

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.15pm via Zoom

**Members Present:** Gary Arkless (Chair), Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Mark Bancroft (seated with Cllr Mason), Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths & Phil Jones.

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

**5559. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**5560. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5561. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes to order of business proposed.

**5562. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020**

Cllr Prett noted that Minute 5555. should clarify that the litter picking equipment that had been allocated to the regular litter pickers was owned by the Parish Council.

Subject to the above amendment, Cllr Prett proposed, and Cllr Arkless seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Tisbury abstained as he was not present at the August '20 meeting.

**Cllr Arkless to upload amended August '20 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.**

**Clerk to delete August '20 Zoom meeting recording.**

**5563. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the free native trees available for households in Rushcliffe.

Cllr Wheeler explained the need to support local businesses and an RBC campaign to promote 'Shop Local Shop Safe'. Some local retailers had experienced an upturn in business at the start of the lockdown but are now struggling.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the change in dynamics of the pandemic volunteer community. Many volunteers have now returned to work and have less available time to help out.

There are still pockets of need where elderly residents of the Parish are still feeling trapped in their homes, especially if they have been shielding for the last few months.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that the new Aldi store in Edwalton opens in early October '20. This will provide significant competition to Morrison's supermarket in Gamston, which may result in some competitive pricing.

Cllr Wheeler encouraged the Parish to nominate any deserving individuals, businesses or groups for the annual RBC Community Awards. Full details can be found on the RBC website.

Cllr Wheeler explained that further speed checks had been carried out in the Ambleside/Beckside area. Cllr Wheeler said that Morrison's HGV traffic avoids Ambleside and Beckside where possible and they are speaking with Pedigree on Ambleside to ensure that their heavy traffic is also minimised in residential areas.

#### **5564. COUNTY REPORT**

County Cllr Cutts reported that the vehicle speed checks on Ambleside showed no evidence of lorries using the road as a cut through.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the Notts CC 'Trees for the Greenwood' initiative that hopes to plant over 22,000 trees over the next 25 years as part of this Community Forest project.

Cllr Cutts explained that there was a need to expand Toot Hill School in Bingham to accommodate more pupils during the next financial year.

Cllr Cutts also spoke about developing County Council owned land on Regatta Way to provide another secondary school for West Bridgford. Discussion took place. Cllr Mason asked about how the plans for a school would impact on the West Bridgford Colts and West Bridgford FC football clubs. County Cllr Cutts explained that this was a 'done deal' really. West Bridgford needs another secondary school in West Bridgford. The alternative would be children from West Bridgford being allocated school places in Radcliffe-on-Trent, Keyworth or East Leake.

Cllr Cutts noted that in addition to the extra provision required at secondary age, Lady Bay Primary School was no longer fit for purpose. It is an old building and some children are being taught in corridors.

Cllr Cutts explained that Notts CC own the land, the football club only pay a peppercorn rent and they knew that the lease of the land was only ever on a short-term basis.

Cllr Griffiths noted that the land was prone to flooding. County Cllr Cutts responded by explaining that since the enhancements have been made to flood defences this land has not flooded. Also, the County Council would not build a school that would flood.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the land is designated as flood plain by the Environment Agency. Also, the siting of a school here would generate a considerable amount traffic. Cllr Cutts said that a new school must be built somewhere, and no-one has been able to provide a viable alternative. Cllr Cutts also noted that Notts CC would like to build on land they own as it is cheaper. The traffic generated will be on a public highway that is designed to accommodate traffic.

Cllr Tisbury asked if Cllr Cutts knew of the timings for a planning application being submitted for the site. Cllr Griffiths also noted that the only specific information regarding the school development had been shared through the Parish Council meetings and no other formal channels. The Parish Council had responded to the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Growth Options Consultation with their collective comments regarding the potential growth areas within our Parish, including the land on Regatta Way.

Cllr Bancroft asked about plans for the West Bridgford School. Cllr Cutts confirmed that there were plans to extend both the West Bridgford School and Rushcliffe School to accommodate more students.

Cllr Griffiths asked about the road safety issues surrounding building on Regatta Way and the possible need for footbridges over the A52. Cllr Cutts did not consider that footbridges would be necessary.

Cllr Bancroft asked about the County Council land on the left-hand side of Regatta Way and whether that could provide an alternative school location.

Cllr Hackett explained that her family had land the West Bridgford Colts and West Bridgford FC could rent nearby.

Cllr Prett asked about the local government reorganisation proposals for a unitary authority. Cllr Cutts spoke about how all funding came from the public purse and significant cost savings could be made by changing the structure of local government. Cllr Cutts stressed that things staying as they are was not an option and explained that all the latest information, from a Notts County Council perspective, could be found online at <https://future.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>

## **5565. PLANNING**

*i) Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan*

Parish Council Response : The final agreed version of the Parish Council response has been submitted by the Clerk to the consultation email address.

*ii) 20/01729/FUL Mr & Mrs Jim & Teresa Dore Demolition of existing conservatory and front porch. Construction of single storey rear extension and new front porch. Window and rooflight amendments. The Haybarn, Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LT.*

Parish Council Response : Do Not Object

- iii) 20/02030/FUL A&E Warden Conversion of garage, new front window  
and rear single storey extension. 1, Bampton Court, Gamston, Nottinghamshire,  
NG2 6PA.

Parish Council Response : Do Not Object

Cllr Mason noted that he knew the applicant and asked if he should be allowed to comment. Cllr Tisbury explained that it was Cllr Mason's decision to decide objectively whether he would be affected by any decision.

- iv) 20/02071/TPO Mr George Brook Tree:T1 (Cedar) – 5m crown reduction,  
dead wood and thin. 3 Croyde Gardens, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6SX.

Parish Council Response : The Parish Council concur with any advice and decision made by RBC tree specialist.

- v) 20/01529/FUL Colin Gotheridge Outbuilding/garden shed. 1  
Grange Farm, Main Street, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NN.

Cllr Griffiths had looked at the plans but asked for clarification of the planning rules regarding outbuildings. Cllr Tisbury explained that applicants could construct up to a certain percentage area of the existing property and that issues that affect neighbouring properties should be considered. Cllr Griffiths confirmed that no neighbours had submitted objections and that it was a retrospective planning application.

Cllr Arkless noted that the assessment of planning applications always falls to the same people and asked for expressions of interest from other Councillors to attend a planning training course in the future. Cllrs Arkless, Hackett, Jones and Owen volunteered. Cllr Stacey noted that she and Cllrs Hackett and Griffiths had previously attended planning training run by RBC.

**Clerk to investigate Planning Application Assessment training course options.**

## **5566. PLAY PARK**

### *Covid-19 Cleaning*

Cllr Arkless confirmed that the Bookings Clerk was spraying the Play Park equipment daily during the week and he carried out the task at weekends. Cllr Arkless expressed concern about spraying during the winter months when the temperature was below zero with regards to safety.

**Clerk to investigate recommendations for winter spraying of Covid-19 solution.**

### *Electricity Posts Annual Service*

Clerk confirmed that she had arranged for the annual service of the electricity posts at the Play Park. Clerk noted that the timer had not been functioning correctly last Christmas and that there had recently been one incident of a post door being opened. Clerk had closed the door when notified by Cllr Mason and there appeared to be no signs of damage.

*Additional Cleaning*

**Clerk to recontact StreetWise regarding possibility of regular cleaning of the equipment and seating at the Play Park; also, regular removal of fallen leaves within the Play Park equipment area and football pitch; and obtain quotes.**

Cllr Mason again noted that the third gate at the Play Park was still locked. Cllr Arkless reiterated that this was to attempt to implement a one-way system as recommended by the government.

*Christmas Tree Decorative Safety Fencing*

Cllr Arkless confirmed that the Parish Council would site a Christmas Tree at Ambleside Play Park even if a Christmas event were not possible this year.

**Cllr Arkless to distribute details of fencing to Cllrs in order to obtain approval to purchase.**

**Cllr Arkless to confirm the quantity of fencing and posts required to surround tree and electricity post.**

**5567. VILLAGE HALL**

*Government Guidance re: opening of community venues*

Cllr Arkless explained to the meeting that the Bookings Clerk had been approached by one of our existing regular groups, Daisy Baby, regarding reopening of the Gamston Village Hall for their weekly group. Daisy Baby submitted their risk assessment and customer charter, with specific reference to Covid-19.

Cllr Arkless explained that baby groups were government exempt from the rule of 6, so the only limiting factor was social distancing. Daisy Baby would take full responsibility for Track & Trace data and cleaning before, during and after hire sessions. Baby classes are already taking place in other Rushcliffe BC owned halls and Daisy Baby classes have resumed in Grantham in South Kesteven with environmental health approval of Daisy Baby plans.

Cllr Arkless asked if the Parish Council agreed to a trial re-opening of the Village Hall purely to Daisy Baby once a week to be reviewed at October half term. Discussion took place and Cllr Arkless asked if there were any objections. No objections were raised. Cllr Jones noted that this could serve as a pilot for other regular groups returning to the Village Hall.

Cllr Prett asked if we should be installing hand sanitisers as the hall was now opening. Meeting agreed that this was not necessary at this time as the Daisy Baby group provided their own cleaning and sanitising products, with the situation to be reviewed in the future.

**Clerk to notify Bookings Clerk that Daisy Baby trial return to using the Village Hall facilities is approved, to be reviewed over October half-term.**

**Clerk to produce first draft general Covid-19 Village Hall Risk Assessment in conjunction with Bookings Clerk.**

*Use of Village Hall outdoor space*

Cllr Tisbury raised the issue of rules governing the use of the outdoor space at the Village Hall. Currently there are no rules other than no dogs allowed and there is nothing to stop large groups congregating in the grounds, with the local residents' having little leverage in dispersing any anti-social gathering. Cllr Tisbury noted that the open space was here for everyone but, especially whilst the Village Hall is mostly closed, local residents would want the power to do something about any gathering in the grounds that caused a nuisance. It was noted that currently the Police could be informed of gatherings of more than 6 people, but this was specific to the time of Covid-19.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that we had been lucky to have not had any inappropriate use of the Village Hall grounds to date but it would be prudent to have some general rules governing its' use, for example no BBQ's to be used in the grounds. Cllr Tisbury agreed to circulate to Councillors some thoughts as to suggested rules for use of the outdoor Village Hall space.

**Cllr Tisbury to circulate first draft of Rules for use of Outdoor Village Hall space.**

Clerk told the meeting that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gamston Brownie group had not used the outdoor space in September for their meetings and had instead met electronically via Zoom.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the newly planted tree and the tree nearest the large gate needed more frequent watering.

**Clerk to ask Bookings Clerk if she could kindly water the trees at the Village Hall.**

**5568. PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS**

Cllr Hackett confirmed that the defibrillator for Bassingfield had been ordered and a location on the roadside at the entrance to Elms Farm had been provided with an electricity supply.

Clerk explained some contributions from residents of Bassingfield had been received directly into the Parish bank account. Cllr Hackett explained that she would be speaking with the residents of Bassingfield again to encourage them to contribute.

Cllr Hackett thanked County Cllr Cutts and Borough Cllr Wheeler for their kind contributions towards the defibrillator purchase.

Clerk noted that defibrillator training should be arranged for residents as Bassingfield, in line with that provided in Gamston and Holme Pierrepont. Discussion took place regarding the logistics of this during the pandemic. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk noted that the expiry date of the defibrillator pads in the Gamston Village Hall equipment should be checked soon.

**Cllr Hackett to re-visit Bassingfield to ask for defibrillator contributions.**

**Clerk to contact EMAS regarding defibrillator training.**

**Cllr Arkless to check the Gamston Village Hall defibrillator expiry dates.**

#### **5569. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cllr Prett informed the meeting that Skylarks Nature Reserve were applying for a grant to provide 600 trees.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had looked online at the 20/01529/FUL planning application for 1, Grange Farm and could see no reason to object.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the WB Colts playing fields would be discussed again by the Parish Council when the planning application is received.

Cllr Stacey noted that her and Cllrs Hackett & Owen were still due to attend a meeting of flood wardens. Cllr Stacey confirmed she was in contact with the relevant people regarding provision of flood warnings and advice.

Cllr Hackett noted that she had been approached by a resident in need of accommodation as their property was in disrepair. Discussion took place and it was agreed that RBC should be contacted to resolve any housing issue if the resident had been made homeless. If not a housing issue, then it would constitute a social issue that unfortunately the Parish Council would not be able to resolve.

Cllr Mason confirmed that Nottinghamshire Fire Safety had checked all the equipment at the Village Hall, which had all passed.

#### **5570. 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 mobile to TalkMobile when able.**

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

**5571. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk asked if an Autumn Newsletter was to be issued. Discussion took place but it was agreed that there was insufficient news to justify the cost of producing an autumn newsletter.

Clerk reminded Councillors that the next Town & Parish Forum was taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October '20 via Zoom.

**Clerk purchased large Salt Bin for Village Hall, awaiting delivery.**

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

**5572. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Chair and Vice Chair are both away for the next scheduled meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Meeting agreed to move the October Parish Council meeting to the following week.

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020** at **7.15pm via Zoom**.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.05pm.**