint. Cllr Arkless has purchased a varnish to cover the white paint that is being tested on a separate board to ensure that it doesn't cause discolouration. Cllr Tisbury noted that he used a specialist decorators varnish by Polyvine which was extremely hard wearing and long lasting. David Litchfield to proceed with existing varnish but if found to be unsuitable, Polyvine to be applied.

Cllr Arkless explained that David Litchfield would be replacing the top left hand gate post. The posts had not been replaced when the new gate had been fitted.

Cllr Bancroft commented that the acoustic panels looked good and made a big positive difference to the sound quality.

Bookings Clerk Update

Cllr Tisbury communicated the Bookings Clerk update to the meeting.

'A general update for the start of 2019 and wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Over the 2 week Christmas period the hall has only been used on a couple of occasions. Viewings and enquiries have been few and far between also. I've popped over a couple of times and all was fine at the hall. I managed to clean the walls and a general clean up. The green walls seem to wash ok, however the white walls have a few marks that are too stubborn to clean. A coat of paint would be a great help.

Most of the regular groups are back this week or next, there are no changes to the regular groups. Tiny Talks inform me they plan on staying.

Gamston Fellowship Group were at the hall on Sunday. Daisy Baby were there this morning (Monday). A random Yoga group used the hall this afternoon as their regular venue wasn't available (John's usual group).

One of the bin men mentioned to me a couple of weeks ago that he asked an elderly lady not to put dog waste bags in the bins. I wasn't there at the time so I don't know who it was. Maybe we could put some stickers on the bins as I've noticed dog waste bags squashed at the bottom of the bins. People sneak it in when the bins are outside, it then sits at the bottom of the bins for 2 weeks and smells awful, especially if the weight of the rubbish splits the bags.

Please can we consider introducing a bank transfer scheme for the payment of the Village Hall bookings? People are shocked when I asked for cheques in this day and age, often saying 'they didn't know banks still had cheque books' and are even more shocked when I tell them we don't offer a bank transfer scheme! I think we need to move with the times on this one. It would also be better if we need to do any sort of audit.'

Clerk to obtain pricings and timings for the siting of a dog waste bin near to the Village Hall.

8.40pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

Booking Conditions

Discussion took place regarding the conditions of hire for the Village Hall including use of the projector and sound system to hirers. It was agreed that as we have these great facilities, community use of them should be encouraged. After debate, Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the projector and sound system would not be available to one off party hirers, but would continue to be available, at no extra charge, to not-for-profit groups with a regular Village Hall booking. One off commercial bookings will be assessed on a case by case basis. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to inform Bookings Clerk of decision regarding projector and sound system hire.

Clerk to check insurance excess in the event of damage to the projector equipment.

Discussion also took place regarding a review of Village Hall hire costs. The Bookings Clerk forwarded details of the current pricing structure and recommendations. After debate it was agreed to freeze the prices and revisit during the next financial year.

Booking Checklist

Clerk to amend Booking Checklist with Cllr feedback and issue copies to Bookings Clerk.

Bookings Clerk to give all hall hirers a copy of the checklist.

Village Hall Smoke Alarm

Cllr Tisbury explained that whilst preparing for the last Village Breakfast, the fire alarm went off at 6.30am and it became apparent that the only way to stop it was using a plastic key that is stored in the locked office.

Discussion took place as to whether this key should be stored in a more accessible place. Cllr Bancroft suggested a key safe situated close to the alarm. After debate the meeting agreed to revisit if the situation occurs again.

Cllr Mason to ensure the annual fire safety inspection includes checking of the fire alarm.

5322. SPRING NEWSLETTER

The Spring 2019 Newsletter is targeted to be issued towards the end of March 2019.

Cllr Prett to send out a general reminder to Councillors for newsletter articles.

5323. PLAY PARK

Cllr Mason reiterated that during periods of heavy rain the football pitch still flooded.

Cllr Mason told the meeting that he had received many compliments about the appearance and cleanliness of the park. The Play Park Christmas tree had also survived without being vandalised this year.

Cllr Bancroft wanted to thank Cllr Mason for all the hard work he put into maintaining and monitoring the Play Park.

5324. EVENTS

Possible Local History Evening

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the possibility of hosting a local history evening. Cllr Stacey confirmed that this had happened in the past. Cllr Stacey had made contact with previous Parish Councillor Diane Kidger who had told her that a PowerPoint presentation had been created at the time that Roger Hawkins had been Parish Clerk.

Clerk to search for local history PowerPoint presentation.

5325. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Stacey asked the meeting if she could arrange for David Litchfield to varnish the Holme Pierrepont notice board. Meeting agreed.

Cllr Stacey to arrange for painting of HP notice board.

Cllr Hackett asked if the Parish Council would like her to buy plants for the planters on the Village Green. Discussion took place regarding village plants. Cllr Hackett to buy plants in the spring for the planters. Clerk to re-contact the Parishioners that were interested in village planters.

Clerk to re-contact Parishioners interested in flower planters to ascertain their preferred locations in order to obtain permission to site and progress the project.

Cllr Prett explained that the litter pick group were meeting at 10am at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th January 2019 for their first outing. Everyone very welcome to attend. Clerk confirmed she had received litter pick equipment.

Clerk to deliver litter pick equipment to Cllr Prett before 19th January 2019.

Cllr Prett noted that he had attended a Christmas singalong at Trent Bridge and considered the Parish Council could try and replicate some of the successful elements of this singalong at our Christmas event, or indeed a new summer singing event. Cllr Prett provided a contact name for the choir that sang at Trent Bridge.

Cllr Prett told the Clerk that he had been informed that the newsletter had not been delivered to Askham Court in Gamston. Clerk to ensure this road is not missed in future deliveries.

5326. FINANCE

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

Discussion took place regarding the draft budget for the '19/'20 financial year precept. 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. After debate and some amendment of draft figures, Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the precept request for '19/'20 financial year be £37,300, a reduction of £600 on the last financial year. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to forward necessary documentation to Rushcliffe Borough Council for precept request before the deadline date.

Clerk explained that as per Minute 4648. December 2014, Clerk's pay would move one spine point up SLCC scale, from point 33. to 34. from January 2019.

Clerk explained that as per Minute 4648. December 2014, it was agreed that the Bookings Clerk pay would be reviewed annually. Clerk noted that the Bookings Clerk does an excellent job, is conscientious and reliable and proposed an increase of 2.5%.

Discussion took place regarding Bookings Clerk wages. Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Hackett seconded the motion that Bookings Clerk hourly rate increase by 2.5% £10/hour to £10.25/hour from January 2019. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

5327. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk to forward any amendments to Parish Councillors Register of Members Interests to RBC.

Clerk to send a reminder to Cllr Bancroft to check Members Interests details.

Cllr Arkless to add a link to the HP&G Parish Council website to the relevant Members Interests on the RBC website.

Clerk explained that the next Town and Parish Forum will take place on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at Rushcliffe Arena.

Cllrs wishing to attend the Town and Parish Forum to let Clerk know in order to register them for the event.

Clerk informed the meeting of upcoming Public Information events by Western Power Distribution and Highways England.

5328. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at approximately 10.10pm.