

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.15pm via Zoom

Members Present: Gary Arkless (Chair), Cynthia Stacey, 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, Paul Vicary (DevComms), Ellie Gale (TaylorWimpey), Julie Morgan (Barwood Land), David Bainbridge (Savils – planning consultant), Dominic Scott (Barton Willmore – masterplanners) & Lianne Brook (PJA – transport planners).

5587. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

Cllr Bancroft not present.

5588. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5589. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes to order of business proposed.

5590. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 2020**

Cllr Prett suggested revised wording for second and third paragraphs of Minute 5583. As follows.

‘Cllr Prett noted that the parking issue was exacerbated by professional dog walkers who frequently use the reserve to exercise as many as 5 or 6 animals.’

‘Cllr Owen asked about the extra car park inside the nature reserve that seems to always be locked. Cllr Prett explained that the gate could not be opened during daytime hours as this would encourage anti-social behaviour by motor bikers.’

Subject to the above amendments, Cllr Stacey proposed, and Cllr Arkless seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour.

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

Clerk to delete October ’20 Zoom meeting recording.

5591. GAMSTON FIELDS PRESENTATION

Paul Vicary (DevComms), Ellie Gale (TaylorWimpey), Julie Morgan (Barwood Land), David Bainbridge (Savils – planning consultant), Dominic Scott (Barton Willmore – masterplanners) & Lianne Brook (PJA – transport planners) presented to the meeting details of the Public Consultation on the proposed Gamston Fields development.

It was explained that after a series of meetings it was anticipated that by Christmas '20 a planning application would be submitted. Deadline for responses to the public consultation is Friday 20th November '20.

The presentations described plans for approximately half of the total development area. Discussion took place regarding the road networks and how the proposed new development would link to the existing suburban area of Gamston. It was noted that engagement had been sought with Highways England and Nottinghamshire County Council and suggestions for a roundabout and signalled junction were being pursued.

The development in its entirety is proposed to include 4000 houses, one secondary school, two primary schools, employment, retail, and open space.

The representatives were questioned over land ownership and confirmed that although they did not own the land they had contractual position over it.

County Cllr Cutts expressed some surprise over the highways suggestions and asked if she could be provided with meeting dates and names of officers at Notts County Council that have been liaised with.

Julie Morgan (Barwood Land) to provide County Cllr Cutts with Notts CC dates and contacts that have liaised with Highways England.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the A52 at Lings Bar is a definite barrier to non-vehicular traffic and asked how the two zones would be linked for pedestrians and cyclists. Lianne Brook spoke about plans for pedestrian crossings over the A52 as a solution to this issue.

Cllr Tisbury asked about the agreement with other landowners regarding the entirety of the development. The public consultation presented largely detailed development at the periphery of the site and the heart of the scheme was not covered by this potential application. Julie Morgan explained that the site was designed as a whole place. Cllr Tisbury noted that 80% of the housing allocation was in this first allocation and asked if there was enough profit in it for the other developers to complete the scheme. Cllr Tisbury asked if they had written confirmation from the other landowners that this proposed scheme would be followed to completion. Cllr Tisbury explained that approval of one section of the plan was impossible without assurances on the development of the remainder.

Cllr Tisbury also spoke about the importance of the amenity of the Grantham Canal to the locality. It is very well used as a leisure route. Cllr Tisbury expressed concern over building development situated too close to the canal banks resulting in a corridor effect. Dominic Scott explained that buildings would be set back from the edge of the canal, this is important for both drainage and aesthetics. Cllr Tisbury explained that the Grantham Canal route meets with the River Trent. The developers were aware of the ecological importance of the canal and preservation and enhancement of wildlife was important. Discussions were taking place with The Canal & River Trust.

Cllr Tisbury expressed his disappointment that commitment to the structure of the development as a whole had not been agreed and approved in principle by all landowners at this time.

Cllr Arkless thanked all of the external contributors for their presentations. It was agreed that a response to the consultation be made on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors to forward any comments to Cllr Tisbury by the end of the week (Friday 13th November '20).

Cllr Tisbury to then formulate and circulate a response to the consultation before deadline Friday 20th November '20.

8.25pm Paul Vicary, Ellie Gale, Julie Morgan, David Bainbridge, Dominic Scott & Lianne Brook left the meeting.

5592. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts told the meeting she had attended two Covid19 secure Remembrance Services, one at St Mary's Radcliffe-on-Trent the other at St Edmund's Holme Pierrepont. She explained they were both beautiful and poignant.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the transition of Nottinghamshire from Tier 3 to full national lockdown until Wednesday 2nd December '20. She noted that the lockdown felt different to the first lockdown as the roads were still busy, people were still going to work, children attending school and students attending college and university.

Cllr Cutts expressed her hopeful expectation for a successful Covid19 vaccine and spoke of the encouraging Pfizer/BioNTech announcement.

Cllr Cutts confirmed that HP&G Parish Council had been successful in their LIS Grant application for financial assistance to resurface the MUGA (Multi User Games Area) at Ambleside Play Park, and would be receiving £10k towards this project.

Clerk to revalidate quotations for the replacement MUGA.

5593. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that he too had attended the Remembrance Service at St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont. He said well done to Cllr Stacey and asked her to pass on his thanks to the church.

Cllr Wheeler explained that there was a new glass recycling centre on Holme Road near the Hook. Frequency of RBC glass collections from the recycling centre at Morrisons has been increased due to the volume of glass. This could be as a result of increased drinking at home as pubs and restaurants are currently closed.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the free tree and wildflower meadow seeds schemes that are available to communities.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the Covid19 financial assistance that has been distributed to vulnerable people and businesses affected by the pandemic in the area.

Cllr Arkless raised a suggestion regarding Nottinghamshire trees. Cllr Arkless noted that the county is home to both The Major Oak and the original Bramley Apple tree and asked if a project could be initiated to provide each Nottinghamshire Parish with acorns and seeds from the original trees to plant within their Parishes. Cllr Cutts added that the Medlar Tree taken by the Pilgrim Fathers on their voyage across the Atlantic also originated in Nottinghamshire.

5594. PLANNING

- i) *20/01785/FUL Proposed new single storey construction rear and side extension, with new timber fenced 2m high bin store and new 10ft container 2 no. New car parking bays and air/water bay. Pierrepont Service Station, Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LF.*

Cllr Stacey has looked at this application and concluded the following. The proposed development for the site is to extend the existing sales area on the site by 40 square metres, relocate the Amazon lockers and introduce a new 10 ft container on the side. There is also available space on site for the proposed installation of 2 new car parking bays and an air water bay. No comments have been made by the adjacent cottage or restaurant.

Parish Council Response : Do Not Object

Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal.

Clerk reported that she has searched but been unable to find any Planning Application Assessment training course options at this time.

Clerk to continue to look out for planning training courses for Cllrs Arkless, Hackett, Jones & Owen.

5595. PLAY PARK

Leaf Removal Update

Cllr Arkless confirmed he had acquired the leaf blower and associated safety equipment and had removed the leaves from the Play Park and football pitch area. Cllr Arkless explained that leaves were still continually dropping. Cllr Hackett has kindly offered to assist in removing the leaves from the site and depositing them on one of her fallow fields.

Cllr's Arkless and Hackett and David Litchfield to clear and remove leaves from the Play Park and Football Pitch area over the coming weeks.

Cleaning & Painting of Play Equipment

Discussion took place regarding the Streetwise quotation for works at the Play Park. It was agreed to go ahead with a one off clean of all the equipment at the Play Park as per the quotation at £456 +VAT.

Clerk to arrange for Power Wash cleaning of all Play Park equipment by Streetwise in the near future.

Discussion took place regarding painting of equipment. Cllr Tisbury has arranged for a comparative quotation to be submitted by a local tradesman. This has been received by the Clerk and is considerably higher than the Streetwise quote, however it is unclear as to whether the quotes compare like with like, and if at all possible the Parish Council would like to support local businesses. Streetwise note that this work can only be completed in warm dry weather conditions so cannot take place until Spring '21.

Clerk to establish comparability of two quotations received for painting Play Park equipment. Clerk to also establish approximate timescales for work to ascertain how long the Play Park is likely to be out of action.

Clerk explained that the Christmas Tree for Ambleside Play Park was being delivered on the morning of Thursday 3rd December '20. Cllr Mason confirmed that David Litchfield was available to assist with the siting of the tree on that day.

Clerk to contact John Ingram to check if he can put the lights on the tree again this year.

Christmas Tree Decorative Safety Fencing

Clerk explained that the grant application for security equipment for the Christmas tree had been submitted to Burg Wachter and a reply was awaited.

Cllr Arkless to purchase fencing panels.

Cllr Arkless explained that he had been notified by Bookings Clerk that there were empty alcohol bottles and rubbish around the rocks area at the Play Park recently. Cllr Arkless had cleared the rubbish and spoken with the Police Inspector regarding the incident.

5596. VILLAGE HALL

Government Guidance re:opening of community venues

Clerk explained that she had been communicating with Bookings Clerk regarding Daisy Baby use of the Village Hall. Daisy Baby are exempt from the restrictions but are not meeting during the lockdown period and intend to restart sessions after then. Even if Nottinghamshire are in Tier 3 Daisy Baby exemption applies. No other groups are using the Village Hall currently.

Cllr Arkless has provided the Clerk with the QR (Quick Response) Code for the Village Hall and forms for paper-based track and trace. Cllr Arkless has provided a clipboard and pen for the VH for the paper-based track and trace.

Clerk to print, laminate and display VH QR codes and print paper-based track and trace forms and display at Village Hall.

Use of Village Hall outdoor space

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had started working on a first draft of rules for the Village Green outside space and realised they would be like that for the Village Hall. As a starting point Clerk to forward most up to date VH terms and conditions to Cllr Tisbury.

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Cllr Prett noted that there were several bits of rotten fence around the Village Hall grounds that needed removing and adding to the old timber for disposal behind the VH.

Cllr Mason noted that when the annual PAT testing had taken place, an electric floor fan was missing from the Village Hall. Clerk recalled that when the storage racking was being installed the cupboards had been tidied and the fan was taking up a considerable amount of space. Cllr Hackett confirmed that she had taken the fan to a local charity shop.

5597. PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Hackett updated the meeting on the defibrillator for Bassingfield. Cllr Hackett confirmed that the Clerk had opened an account with The Circuit by the British Heart Foundation and registered ALL the Parish defibrillators with them.

Cllr Prett has collated all relevant information pertaining to the Parish defibrillators in one document.

Clerk to produce a letter for all residents of Bassingfield with thanks for contributions and to include training instructions. Cllr's Prett and Hackett to assist with content.

5598. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Hackett explained that she had arrived at St Edmund's church at 6.30pm the previous evening for the Remembrance Service to find it in darkness. Cllr Stacey explained that due to the lockdown the original plans were no longer allowed and at the last minute an alternative service was arranged for 2.30pm in the afternoon with fewer attendees allowable. Cllr Stacey was unaware that Cllr Hackett would be attending and would have informed her had she known.

Cllr Owen spoke about Holme Lane, specifically the section between Holme Pierrepont and Radcliffe-on-Trent, and its increasing popularity as a leisure route for walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders and how that is not always congruous with the vehicular traffic that shares the route. Consequently, there are issues with parking along the verges approaching the hamlet.

Discussion took place regarding the opportunity to talk through possible solutions with James Hatchett to discourage vehicles rat-running through the hamlet. County Cllr Cutts explained that she appreciated the predicament and had been opposed to the road becoming a public byway from its previous private road status but asked what was suggested as a solution.

Discussion took place. Cllr Owen noted that the route must obviously be accessible to those living in the hamlet, to agricultural and emergency vehicles and all the leisure users.

Cllr Hackett suggested retractable bollards in the road for residents only, or lockable gates. Cllr Stacey noted that the gates used when it was a private road proved problematic at times as on occasion superglue was poured into the locks. Cllr Cutts explained that these solutions were impossible on a public byway.

Cllr Tisbury asked what the actual issues to be addressed were. Parking, speeding, congestion, noise, or all the above. Cllr Arkless explained that once possible solutions had been identified these could be discussed with County Cllr Cutts at a future PC meeting.

Cllr Owen to perform data gathering exercise as to how other similar routes control traffic in other parts of the county and countywide.

Cllr Owen to document findings and circulate to all Councillors for discussion.

Clerk to add Holme Lane to the Agenda for December '20 PC Meeting.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had been in communication with the Flood Resilience Officer at Notts County Council and had received a draft policy document. Cllr Stacey explained that we were approaching flood season.

Cllr Stacey updated the meeting on the situation regarding the U-turn ban on the A52 Stragglethorpe junction. Cllr Stacey had received a letter from Highways England explaining that as part of the final design proposals the 7-day trial U-turn ban had resulted in this being, on balance, considered the best solution. Consequently, the residents in the nearby Manvers Houses felt that their valid concerns had not been listened to. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the Parishioners in the Manvers Houses in opposing the U-turn ban.

Cllr Stacey to forward recent communication from Highways England to Clerk to progress.

Cllr Prett noted that he had raised the issue of lack of parking with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (NWT) and this had been escalated to management who had suggested

doubling the size of the car park and introducing parking charges. Cllr Prett acknowledged that this would only make the situation worse but to maintain parking facilities the NWT required income. Cllr Tisbury suggested double yellow lines if parking is an issue. Councillor Cutts explained that double yellow lines would not be an option on this section of road.

Councillor Prett told the meeting that the Friends of Skylark Nature Reserve had received a grant for £631 towards trees that would be planted in early December in a COVID-19 safe manner.

Cllr Prett explained that he had experienced a 'fun' day removing the overflowing unofficial dog waste bin on the pathway near the A52 and hoped that the problem would not recur.

Cllr Prett explained that the Gamston Litter Pickers would not be meeting in November due to the lockdown.

Cllr Prett wished the Clerk a Happy Birthday for tomorrow.

Clerk to purchase replacement union flag for Village Hall.

5599. FINANCE

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

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

Clerk to forward scans of all invoices for payment to Cllrs Arkless and Stacey.

Clerk to arrange to move Clerk mobile to TalkMobile.

Clerk to further chase up the VAT refund that was applied for in May '20.

Clerk explained to the meeting that the Parish Council hold £120 credit for regular groups that had not been used due to Covid-19. It is likely that these groups will use this credit when the Village Hall eventually reopens.

Clerk to circulate a draft precept budget to all Cllrs ahead of the December '20 PC meeting.

Clerk explained that the external audit report had been received and all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had been met.

Clerk to provide audit conclusion notices for Parish notice boards.

Clerk to provide audit conclusion file for uploading by Cllr Arkless on the HP&G PC website.

5600. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk spoke about a letter she had received from Ruth Edwards MP regarding a new initiative to provide safe spaces across Rushcliffe to support victims of domestic abuse.

Clerk still to draft letter of thanks to all Covid-19 volunteers and post out.

Clerk to provide Cllr Tisbury with details of Tollerton Parish Council Clerk and copies of the responses previously submitted on behalf of the Parish Council to the Local Plan 1 & 2 consultations with specific reference to the Land East of Gamston.

5601. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 14th December 2020** at **7.15pm via Zoom**.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.50pm.