

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 10th February 2020 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 & Alun Owen.

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

5498. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jones sent his apologies due to being on holiday in Iceland.

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies due to being on holiday in Spain.

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

5499. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hackett declared an interest in the planning application 18/02806/FUL (adjacent Parish) as it relates to land owned by her family.

5500. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

County Cllr Cutts requested to deliver her report next as she needed to leave the meeting early due to the bad weather conditions.

5501. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts spoke about a collaborative meeting of Nottingham universities and colleges.

Cllr Cutts informed the meeting of the new MyNotts app. It is free to receive and use, and has interactive information regarding roads, traffic, streetlights, pot holes, school admissions, jobs, health, recycling amongst other things.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the success of the Flying High Academy schools group that originated in Cotgrave. It currently incorporates 31 schools the latest addition being in Hucknall.

Cllr Cutts chairs the HS2 Toton Delivery Board and updated the meeting on discussions. The proposals include a station on currently derelict land plus housing and university and economic hubs providing tech employment. Plans also involve a green village with a walk through route to Attenborough Nature Reserve. Cllr Cutts stressed that the plans are predominantly to achieve greater connectivity rather than speed.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the Holocaust Memorial Day and a service she had attended where prayers had been spoken in Hebrew and candles lit to remember those lost.

The County Council has launched its' budget which will result in a 4% increase in Council Tax, 2% going towards adult social care and 1.99% for services.

Cllr Cutts explained that there was an urgent need for another secondary school in the West Bridgford area to meet demand. Also Lady Bay Primary School needs to be able to provide more places.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the Council's spending plans and the rationalisation of office buildings in order to reduce costs and work towards carbon neutrality.

Cllr Griffiths asked if the field opposite Ten Acre in Adbolton was a possibility for a new Lady Bay Primary School as if so that would fall within our Parish. Cllr Cutts confirmed it was one of the search sites. Also WB Colts Football Club are looking to build a 3G football pitch and there is the possibility this could be located within a new Lady Bay Primary School grounds.

Cllr Cutts explained that County Council Trent Bridge House is closing and will be refurbished. It is a 1970's building that the Council have no further use for.

5502. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13th JANUARY 2020

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

Cllr Arkless to upload January '20 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

7.30pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

5503. VILLAGE HALL

General Update

Cllr Arkless read out Bookings Clerk monthly report.

'An update for January 2020.

After a quiet Christmas period, things picked up in early January. The hall tends to work around the school holidays with the bookings for regular groups.

Unfortunately, a couple of groups have cancelled their regular bookings. Tiny Talks on Friday mornings (who having been using the hall for a couple of years now), due to the leader having a back injury. I have explained we can't keep the slot indefinitely, but will do all we can to help if she wants to re-book. I've asked for the key back but not had this as yet.

K2 dance cancelled their Thursday booking, without any reason, a refund for a few of their bookings was requested. They were a new ballet group for older ladies and didn't have a key.

A new yoga group from the Pedigree factory have just started using the hall. They have admired the hall for years and are very pleased to be able to use it now. They are in on Tuesday evenings 5-7pm after work. I will be opening and closing for them.

Free Spirits. I've tried to contact the group leader by telephone to give the new Unity Bank details but haven't been able to contact her. I have her landline number but need an email address or mobile to send the details to.

No further problems noticed with the overflow pipe. I will keep an eye on the heater temperature each time I visit as users often change this.'

Velux Windows

Cllr Arkless updated the meeting. There are 2 Velux remote controls, one that is stored in the cutlery drawer in the kitchen that functions. The other one has new batteries fitted but needs resetting. This procedure involves opening the Velux windows and has not been performed as yet due to the bad weather conditions.

Cllr Arkless to arrange for the second Velux blind remote control to be reset.

Outdoor Electricity

Cllr Arkless explained that investigations regarding outdoor electricity options were delayed pending agreement to site the outdoor banner hanger in the VH grounds.

Metal Banner Hanger

Cllr Arkless explained that he was still awaiting confirmation from Borough Cllr Wheeler that Planning Permission is not required for the metal banner hanger before proceeding with the purchase.

Cllr Arkless to chase up clarification regarding Planning Permission for metal banner hanger.

Storage

Cllr Arkless explained that whilst looking for a user guide to fix the Velux window controller it became apparent that there are some storage issues in the office and store room that need addressing.

Cllr Arkless suggested that metal racking with wooden shelves be purchased in order to store plastic IKEA boxes to organise the storage areas. Racking is 1.8m high and 40cm deep and the office could accommodate 2 units and 3 units in the locked store cupboard. Total cost would be approximately £125 with an additional cost for boxes.

Discussion took place. Cllr Tisbury asked about the safety of the shelving and whether they would require attaching to the floor or ceiling? Cllr Arkless explained that they would be safe with heavy items stored at the bottom and lighter items at the top. They would be in locked rooms that are not generally accessible to the public. Cllr Arkless explained that we would require volunteers to meet to construct the shelving and sort out the storage.

Cllr Arkless proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that 5 storage units be purchased for the VH. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Arkless to arrange purchase of storage units.

Cllr Arkless to arrange date for volunteers to sort out storage cupboards.

5504. PLAY PARK

Football Pitch Update

Clerk presented the meeting with a table of comparative quotes she had acquired for various levels of cleaning and replacement of the football pitch.

Discussion took place and it was decided at this time we should arrange for Bingham Ground Services to Power Brush Clean the football pitch as soon as possible, and simultaneously apply for grant assistance towards resurfacing the football pitch within the next year or so.

Clerk to arrange for Power Brush Clean of Ambleside Play Park football pitch as soon as possible.

Clerk to investigate funding opportunities for resurfacing the football pitch.

5505. SPRING NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett explained that articles were being gathered for the Spring newsletter. Plans are still to deliver around the weekend of 4th April '20. In order to meet this deadline articles must be received by Cllr Prett before 20th March '20.

Cllr Mason asked for Summer Play Day and Christmas Event dates for his diary. Clerk explained that these had not yet been established but would be communicated as soon as they were known.

All Cllrs to forward inclusions for the Spring Newsletter before Friday 20th March '20.

5506. VE DAY INITIATIVES

Cllr Owen updated the meeting on his investigations regarding records of fallen serviceman within the Parish. Cllr Owen could find no information on the County Council website. He had then made numerous contacts with the Royal British Legion who were also unable to help. Cllr Owen then explained he had accessed the County records on Angel Row, again without any luck. Cllr Owen explained that the population of the Parish during WWII would have been low with a large percentage of agricultural workers so it may be that the number of deceased soldiers is small.

It had been suggested that the War Memorials on the Embankment could be reviewed or alternatively newspaper obituaries over that time period, but both would be quite onerous tasks.

Discussion took place regarding other possible sources of information including Bromley House Library. Cllr Owen suggested we could request information from Parishioners in the next newsletter. Cllr Owen also suggested we could set up a Parish Council FaceBook account to request and access information. Cllr Griffiths mentioned school record books from the old HP Primary School. Cllr Stacey agreed to email Diane Kidger to see if she had any information that would be of use.

Clerk confirmed that the cost for large lamp post poppies is a suggested donation of £3 each.

Cllr Owen to continue researching the number of fallen servicemen within the Parish.

Cllr Stacey to email Diane Kidger for any useful information.

5507. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Stacey had previously circulated a quotation for the Parish Maintenance Contract for 2020. Cllr Stacey explained that Mark Winter continued to be very hard working and accommodating and the increase on last year's prices was small. Discussion took place regarding the acceptance of this quote. Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Mason seconded the motion that Mark Winter's quotation be accepted. Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to send formal acceptance letter to Mark Winter.

Cllr Stacey spoke about the acquisition of flood signs for Holme Pierrepont. Cllr Stacey was liaising with Katie Harrison-Sharer with regard to signage. Cllr Stacey was also attending a flood warden meeting in the coming week.

Cllr Owen spoke about the work he undertaken to create a Parish Council Management Plan (PCMP). Cllr Owen explained that he had spoken with Cllr Tisbury and incorporated some of his suggestions. Cllr Owen anticipated it would take at least a further two weeks to complete the work and hopes to present to the PC at some point resulting in statements of intent being transformed into statements of action.

Cllr's Owen and Tisbury to meet to further progress Parish Council Management Plan.

Subsequently, Cllr's Owen, Tisbury & Arkless to meet to review PCMP.

Cllr Hackett explained that she needed to speak with Borough Cllr Wheeler regarding the possibility of siting a defibrillator in Bassingfield. Cllr Hackett explained that Mr Costelloe of Elms Farm was happy for it to be sited in his gateway and there is a power supply there, but it is a less central location within the village.

Cllr Mason stated that the WWI planters within the Village Hall grounds were terrible mess and full of weeds and requested that the soil be emptied and they be used to store the excess bags of gritting salt. Discussion took place and although it was agreed that a storage solution needs to be found for the salt bags, the flower planters are well cared for in the summer and are not to be used for storing bags. It was agreed that we have sufficient spare salt for the Parish so the Clerk should not claim our free bags next winter.

8.35pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Prett explained that he had given the three regular litter picker ladies bouquets of flowers to thank them for their efforts. Cllr Prett noted some litter picking equipment had gone astray. Cllr Prett also explained a number of the litter pick hoops had broken and that he had contacted the supplier to inform them.

Cllr Prett told the meeting that an extra litter pick at Skylarks in Holme Pierrepont has been arranged for Saturday 4th April '20 as part of the Great British Spring Clean. Cllr Prett confirmed that Paul Cumberpatch had been contacted to join the litter pickers on that day but was unfortunately not available.

Cllr Mason reported that a railing at the Play Park had been damaged but confirmed that David Litchfield had now repaired and repainted the rail.

Cllr Griffiths commented on how beautiful the daffodils looked at the Play Park.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the film being shown on Friday is Mrs Lowry. He noted that the film night advertising hadn't as yet generated any additional interest.

Cllr Tisbury said that the next Village Breakfast was taking place on Sunday 23rd February '20. The last breakfast had been quite well attended,

Cllr Tisbury wanted to extend his thanks to Cllr Owen for looking at the Parish Council long and short term goals and collating background Parish Council information in one document.

5508. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the budget cabinet meeting tomorrow where a 3.95% increase would be discussed. This would equate to £4.59/year or 10p/week increase for a Band D property.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about developments in Bingham and Keyworth.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that car park charges were frozen at current rates, but an increased charge of £5 for green refuse bin. The need to upgrade waste collection vehicles, moving away from polluting diesel, necessitates the change.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that a record 13 tonnes of donations had been collected by the refuse collectors for the Friary homeless charity.

Cllr Wheeler explained that 70 new eco-friendly homes were to be built on the old Abbey Road StreetWise depot site. Plans are to incorporate bat and bird boxes, bike racks and ecoboilers.

Cllr Wheeler noted that the increase in tree planting in the area had resulted in a 45% increase in leaf collection. Discussion took place regarding plans to 're-wild' the roadside verges. Cllr Wheeler spoke about achieving the right balance but that wilder verges were more appropriate in less residential areas. Cllr Arkless spoke about the need for the footpaths to be clear and passable.

Cllr Wheeler explained that he had still not received a reply regarding the banner hanger from RBC Planning Department but would chase again.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to chase RBC Planning for reply regarding banner hanger planning permission.

Cllr Mason spoke about the Police Community Contact Centre located in the old Pizza Hut building in West Bridgford.

Borough Cllr Wheeler still to report back to Feb '20 PC meeting on actual v target houses built within the plan period.

5509. PLANNING

- i) 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 Hackett left the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the amendments to the original application. The consideration of traffic issues had been added but the impact on Holme Lane in Holme Pierrepont is still not included in this.

Meeting agreed that the original objections raised by the Parish Council still stand.

Cllr Hackett returned to the meeting.

- ii) 20/00281/TPO Mr Alun Owen Lime Tree. Target prune the three lower limbs growing towards the house with a view to reducing these by 30-50% to a suitable branch junction. Remove deadwood. Remove epicormics growth, 15% thin. The Toll House, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD.

Meeting agreed, as per Parish Council policy that as the Parish Council are not experts in the health of trees the Parish Council would support any recommendations made by RBC tree experts. The proposal does not involve removal of the tree or any financial benefit. In these instances the Parish Council may make comment.

5510. FINANCE

Clerk issued all Cllrs with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments. All payments this month are to be made via BACS. Four receipts this month were received directly via BACS.

Cllrs Arkless and Stacey kindly agreed to sign off and authorise month's payments online.

Clerk to carry out pensions responsibilities by 30th June '20.

Cllr Mason asked about the provision of free wifi access at the Village Hall. Discussion took place. In addition to the cost there were some concerns expressed over control of access. If required hall users can access wifi using 4G mobile data at their own cost. For this reason the suggestion was rejected.

5511. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk still working through shredding any Parish paperwork that can be disposed of.

Clerk to book Cllrs Mason and Griffiths onto the WPD Workshop.

Clerk to book Cllr Griffiths onto the RBC Town & Parish Forum.

Clerk still to investigate Planning Application Assessment workshops for Councillors.

5512. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 9th March 2020** at **7.15pm** in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.20pm.