

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road

Members Present: Gary Arkless (Chair), Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths, Phil Jones & Alun Owen.

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

5513. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stacey sent her apologies due to a holiday in USA.

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies due to having another event to attend.

Cllr Prett sent his apologies for a possible late arrival.

5514. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5515. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

5516. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
10th FEBRUARY 2020**

Cllr Griffiths noted 5501. penultimate paragraph ‘...Ten Acre field in Adbolton...’ should be changed to ‘...field opposite Ten Acre in Adbolton...’.

Subject to the above amendment, Cllr Arkless proposed and Cllr Mason seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted.

Cllr Arkless to upload February ’20 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

5517. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that he had attended the Full Council meeting last Monday where the Budget had been passed. £1 million had been assigned to a Carbon Neutral fund.

7.20pm County Cllr Cutts arrived at the meeting

Cllr Wheeler explained that Kath Marriott had been appointed permanent RBC Chief Executive.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that tomorrow a cabinet meeting was taking place. The future of Lutterell Hall was to be discussed. Cllr Wheeler explained that due to the fact that it was a listed

building with the associated high cost of repairs and alterations, sale of the property would not be an option. It is anticipated that RBC will retain ownership of the building and a number of community groups will run the building on a day to day basis.

Cllr Wheeler explained that a Fireworks motion was also to be discussed. Fireworks generate lots of complaints from residents, they cause disturbance and upset animals. However fireworks that are purely visual that don't bang are available.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about a review of the way RBC communicates with the public. A considerable amount of money is spent on Rushcliffe Reports, Contact Centre and Social Media it is important to know what is effective and if could there be other more effective ways of communicating.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that Notts County Council will be taking the lead on the flooding situation in the area but RBC are working with them and Severn Trent Water Authority (STWA).

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that he had spoken with Simon Robinson regarding the siting of a defibrillator at the boundary of his home in Bassingfield . Cllr Hackett explained that she had tried to email Cllr Robinson but the email hadn't been received. It was suggested that there may be a firewall preventing the email getting through.

Cllr Wheeler explained that a defibrillator was due to be fitted to the Gamston Community Hall near to Morrisons.

Cllr Hackett to send her email for Cllr Simon Robinson to Borough Cllr Wheeler in order for him to forward.

7.25pm Cllr Prett arrived at the meeting

5518. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts spoke about recent HS2 developments with reference to Government minister Andrew Stephenson. Cllr Cutts noted that if both lines were started from Birmingham at the same time progress would be much quicker.

Cllr Cutts explained that the county had experienced a number of flooding issues and confirmed that the road between Holme Pierrepont and Radcliffe-on-Trent had been closed due to flooding.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the East Midlands as a hub for rail and air freight with specific reference to East Midlands airport and the Toton rail station site incorporating locally led initiatives supported by central Government.

Cllr Griffiths spoke about the burst sewer in Adbolton causing traffic problems and polluting the playground. Cllr Cutts explained that she had written to the local MP regarding the lack of investment in infrastructure by Severn Trent Water Authority (STWA).

Discussion took place regarding flooding and who is responsible for public areas. Cllr Hackett explained that her family had previously cleared debris from the Polser Brook at their own expense. The Canal & River Trust is responsible for the canal. Meeting noted that near Stavely Way Gamston Brook is not looked after and it contains fallen trees. Cllr Cutts explained that she would look into this issue. Cllr Cutts noted that wildlife does recover if hedges and ditches are cleared every 3 years or so with the benefit of reducing the risk of flooding during times of excessive rainfall. Cllr Cutts spoke about the need for a change of policy countrywide to protect settlements from flooding. Cllr Tisbury noted that over 10,000 new homes are planned to be built on land designated as high risk of flooding not 70% as originally reported. Cllr Owen explained that within 4 hours of contacting RBC regarding rising flood water they had delivered sand bags

to the hamlet which was much appreciated. Cllr Owen also noted that the planned Flood Training he and other Cllrs had been due to attend had been cancelled due to flooding.

Cllr Arkless to send County Cllr Cutts details of fallen trees in brook near Stavelly Way in order for her to investigate.

5519. PLANNING

- i) 20/00230/FUL Jacky Chester Demolition of an existing boundary wall and rebuild in a revised location involving a change of use of land. 12 Kirkstone Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NT.

Parish Council Response : Subject to proof that the applicant owns the grassed area in question, Do Not Object.

- ii) 20/00465/FUL Mrs Kate Thompson Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of single rear and side extensions. 1 Elterwater Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PL.

Cllr Griffiths volunteered to assess this Planning Application, subject to the applicant not being known to her.

Clerk asked if any Councillors wanted to attend the upcoming Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils Planning Course.

Clerk to book Cllr's Hackett and Owen onto NALC Planning Course.

Cllr Tisbury thanked Borough Cllr Wheeler for obtaining the Rushcliffe Borough Council housing numbers. The figures suggest that the area is currently 1½ years behind projections but this could be caught up relatively quickly.

Cllr Tisbury to forward housing figures to Clerk to distribute to all Cllrs.

5520. VILLAGE HALL

General Update

Cllr Arkless read out Bookings Clerk monthly report.

'Update for February 2020.

Firstly, the storage is looking much better due the recent sort out. Thank you.

February has been a steady, short month which had a quiet half term week. Enquiries for parties etc come in on a regular basis, a few I've had to turn down due to the recent decision not to allow adults parties with alcoholic drinks. A few people assure me that they are a quiet bunch and won't cause any disruptions, my reply is "we can't have one

rule for one and another for everyone else” which they often agree with. One man who wanted to put up a marquee, have a live band and outdoor bbq for his daughters 18th was shocked when I said “no” as he lives locally.

The oven has been having problems recently, as you are all probably aware. Whilst the oven isn't heavily used, it is still important. The next Breakfast Club is on 29th. I've also had a provisional booking for a children's baking day on 21st March. Rainbows and Brownies occasionally use the oven for their projects too.

The amount of spam email the bookings site receives on a daily basis seems to be getting worse. Could we possibly contact the supplier to add some sort of filter? I'm sure the Clerk has the same problem. Some of the messages are people begging for money, buy-to-let properties, website designers and some are perverse! I mark them as junk and block senders but this doesn't seem to make any difference.

Last month Tiny Talks stopped using the hall due to illness. This month, Lady Bay Brownies who use the hall on Thursday evenings have informed me they are moving back to All Hallows Church in Lady Bay with effect from 2nd April. This is their preferred venue as it is closer for the children who live in Lady Bay.

The Local elections take place on 7th May. They use the hall for around 16 hours. I have copied an email (below) informing us that they have purchased new style booths and asking if they can keep them at the hall. I am very much in agreement of them being stored as it causes so much confusion when Streetwise deliver and collect the bulky old booths. Please let me know if you agree to them being stored?

No complaints that I am aware of.

I hope this helps.'

Polling Booths

I am pleased to inform you that we are looking to purchase new lightweight, collapsible and storable polling booths to replace the large wooden booths which have been used previously.

The new polling booths can be packed down into a sturdy cardboard box with carry handles which is 96cm x 24cm x 64cm/38" x 9.5" x 25" (roughly the size of a new TV box) and weighs approximately 20 kilograms.

As the new polling booths contain 4 voting compartments, only one box will be required at the majority of polling stations. I am hoping to be able to store the box on site at your building in a storage cupboard or similar. Storing the box on site would mean that the large wooden polling booths are not needed to be delivered to you in the build up to an election and then collected afterwards.

Please can you let me know if you would be happy to store the new polling booth on site by completing the section at the bottom of the enclosed booking form. If you require further information or would like to discuss this in more detail please email elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk or call 0115 9148 216.

Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate in contacting me and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your assistance.

After a viewing today 6th March a Messy Monkeys toddler group have signed up for Thursday mornings. They have asked a few times in the past for slots but we didn't have the days they wanted, they were very excited when I informed them we have a few morning slots free and have reserved Thursday mornings 9.30am – 11.30am. They will be paying by BACS. I am waiting for the booking form. They are provisionally due to start on 19th March.

Clerk to contact email host to question whether anything can be done to reduce the amount of unwanted spam received by the Clerk and Bookings Clerk email accounts.

Clerk to confirm to Bookings Clerk that meeting agreed that new style polling booth box can be stored at the Village Hall.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the Film Night camp chairs are now stored in the chair cupboard and asked if they could be moved into a lockable cupboard to reduce the risk of any going missing. Cllr Tisbury confirmed that 'Downton Abbey' was the film being shown on Friday 13th March '20 at Film Night.

Clerk to liaise with Bookings Clerk regarding moving the Film Night camp chairs to a lockable cupboard.

Metal Banner Hanger

Cllr Arkless explained that Planning Permission is required for the metal banner hanger. Cllr Arkless has submitted the required application but explained that the site plan needs to be resubmitted. Also a plan of the hanger is required to scale.

Cllr Tisbury agreed to draw up the required additional planning documentation.

Clerk explained that the 20 large plastic storage boxes were arriving for the Village Hall on Thursday.

Cllr Arkless noted that he had arranged the repair of the oven fan.

Cllr Prett explained that he had performed an audit of the Village Hall First Aid Box and replaced anything that was out of date or missing.

Cllr Hackett asked the meeting when she should replant the Village Hall planters. It was agreed by the meeting to plant with summer flowers.

8pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

5521. PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Owen expressed an interest in knowing how many times defibrillators were used. Discussion took place. Cllr Prett explained he would be attending a Community First Responders meeting in April '20 and would ask the question there.

Cllr Prett to update meeting with any available information regarding defibrillator usage obtained from CFR Meeting.

5522. PLAY PARK

Cllr Mason confirmed that the football pitch had been Power Brush Cleaned by Bingham Ground Services.

Cllr Mason explained that David Litchfield had repaired a damaged railing at the Play Park.

Cllr Mason noted how beautiful the daffodils looked at the Play Park.

Clerk explained that she had submitted an application for a Notts County Council LIS grant contribution towards the cost of replacing the football pitch surface in 2021.

Discussion took place regarding the pressure washing and mechanical scrubbing of the play park equipment area by Bingham Ground Services. Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the motion that this cleaning take place. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to arrange for mechanical scrubbing of the Play Park equipment area to take place as soon as possible.

5523. SPRING NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett confirmed that Spring newsletter was still on track to be delivered around the weekend of 4th April '20.

5524. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Griffiths explained that she had been spending time helping to sort out the Severn Trent Water Authority (STWA) burst in Adbolton. She confirmed that Streetwise would clean the play park ready for use once STWA had finished their work. It is anticipated that the road will be closed for approximately 2 weeks.

Cllr Mason noted that he had received some literature from Cllr Stacey to display in the Parish notice boards regarding an Open Day at St Edmund's Church on 19th April '20 2pm – 5pm £7 adults / £4 children.

Cllr Owen told the meeting that despite considerable efforts he was no further forward to obtaining information regarding WW2 Parish records. After discussion it was suggested that Cllr Arkless add a request for any Parish information regarding WW2 or indeed any historical information of interest in his Chairman's Report in the Parish Newsletter.

Cllr Arkless to include a request for any WW2 related or any Parish historical information to be forwarded to the Clerk in his Newsletter Chairman's Report.

Cllr Owen and Cllr Tisbury have been working on the creation of a Parish Council Management Plan (PCMP). Next step is to circulate to Cllr Arkless and Clerk for review, then circulate more widely. Cllr Arkless expressed his thanks to Cllr's Owen and Tisbury for their hard work on the PCMP.

Cllr Owen to forward Parish Council Management Plan to Cllr Arkless and Clerk for review.

County Cllr Cutts asked the meeting if the Parish Council had made any provisional plans should there be a coronavirus outbreak. Discussion took place. Meeting agreed that any Village Hall booking cancellations due to issues surrounding coronavirus should have any monies paid refunded.

Cllr Hackett asked if additional cleaning should be undertaken. Clerk confirmed that Bookings Clerk was performing additional cleaning duties and frequent contact points such as light switches and door handles were being cleaned more often.

Cllr Arkless proposed and Cllr Tisbury seconded the motion that all washable cups and glasses be removed from use and replaced with single use recyclable paper cups. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Hackett to purchase paper cups for Village Hall.

Cllr Arkless to liaise with Bookings Clerk regarding removal of cups and glasses from use in the Village Hall kitchen.

8.30pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

5525. FINANCE

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

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

After discussion it was agreed by the meeting to request £10k LIS grant towards £26k cost of new football pitch surface. The remaining £16k would be met by Parish Council reserves. Authority to spend up to £16k of Parish Council reserves was secured by unanimous agreement of members present, should the LIS application be successful.

Clerk to amend and submit revised LIS Application Form to Notts County Council requesting agreed amount.

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

5526. CLERKS REPORT

Discussion took place regarding storage of salt bags at the Village Hall. Meeting agreed for a large Salt Bin to be purchased and situated behind the Village Hall. All spare salt bags to be transferred to this bin.

Clerk to arrange purchase of large Salt Bin for Village Hall.

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

Cllr Arkless concluded the meeting by urging that all Councillors pull together and stand up and be counted to help with any Parish Council work that they are able to contribute to. He stressed that sharing of duties lightened the burden for everyone and increased the rate of progression of projects.

5527. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 6th April 2020** at **7.15pm** in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.

The meeting ended at approximately 9pm.