

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton  
Road

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

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Alun Owen (Prospective Parish Councillor) & Jonathan Mole (St Luke's Curate).

**5419. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Jones sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

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

County Cllr Cutts sent her apologies due to a clash with a County Council engagement in Mansfield.

**5420. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Stacey declared an interest in the planning application 19/01797/TPO as she lives next door.

Cllr Hackett declared an interest in the planning application 19/01797/TPO as it relates to her son's property.

**5421. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**5422. MINUTES**

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

Cllr Prett noted that Minute 5417. should be amended to make clear the Polling Station consultation response relates to the Polling Cards.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the proposed location for the Holme Pierrepont defibrillator should be minuted under 5409. Clerk explained that the precise location was not known at the previous meeting as the electrician needed to assess the site, therefore this Minute could not be changed. This has since been resolved and the defibrillator has been installed.

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Prett seconded the motion that, subject to the above amendment, the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Tisbury abstained as he was not present at the July '19 meeting. Minutes were adopted.

**Clerk to amend July '19 Minutes.**

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

#### **5423. COUNTY REPORT**

Clerk read out the following report from County Cllr Cutts.

*'Please accept my apologies for non-attendance at this evening's meeting. I have a County Council engagement in Mansfield.*

*Since we last met, and we have had the Summer Break, I have taken the opportunity to attend various functions in my division. Your delightful play scheme went very well, despite the weather, and the organisation by the whole of the Council was excellent. Those parents and children who attended had a marvellous time, and whilst I think we would all have preferred to have been out of doors, the event was nevertheless a great success.*

*I was asked to help unveil a plaque in the grounds of Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council to a suffragist who lived in the area, Hilda Dowson (1883-1956). She was very much instrumental in helping to propel the movement to give women votes, but was not part of the Suffragettes who disrupted society. The blue plaque has been the result of many months of work from the U3A of Radcliffe-on-Trent, and I was pleased to address the meeting on an extremely hot Saturday afternoon.*

*The Annual Robin Hood Festival was held on the week commencing 5 August in Sherwood Forest, and visitors were entertained by displays of jousting, falconry, and various other attractions.*

*The Local Minerals Plan is now deposited and is therefore open to consultation. If you agree with the plan, I would be grateful if you wrote to the County Council to express your support.*

*I visited the Festival at Skylarks 'Wilder Nature', which was a change from their usual project and much more interesting.*

*Meetings have been held by Highways England regarding the junction improvements along the A52, and I hope that members of the Parish Council were able to get along to one of the meetings and make your views known.*

*As always, I am happy to answer your queries and grateful for the input of the Parish Council on many issues.'*

#### **5424. NEW CURATE AT ST LUKES CHURCH, WEST BRIDGFORD**

Cllr Arkless welcomed Jonathan Mole, the new Curate at St Luke's Church, West Bridgford to the meeting. Jonathan previously worked as a Consultant Anaesthetist before training to be a Curate. Jonathan said that he was interested in the community work of the Parish Council and the way in which St Luke's can serve the area better.

Jonathan spoke about the lack of a social centre for the whole of the Gamston area. Cllr Tisbury explained that attempts had been made for years to integrate the whole of Gamston in community events but it seems that Ambleside forms a partition in the Parish and residents West of the road historically have been less likely to get involved. Cllr Tisbury spoke about the Bonfire nights, summer fetes, picnics and Village Breakfasts and Film Nights.

Cllr Mason asked if St Luke's would be able to run a Sunday morning prayer meeting at the Village Hall. Jonathan spoke about the new inter-generational church service that was being held at Pierrepont Gamston Primary School. Cllr Arkless offered to help advertise the service on our notice boards.

Cllr Stacey explained that St Luke's church kindly contributed to our Christmas event each year including a presentation of the nativity story.

Cllr Tisbury expressed the opinion that the Christmas event had become child-centric and that he considered the carol singing element should be promoted separately to adults. Cllr Stacey explained that there would quite possibly be changes made to the current format.

Cllr Mason was pleased to see the Curate at the meeting but asked if St Luke's really needed the Parish Council as St Luke's services were already very well attended. Jonathan explained that he attended our meeting in the spirit of good neighbourliness and thanked the Parish Council for inviting him.

## **5425. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Arkless updated the meeting with the Bookings Clerk update.

*'April to July this year have been the busiest months I can recall, whilst August has been possibly one of the quietest months as the clubs are on holiday and party bookings have stopped!*

*The hall has come back to life in September, all the clubs are starting back this week and next. There are a few parties booked.*

*The flower beds are looking great, whilst I have been keeping an eye on them, they have been looking after themselves.*

*I noticed a few items of lost property hanging in the entrance. I assume they were left after the summer play day. I saw the same items tied to the fence at the park a few days later, one of the tops (white mesh) had been tied to a tree and used as a swing so I decided to bring the other 2 tops back to the hall before they were ruined. They are in the office if anyone calls to collect them.*

*Everything else seem to be running well and no problems that I can think of.'*

Cllr Arkless told the meeting about a recent private 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at the Village Hall that had resulted in a number of complaints from local residents regarding noise and parking.

### *VH Dog Bin*

The new VH dog bin has been installed and added to the regular Streetwise collection round. It is hoped that this will solve the problem of inappropriately discarded dog waste around the Village Hall and will be monitored to assess the success of this.

### *Village Hall Notice Boards*

Cllr Arkless showed the meeting the new notice boards have been fixed into the storage cupboards for use by the groups in order to help keep the Village Hall tidy.

**7.50pm Jonathan Mole left the meeting.**

Cllr Prett explained that during the design phase of the Village Hall rebuild an integrated child toilet seat was discussed. These are on offer from 12<sup>th</sup> September '19 at Lidl. Meeting agreed to purchase one seat and fit.

**Cllr Prett to purchase child toilet seat.**

**Cllr Arkless to fit child toilet seat.**

Cllr Arkless noted that the Village Hall walls were in need of painting. Also some of the windows were being significantly weathered outdoors. Cllr Arkless asked if we could look into replacing the wooden windows with uPVC ones. Cllr Tisbury explained that one of the planning conditions of the Village Hall rebuild was insistence on wooden windows so uPVC is not an option.

**Cllr Arkless to arrange for David Litchfield to paint the Village Hall.**

Cllr Arkless explained that he had looked at the outdoor wooden notice board in the corner of the Village Hall grounds and considered that it could be replaced but it is difficult to get close to the hedge. Question was raised as to whether the board is sited in the right place? Cllr Arkless suggested that the hedge could be cut right down to expose the board or move the board to somewhere more prominent. Cllr Tisbury noted that the corner of Main Street and Old Tollerton Road was a key location for advertising.

After discussion it was agreed that something to hang banners on be investigated. Cllr Hackett mentioned something used in Radcliffe-on-Trent may be suitable.

Meeting also agreed to investigate costing for permanent signage on all Village Hall gates labelling 'Gamston Village Hall' with the addition of 'Please Do Not Park Here' on the big gate sign.

**Cllr Stacey to investigate Radcliffe-on-Trent banner hanger.**

**Cllr Arkless to investigate pricing for permanent signage.**

**8pm Borough Councillor Wheeler arrived at the meeting.**

Cllr Tisbury explained that during the Village Picnic people used the chairs that were stored in the main chair cupboard. Not all of these chairs are owned by the Parish Council. Clerk to inform Bookings Clerk that if any chairs are not for general usage the owners need to label them as such.

**Clerk to speak with Bookings Clerk regarding privately owned chairs stored at the Village Hall.**

## **5426. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is a contribution similar and in addition to the 106 contribution. If the development takes place in a Parishable area 25% of the CIL is passed to the relevant Parish Council. If the area is not Parishable the Borough Council receives the entire CIL. Should HP&G Parish Council benefit from the CIL at some point it could be used to help fund improvements to the Play Park.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the Local Plan Part 2 was on the agenda for September '19. No decision had been made by the inspector. Three potential sites were being looked at in Radcliffe-on-Trent, 4 in Keyworth, 2 in Ruddington and also sites in Bunny and East Bridgford at RAF Newton. Gamston development is not imminent within the next two years.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about RBC winning a Gold Award for partnering with Charnwood to support the Armed Forces.

Cllr Wheeler explained that RBC had extended its' decorative planting and street furniture to the Melton Road shopping area of West Bridgford. It was suspected that despite prior objections the siting of the Sainsburys mini supermarket on Melton Road had encouraged footfall to all shops in the area.

Cllr Wheeler noted that the Lutterell Hall has been designated an Asset with Community Value for the next 6 months, preventing its' sale within that time. However, it requires a large amount of capital expenditure to bring up to a decent standard. Currently the hall loses money as does West Park Pavilion and the Julian Cahn Pavilion. Lutterell Hall roof, toilets, flooring and walls all need replacing as it is an old building.

Cllr Mason expressed his concern at RBC wanting to sell off all their assets. Cllr Wheeler explained that there were many similar facilities in a 15 mile radius and the future of the building was out to consultation.

Cllr Wheeler reminded the meeting that the deadline for receiving free trees such as Rowan and Crab Apple from RBC was the end September '19.

Cllr Mason asked about the future of the Police Station in West Bridgford. Cllr Wheeler explained that due to confidentiality he could not elaborate at this time.

Cllr Wheeler said that despite the horrid weather well done to the Parish Council for persevering with the Summer Play Day.

Cllr Tisbury asked why Notts County Council are not releasing their land East of Gamston for development. There was the suggestion that land would not be released until the road junctions were made safer, but this resulted in a difficult situation as payments from the developers will pay for road improvements. Cllr Wheeler thought that Highways England will eventually force landowners to release land.

## **5427. PLANNING**

*i) 19/01755/FUL Mrs Helen Church Demolition of existing barn and construction of new barn for hay/straw storage, horse pens/stables and lorry parking. Greenfields Riding School, Bassingfield Lane, Bassingfield, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LG.*

Discussion previously took place via email and Parish Council agreed to not object to the plans.

*ii) 19/01797/TPO Mr Spencer Hackett Crown reduce 1no. Sycamore. The Hay Barn, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD.*

Cllr Tisbury reminded the meeting that in the case of any planning TPO's the Parish Council were not tree experts and therefore they would support any recommendation made by RBC tree specialists assessing the application.

- iii) 19/01745/TPO Mr Alun Owen Reduce lime tree by a third and crown thinning of 15%.  
The Toll House, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD.

As previously noted in the case of any planning TPO's the Parish Council are not tree experts and therefore support any recommendation made by RBC tree specialists assessing the application.

- iv) 19/01985/OUT Mr Harker Outline application for the erection of 4 new dwellings (all matters reserved).  
Land at Stragglethorpe Road, Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LY.

This application was received after the meeting Agenda had been issued. Discussion took place at the meeting. The application is for four 2 bedroom properties, which would be welcomed as Rushcliffe is in need of some more smaller homes, but the plans are for 3 bedroom properties. The access onto the road is also problematic. Cllr Tisbury said he would welcome plans for smaller properties with improved road access on this site, but objects to the current proposal. The meeting agreed.

#### **Parish Council Response : Object**

Cllr Prett mentioned that the previously approved planning application on the corner of Kentmere Close had still not cut the hedge in accordance with the planning permission conditions. Cllr Prett explained that the external works were complete and the overgrown hedge made the road junction more dangerous.

**Borough Cllr Wheeler to investigate timings for the cutting back of the hedge.**

#### **5428. PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS**

##### *Holme Pierrepont*

Cllr Hackett explained that the Holme Pierrepont defibrillator had been installed and registered and was up and running.

**Cllr Hackett to write to all HP residents to inform them of the location of the defibrillator. Also to inform them of future defibrillator training.**

**Cllr Prett to include map of HP defibrillator location in the Autumn '19 newsletter.**

**Cllr Hackett to collect financial contributions from HP residents and pass to Clerk.**

##### *Bassingfield*

Discussion took place regarding a possible location for a defibrillator in Bassingfield. The option of purchasing a wind and solar powered defibrillator unit for Bassingfield as there were potential issues with finding a location with a useable electricity supply was discussed again.

**Borough Cllr Wheeler agreed to speak with the Riding School in Bassingfield and other local residents to see if a suitable location with power can be identified.**

**5429. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER**

Delivery date for the Autumn newsletter was discussed. Plan is to take delivery of the printed newsletters week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November '19 and deliver over the following ten days or so. Articles are required by the end of October '19 and are to include:

- Summer Play Day article
- Summer Picnic article
- Sandale Christmas Lights advert
- Free Spirits advert
- Parish Council Christmas Event advert

Clerk explained that the Nottingham Local News that deliver the Gamston newsletters, can print a batch of 2000 newsletters for approximately £175. This would be a saving of about £200 on our current costs, also with 500 extra copies. Clerk showed meeting example of printing and paper quality. It was agreed that the paper thickness was inferior to our current printers.

**Cllrs and Clerk to forward Autumn Newsletter articles to Cllr Prett before end October '19.**

**Clerk to feedback to Nottingham Local News regarding paper quality.**

**5430. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason asked if the annual external Play Park inspection could be arranged. Clerk to organise and liaise with Cllr Mason.

Cllr Hackett mentioned the problem of pigeon droppings on the wooden dragonfly in the Play Park and suggested that we might move it. Cllr Mason explained that he had washed down the equipment at the park twice. Discussion took place and it was agreed to monitor the situation. The equipment has been in place for a long time but the trees have grown considerably therefore overhanging branches could firstly be removed to alleviate the problem.

**Clerk to organise Play Park Annual inspection.**

**9pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.**

Unfortunately due to the atrocious weather conditions at the Summer Play Day less people took part in the market research regarding the potential Play Park upgrade than was expected. Clerk issued to the meeting a summary of the questionnaire results to date. In order to increase the sample of responses it was agreed that Cllr Arkless would put a link to the questionnaire on the HP&G PC website and advertise its' existence in the Autumn '19 newsletter.

**Cllr Arkless to create electronic questionnaire and add link to website.**

**Clerk to create short article for the Autumn '19 newsletter to advertise the questionnaire and encourage readers to respond.**

**Clerk still to speak with Nuthall Parish Council Clerk regarding Play Park upgrade.**

#### **5431. PROSPECTIVE NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Prospective new Parish Councillor Alun Owen has attended the last two Parish Council meetings and has expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Alun explained that he has lived in Holme Pierrepont for the last 25 years and had previously been a member of the Parish Council 15 years ago. Alun explained he has more spare time available to commit to the Parish Council now and would like to be involved in enhancing the facilities and environment in which he lives. He had left the Parish Council last time when he retired from being a head teacher and had spent time travelling.

Alun Owen left the meeting in order for his possible co-option to be discussed. Cllr Tisbury thought it would be a good idea for the Chair to sit down and have an informal chat with Alun prior to co-option.

Vote for co-option was taken. 6 Cllrs voted in favour, Cllr Tisbury voted against as he considered the vote was being taken too soon. He did not object to the candidate just the timing of the vote. Majority in favour therefore motion carried.

Cllr Arkless invited Alun Owen back to the meeting and congratulated him on his co-option and welcomed him to the Parish Council.

**Clerk to arrange necessary paperwork and communications to co-opt Alun Owen onto the Parish Council.**

#### **5432. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Stacey formally thanked David Litchfield for his excellent work painting the lych-gate at St Edmund's church in Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Stacey spoke about how everybody had made the best of the Summer Play Day and risen to the challenge of the terrible weather.

Cllr Stacey explained that no letters had been sent to residents of Holme Pierrepont notifying them of the Outlaw Triathlon taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> July '19 and the impact on HP residents. Cllr Stacey has now made arrangements for HP residents to be added to future notification mailings.

Cllr Prett spoke about the Wilder Woodland Gathering at Skylarks Nature Reserve. He had been assisting with car parking which had been very busy.

Cllr Prett explained that the Gamston Litter Pick group had collected 68 bags of litter to date, 48 from Gamston and 20 from Holme Pierrepont. Cllr Prett asked that the group be provided with some more gloves in larger sizes and also a 6ft litter picker.

**Clerk to arrange purchase of additional litter picking equipment.**

Cllr Tisbury informed the meeting that Film Night was taking place this Friday and anyone wanting details should register their email.

Cllr Tisbury explained that Village Breakfasts start again on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September '19.

Cllr Tisbury said that the Gamston Community Picnic had gone well. The weather was dry and approximately 150 people attended. A local girl played her harp and by making the event

bring your own food and drink this year it enabled the organisers to fully enjoy the afternoon too.

Cllr Tisbury had attended the Highways England A52 Junction Improvements Meeting and brought along the associated literature he had collected.

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the traffic control suggested for Lings Bar towards the Highway Depot and the staggered crossing to The Lock public house. Also the trial being planned for the Stragglethorpe traffic lights. Cllr Tisbury agreed to make some notes on the meeting and circulate to the Parish Council.

Cllr Arkless thanked Cllr Tisbury for attending the meeting in his absence.

**Cllr Tisbury to collate a review of the key points from the Highways England A52 meeting and submit to Highways England.**

Cllr Mason explained that he would arrange for the play sand to be removed from the Play Park in the next few weeks.

Cllr Arkless told the meeting that he had forwarded details of the overgrown footpaths in Gamston to the relevant County Council department to be actioned.

Clerk issued the meeting with blank Councillor Responsibilities and Interests forms. Discussion took place and Cllrs volunteered to be assigned to various PC responsibilities.

**Clerk to issue completed Responsibilities & Interests form to all Councillors.**

### **5433. FINANCE**

Clerk issued all Cllrs with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments. Payments are now being made from the new Unity Trust Bank Account. A small number of cheques required signature but the majority of the payments were raised for online approval.

Clerk confirmed that she had received the invoices for the last 4 years tree surgeon work and they would be paid this month. Cllr Mason expressed his dismay at the poor administration resulting in such a large one off payment, rather than the cost of tree work being attributed to the year in which the work was completed.

#### *New Parish Bank Account*

The Unity Trust Bank Accounts have been successfully opened but the balances from HSBC Bank Accounts have not yet transferred, or the HSBC bank accounts closed.

**Clerk to progress closure of HSBC bank accounts.**

Clerk explained that she had received and circulated to all Councillors the Notice of Conclusion of Audit for the Financial Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**5434. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk reminded the meeting that the Annual Town & Parish Conference will be taking place at Rushcliffe Arena on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October '19. Full agenda to follow.

Clerk told the meeting that the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils AGM will be taking place on the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at Epperstone Village Hall.

**5435. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019** at **7.15pm** in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.

**The meeting ended at approximately 10.20pm.**