

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

Members Present: Melvyn Tisbury, Cynthia Stacey, John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths, Gary Arkless & Phil Jones.

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

5344. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies due to work commitments.

5345. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5346. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes proposed.

5347. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
11th FEBRUARY 2019**

Cllr Prett noted an amendment to Minute 5339.

3.99% to be replaced with '*3.73% representing £4.95 increase on a Band D property*'

Subject to this amendment, Cllr Mason proposed and Cllr Griffiths seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted. Cllrs Tisbury and Stacey abstained as were not present at the February 2019 meeting.

Cllr Arkless to upload amended February '19 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

5348. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts spoke about the HS2 development and a meeting held last week chaired by Sir John Peace. This is long piece of work that will take in excess of 2 years to complete.

Cllr Cutts spoke about land drainage on the land north of Nottingham Road in Radcliffe-on-Trent. She has been assured there are no problems and water drains naturally into the River Trent.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the Framework charity led by Andrew Redfern and their work to ensure on cold nights anyone that is homeless in Nottingham is offered a bed off the streets.

7.23pm Cllr Hackett arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Cutts explained that she had attended the Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council Annual Dinner at the Golf Club. She said that lots of the existing Parish Councillors were standing down at the upcoming election.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the interesting artefacts housed at the Nottingham Archives including Samuel Pepys, Elizabeth I and Sir Walter Raleigh's signatures, plans, maps and seals. The showcases are to be refurbished and they hope to take mobile exhibitions around the county.

Cllr Cutts spoke about Mansfield Showfest, a video clip has been shown at the County Council. It demonstrates that children with disabilities and learning difficulties are just like everyone else with the same hopes and dreams.

Cllr Cutts has attended a Boots Alliance meeting with speeches pertaining to a social agenda.

Cllr Cutts confirmed to the meeting that VIA are now wholly owned by Notts CC. She explained that VIA do sometimes employ contractors. The original arrangement with VIA was made 4 years ago in conjunction with Cornwall CC. Profits were shared 50/50 but much of the work took place in Notts. The separation is not acrimonious, £5million of shares have been bought back against future profits.

Cllr Cutts has attended the annual service at St Mary's Church in Nottingham city to appoint the High Sheriff of Nottingham. This is an ancient 11th century post.

Cllr Cutts has also attended a meeting of the Federation of Small Businesses.

Cllr Griffiths asked when the missing lamp on Adbolton Grove will be replaced.

Cllr Stacey raised an issue brought to her attention regarding flooding at the A52 junction with the road into Bassingfield. Cllr Cutts to further investigate and thought it may be due to a blocked culvert.

Cllr Tisbury wanted to express his thanks to Cllr Cutts for all her work in ensuring that the yellow flower cart could be reinstated in Gamston. The resident was more than happy to move it to the preferred position just around the corner from its' previous location.

5349. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that the RBC budget for the coming financial year had been approved.

RBC Chief Executive Allen Graham is taking early retirement at the end June '19. Kath Marriott will become the interim Chief Executive and a replacement will then be recruited. Allen Graham will still be overlooking the upcoming elections.

Cllr Wheeler explained that there was due to be another change in the West Bridgford car park tariffs. After 8pm parking will be completely free. The rationale being that it will encourage people to stay in West Bridgford at night time frequenting the bars and restaurants.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the provision to recycle crisp packets at Rushcliffe Arena. Also, the fly tippers that discarded white goods on the A52 at Wheatcrofts Island have had their vans crushed.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the recently revealed plans to redevelop Nottingham Forest's City Ground. There will be much consultation regarding the plans. New jobs will be generated in the

area. Cllr Mason asked how this would impact on the Rowing Club nearby. It was explained that amicable discussions would probably result in the buildings close to the developments moving out temporarily and then moving back.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the County Council had withdrawn funding for the L22/L23 bus route to Greenacre Caravan Park. However, Nottingham Community Transport met with park residents and with County Council help have agreed to run a service with a charge. The service is invaluable to many of the elderly residents that live at the park and therefore they are happy to pay.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the discussions that are taking place with regard to the Police possibly moving to the Fire Station premises. It is not definite at this stage. Half the fire station rooms are not regularly used so it would make economic sense for the Police to use those rooms. Any proposals would need approval by the Fire Authority and rent would need to be agreed. Cllr Wheeler explained this has worked in other areas, East Leake Police station is now housed in the Fire station.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the 17 Elterwater Drive planning application was going to committee.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the development of the former Streetwise site on Abbey Road that will incorporate 70% social housing. The refuse collectors are temporarily working out of London Road.

5350. PLANNING

i) *19/00234/FUL Serco Leisure Operating Ltd Erection of 15m by 15m open air tensile structure to provide cover for an existing outdoor boat storage area. National Water Sports Centre, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LU.*

Do not object. Pre-planning advice has been sought and seems to be followed.

ii) *19/00311/FUL Croft Developments Ltd Conversion of stable block into 10. no apartments (use class C3) and associated car parking. Holme Farm, Bassingfield Lane, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NJ.*

Cllr Stacey and Borough Cllr Wheeler had looked at this application, with the supporting documentation that is available, and concluded a response of do not object.

1. The site operates as an agricultural farm rearing livestock and comprises an existing farmhouse amongst a number of agricultural units. The stables are constructed in a squared arrangement surrounding a central courtyard. Holme Farm is surrounded by agricultural fields in each direction and are owned by the applicant.
2. We believe that the impact of the extra traffic from the apartments would not have a significant effect on Bassingfield Lane.
3. The stable conversions will be sympathetic to the setting of the surrounding green belt landscape and hedging will be planted around the stables to soften the visual impact of the building from the road.
4. I spoke to the only neighbour about the development and, since it is not impacting on her view, she does not object to the stable block conversion.

Cllrs agreed with these comments but with reservations. There was some concern as to what would happen to the farm in the future. Where would the displaced livestock go? Would the aim be to eventually have housing across the whole of the farm? Assuming this site is in the green belt, the grant of permission may encourage others to convert old farm buildings.

Also, are the apartments going to be aimed at a particular age group? There is a lack of retirement homes in the Parish and these would appear to be quite suitable, except for their remoteness from facilities such as shops and bus routes.

These questions have been posed to the agent who was unable to answer regarding the livestock. The apartments are aimed at young professionals without children. There are no garages included in the plans but there is a bicycle store.

Discussion took place regarding the application. Cllr Tisbury expressed his concern that as this applicant has previously demonstrated a desire to extensively develop this green belt area, granting permission for *this* application may result in further developments being approved in this area.

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained his initial reaction was to object based on the lack of infrastructure but when he looked at the site his view changed for this isolated development. However, we do not want a development of the green belt precedent set.

Cllr Stacey commented that as an isolated plan it is great, but do not want the development to creep further.

Cllr Tisbury can appreciate the need for more appropriate housing in the Parish. This development would not be appropriate for elderly occupants. He considered 10 apartments to be too many creating an unacceptable impact on the Green Belt.

After further discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to request an extension for comment in order for further debate to take place.

Clerk to contact Jeff Hall and request confirmation of an extension to comment on this planning application.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to speak with Jeff Hall and feedback to Cllr Tisbury.

iii) 19/00567/TPO Mr Jeffrey Middlecote Crown lift and crown reduce 1 no.
Hawthorn (T2). 17 Old Tollerton Road, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NX.

Cllr Tisbury looked at this application and can see no reason why this hawthorn tree is subject to a TPO. Consequently recommends Do Not Object to the application.

5351. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Tisbury communicated the Bookings Clerk update to the meeting.

February has been an average month. Nothing major to report really, except a few issues with the soiled walls which I discussed with Gary and Melvyn recently. Whilst I am not looking to identify the groups who keeps soiling the walls... more looking for a long term solution to cope with the heavy duty traffic that the hall has to deal with on a weekly basis, especially during the wet and muddy winter months. A busy week can have an estimated 30 people per day x 6 = 180 visitors or more when the party seasons is in full flow.

I've been looking at what materials public places like schools and scout huts use. Maybe some sort of panel from the floor to mid height. Have a look at the book I've left on the serving hatch. Just an idea to add to your discussion. This particular material and provider may not be cost effective but it's just an idea.

All bookings, viewing and enquiries are steady this month. The party season is starting now its March, and I don't doubt for a minute that this summer will be another busy one for the hall.'

Cllr Bancroft had been looking at a tongue and groove option for the walls but was not at the meeting to report back any findings. Meeting looked at the sample materials and price list that the Bookings Clerk had sourced.

Cllr Arkless to further investigate wall coverings in conjunction with Bookings Clerk and report back to April '19 meeting.

Village Hall Dog Bin

Discussion took place regarding the installation charge for the new dog bin. Meeting unanimously agreed for Cllr Arkless to install.

Clerk to arrange purchase of dog bin and post.

Clerk explained that the initial reason for acquiring a new bin was to discourage dog walkers from using the Parish Council wheelie bins to deposit their dog waste. For that reason it was suggested that the red dog bin be situated half way along the back hedge of the Village Hall next to the lamp post. This location is within sight of the wheelie bins and not overlooked directly by residents windows. Cllr Tisbury preferred a location opposite the road into Grange Farm, where the previous hand gate was located. Clerk stressed that it was important to liaise with the residents that live opposite that site to ensure they are happy.

Once purchased, Cllrs Tisbury & Arkless to arrange location and installation of new dog bin at the Village Hall.

Once installed, Clerk to ensure new dog bin is added to the weekly Streetwise bin collections.

Fire Alarm Contract

Clerk had previously circulated Fire Alarm Testing Contract acquired by Cllr Mason.

Cllr Arkless proposed and Cllr Tisbury seconded the motion that the terms of the contract be accepted. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to set up Fire Alarm Testing Contract.

5352. PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

Discussion took place regarding the possible provision of defibrillators around the Parish, in Holme Pierrepont, Bassingfield and Adbolton. Meeting agreed that it is something they would like to do.

Cllr Prett clarified that if we contacted Rob Birkin at EMAS we would be able to purchase an AED & box for a discounted price of around £1015. Cllr Prett noted that we were going to pay £1000 to install an AED at the Village Hall but had kindly been given one, so perhaps that money could be spent on a box for each location at cost of £365.

Discussion took place as to the known existing defibrillators in the Parish for public use. Cllr Prett explained that they are usually situated where there is dense population or in a rural location. He noted that of the 100,000 defibrillators in the UK only 40,000 of them are registered. Cllr Tisbury

said that if the Parish Council were to assist local residents to buy AED's they must be publically accessible.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Arkless seconded the motion that the Parish Council cover the cost for an AED Box (**only the box not the AED**) for Holme Pierrepont and Bassingfield. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Hackett noted that it was essential for there to be a power supply to the box when selecting possible locations. Cllr Tisbury asked County Cllr Cutts if, as they use so little electricity, they could be run off a lamppost? Cllr Cutts confirmed this would not be possible.

Cllr Prett to contact Rob Birkin at EMAS to ask if he has a map of EMAS registered defibrillators within our Parish.

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

8.35pm County Cllr Cutts & Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

5353. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

2019 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Meeting discussed the previously circulated quotation from Mark Winter for Grounds Maintenance. Discussion took place regarding item 9. Bassingfield Lane. It was established that this was a grassed area with a bench, on the way out of Gamston Village towards the A52, and is not owned by the Parish Council. It is council owned and Streetwise should maintain this land. Cllr Tisbury proposed that Mark Winter's quotation be accepted subject to item 9. being removed. Meeting agreed unanimously.

Cllr Mason to contact Streetwise to ask if this land can be added to their Grounds Maintenance programme.

Cllr Stacey to write to Mark Winter to accept quotation, excluding item 9. Bassingfield Lane.

Cllr Arkless explained that he had noted a tractor cutting hedging on the Parish side of the canal. The hedging has been getting taller and taller but there is a danger now that some trees will fall down.

Cllr Arkless to email Borough Cllr Wheeler to explain this situation to him.

Cllr Mason explained that the park was looking beautiful at the moment. The tree surgeon had done a fantastic job tidying up the trees at the park. The spring bulbs were all flowering and looked great. Cllr Tisbury noted that the daffodils at the junction of Ambleside and Radcliffe Road, planted with the Village Breakfast surplus funds were also starting to bloom.

Cllr Stacey wanted to formally thank David Litchfield for the wonderful work he has done tidying and varnishing the Holme Pierrepont notice board.

Cllr Prett updated the meeting on the last Gamston litter pick where 8 sacks of rubbish had been collected. The next litter pick takes place on Saturday 16th March '19, meeting at 10am at the Village Hall until 12 noon. Clerk asked if the Bookings Clerk had been notified of all the litter pick dates to ensure that there were no clashes with private Village Hall bookings.

Cllr Prett to send Clerk list of Gamston Litter Pick dates.

Cllr Prett confirmed he had not received any feedback from his enquiry to home schooled children regarding the creation of bird boxes for the Parish.

Cllr Arkless explained that the Notice to Cultivate letters that had been sent to various parishioners on Keswick Close had resulted in two boundaries being cut, but one was still unkempt.

Cllr Griffiths noted that she was pursuing the reinstatement of the missing lamp post in Lady Bay.

Cllr Mason asked the meeting for details of the Village Breakfasts and upcoming Film Nights for the Parish notice boards. Cllr Tisbury explained that the Village Breakfast takes place on the last Sunday of the month with the exception of March due to Mothering Sunday when it will take place a week early.

Clerk to prepare a Village Breakfast notice for the notice boards.

Cllr Tisbury explained that it was more difficult to advertise the Film Night so as not to contravene the conditions of our licence. Cllr Tisbury explained that in order to express an interest in Film Night and be notified of the upcoming film, residents should register their email address with the organisers. This process has been advertised in the Parish News. Cllr Prett said he would add a reminder of the process in the next Parish News if space allowed. Cllr Tisbury noted the next film would be Bohemian Rhapsody.

Cllr Stacey explained that Holme Pierrepont Hall would be screening 'Mamma Mia' and 'The Italian Job' outdoors during the summer.

Cllr Prett explained that he noticed that someone had driven into one of the gas bollards near the Play Park.

Cllr Prett to report damaged bollard to Notts County Council.

5354. PARISH TREE MANAGEMENT

Tree Warden

Cllr Prett kindly agreed to attend the launch meeting of the Tree Wardens Network for Rushcliffe on Saturday 13th April '19 at Rushcliffe Country Park to ensure the Parish Council are represented. Cllr Prett is intending to speak to people at Skylarks Nature Reserve to see if anyone there would be willing to take on the role.

Clerk to register Cllr Prett to attend Tree Warden meeting.

Village Hall Christmas Tree

Cllr Tisbury explained that the Tree Surgeon had expressed concern over the siting of the Village Hall Christmas Tree underneath the telegraph wire. He is happy to move the tree but recommends it being sited on the other side of the green close to the Main Road boundary.

Clerk explained that she had confirmed with Frost's Plant Centre, where the tree was purchased from, that it is not a dwarf variety, but is extremely slow growing. They recommended that it could be pruned. They also recommended that if it is to be moved, that is best done whilst it is small, and as soon as possible before the summer. They warned that there would be no guarantee however that the tree would survive the move.

Discussion took place and the meeting eventually agreed to move the tree. Cllr Hackett suggested some more root grow is purchased to aid the relocation process.

Cllr Tisbury to arrange relocation of VH Christmas Tree with Tree Surgeon. Root grow to be applied and advice given to the Parish Council with regard to watering the tree in the new location.

5355. SPRING NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett explained that we were on track for newsletter delivery towards the end of March '19.

Cllr Hackett suggested an article in the newsletter asking residents of Holme Pierrepont and Bassingfield for potential defibrillator sites that have access to electricity.

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

Clerk to forward letters received regarding defibrillator to Cllr Tisbury.

Cllr Arkless to create an article pertaining to local policing.

Cllr Prett to create an article asking for volunteer Tree Wardens, text to be taken from promotional literature.

5356. PLAY PARK

Refurbishment of the Play Park is a large project, over a medium to long timescale that requires an individual or group of individuals to take control of the process and progress it.

Cllr Prett explained that in order to make grant applications for assistance in funding, he would need to know approximations of costings involved. We are not in a position to know this currently as a cohesive plan has not been made.

Cllr Tisbury suggested that the Summer Play Day would provide a perfect opportunity to conduct some local market research. Cllr Tisbury stressed that it was important that any additions to the Play Park would be actually used.

Clerk to include Play Park Refurbishment market research in the Summer Play Day plans.

5357. FINANCE

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

Clerk explained that she was in the final stages of acquiring internet access to view the Parish bank account in order to be able to offer online hall hire payments. Discussion took place as to how we would refund the deposit payments made by one-off hall hirers. Currently their cheques/cash are held on file by the Bookings Clerk until after the event. If the hall is left in a satisfactory condition the cheque is discarded/cash returned. Discussion took place regarding possible solutions.

Cllr Arkless to speak with HSBC bank regarding possible adjustments to our Parish Business Account that would make electronic payment transactions possible, and report back to the April '19 meeting.

Clerk to contact NALC (Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils) to ask for their latest information regarding Parish Council bank accounts.

5358. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk noted upcoming '*Off To A Flying Start – Training For New Councillors*' sessions run by NALC after the elections.

Clerk to forward 'Off To A Flying Start' mail to all Councillors.

Clerk explained that she would be happy to submit Councillors Elections Nomination Papers to RBC.

Clerk spoke about provisional plans for the opening of the Cotgrave Greenway multi-user route on Tuesday 9th April '19 at 11am. The organisers had requested the presence of the Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council Chair if possible.

Clerk to liaise with Chair regarding Cotgrave Greenway opening event.

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

5359. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 8th April 2019** at **7.15pm** in Gamston Village Hall, Main Street, Gamston.

The meeting ended at approximately 10.15pm.