

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 8th February 2021 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.

5630. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bancroft not present, no apologies were received.

Cllr Tisbury sent his apologies for a possible late arrival due to a Zoom meeting clash.

5631. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Arkless made a declaration of interest in Agenda Item 8. Ambleside Road Surface noting that he had signed a local residents petition regarding the road surface as an individual that lives on Ambleside.

5632. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Cllr Tisbury asked that Agenda Item 7. Planning discussion be delayed until his arrival if necessary.

5633. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2021**

Cllr Prett noted the following amendment.

Minute 5626. Amend to read *Gamston Litter Pickers* also add that the 117 bags of rubbish were collected '..... in 2020.'

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

Cllr Arkless to upload amended January '21 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

Clerk to delete January '21 Zoom meeting recording.

7.20pm Cllr Mason joined the meeting.

5634. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts presented the following report to the meeting.

I have been approached by a resident of Ambleside, who is concerned regarding the amount of traffic traversing the road. This includes Heavy Goods Vehicles. I have asked our Highways Officer for advice on this matter, and here is the reply:

"The problem of urban residential areas being disturbed by heavy goods vehicles is a difficult one to address. Environmental weight restrictions have been introduced in the past, however, the integrity of such a traffic regulation order is to a certain extent governed by the level of enforcement it receives. Trading Standards are currently responsible for enforcing HGV restrictions. However, to prosecute a driver the vehicle would need to be followed for the length of any restriction to ensure legitimate delivery is not being made, and this is of course in most cases unfeasible and also quite time consuming.

As with any weight restriction order there are exemptions for HGV's:

For or in connection with the conveyance of goods to or from premises situated on or adjacent to that length of road.

For the purpose of agriculture on any land adjacent to that length of road or for or in connection with, the conveyance or haulage of timber felled upon such land.

In connection with the carrying out on, or on the premises situated on or adjacent to, that length of road of any following operations, namely:

- *Building, industrial or demolition operations;*
- *The removal of obstructions to traffic;*
- *The maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the road;*
- *The laying, erection or alteration or repair in, or land adjacent to the road, of any sewer or any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of water, gas, electricity or any telegraphic line;*
- *For Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance purposes;*
- *To proceed from any premises which are situated on or adjacent to that length of road and at which the vehicle is to be, or has been garaged, serviced or repaired;*
- *In the service of a local authority or water authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;*
- *On that road for or in connection with the conveyance of goods for sale from the vehicle.*

In this instance, if a weight restriction were to be in place on Ambleside, HGVs using the route for deliveries within the housing estate would be exempt and disproving illegal usage would be extremely difficult in terms of the resources required."

I have received several communications from Alun Owen, member of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council regarding suggestions and ideas for Holme Lane as it passes through Holme Pierrepont. Because this was designated as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) at a public hearing, this allows for through-traffic as well as residents, farmers, goods and services etc accessing properties. I was never in favour of the upgrade from Bridleway to BOAT, but as we lost the argument in public, it is

difficult to see how we can stop through-traffic except for keeping the road with a more challenging surface. I know this road is popular with families - both children and parents with buggies, pedestrians and cyclists who use this as a leisure route. There has been further traffic accessing the Multi-User Route, which is very well-used between Radcliffe-on-Trent, Holme Pierrepont, and Cotgrave Country Park.

I have welcomed Alun's ideas, and passed these on to our Group Manager for Highways & Transport who, when we are out of the current management of our roads through snow and ice, has promised to come back to me to find out what can be done to protect the village and its lovely rural feeling which I know we all value.

I was approached by the Wildlife Trust for a small grant towards a new bird hide after the old one set on fire last summer and have been able to give them a small amount from my members' fund. I have also drawn the attention of the wildlife trust to the hazard created by visitors to their land parking on Regatta Way/Holme Lane. They have passed this on to their manager who I know is seeking to address this problem.

During the recent very wet spell, which is continuing, I have been actively pursuing the flooding signs that members of the Parish Council have kindly agreed to erect when the land either side of the road becomes inundated with flood water which spills out onto Holme Lane. I understand that training is in hand, but as resources have been stretched rather thinly by recent challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic over the past twelve months, this training has been somewhat delayed.

I have also received complaints that the cycle route/footpath alongside the Trent is in need of maintenance. I have agreed with my colleagues at Rushcliffe Borough Council that they will sweep the footpath surface to make the whole of the width usable and remove the lying winter leaves and debris which are deteriorating the tarmac surface.

I was approached by the homeowners on the corner of Green lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Nottinghamshire County Council have included resurfacing along The Green from Radcliffe-on-Trent to repair the damage done to the road surface by flooding. This will be in the programme for 2021/22.

The land east of Gamston in Tollerton has been greeted by the County Council with severe reservations through lack of access and also poor drainage. The recent heavy rain has highlighted yet again that Tollerton becomes frequently flooded along Tollerton Lane/Cotgrave Lane due to drain-off from the fields as well as the volume of water in the Polser Brook. The brook carries the surface water through Tollerton down to the A52 and canal, and again the drainage here is very poor, leaving large pools of standing water which need to be addressed by any development there. As the County Council is the major flood authority, there are serious questions to be answered on these plans.

The vaccine programme is rolling out satisfactorily across the county, and I have contacted the Gamston Community Hall vaccination centre team to congratulate them on their organisation and care and consideration for elderly residents who received the vaccine in the first three weeks of its operation. The centre staff have been kind and considerate and deserve our praise. I received a reply which was delighted with the acknowledgement.

NCC has also been gritting the accessways to the vaccination centre so that they may continue their programme unabated.

Cllr Arkless asked if Cllr Cutts would support a petition being organised by a local resident regarding HGV use of Ambleside and resulting damage to the road surface. Cllr Cutts explained she would be happy to present the petition. Cllr Prett questioned as to whether the current diversions along Ambleside from the A52 were exacerbating the problem.

7.25pm Cllr Tisbury joined the meeting.

Cllr Arkless asked about the Polser Brook in Gamston and the fact that it is filling with fallen trees and becoming blocked. Cllr Cutts explained that it was necessary to find out the landowner to discuss clearance.

Clerk to ascertain landowner of section of Polser Brook that runs through Gamston Parish.

Cllr Owen thanked Cllr Cutts for her involvement with the Holme Lane project. Discussion took place regarding the difficulty in changing people's mindset with regard to parking on grass verges and the speed of traffic. Idea of setting the verges with wildflowers was suggested, also positioning gates on the grass verges giving the appearance of a narrowed carriageway without actually changing the carriageway dimensions. Cllr Cutts stressed that Holme Pierrepont is a unique rural setting so close to the city and its' character should be preserved. Cllr Owen agreed and explained they did not want to urbanise the area.

5635. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the County Council elections taking place on 6th May 2021. Voting in person is being planned for in a Covid-19 secure way where voters will be required to bring their own pen. Postal voting provides an even safer alternative.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that officers had agreed in principle to extend the tree planting behind Stavely Way, creating a mini orchard.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the Communities Group committee had agreed to extend the free native tree scheme and also offer free wildflower seeds to be planted in appropriate areas of land.

Cllr Arkless noted that there was a large bank of stinging nettles alongside the canal area that could be replaced with a wildflower meadow. This land was maintained when the estate was first established but is now neglected.

Clerk to ascertain landowner of neglected area of land alongside canal.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about a Borough Council boundary review to take account of large new housing developments in Edwalton and East Leake. Council wards are to be reviewed and number of electors per ward increased from around 2000 to 2500. Recommendations will be subject to consultation via the Local Boundary Commission.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting about the third round of local support grants being offered to businesses that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cllr Wheeler explained that RBC had been able to sell via auction a fire damaged house in Lady Bay that had been left in a state of disrepair. The utilisation of these powers will hopefully encourage other property owners to maintain their buildings.

Cllr Wheeler informed the meeting that the budget for the coming financial year would be presented to cabinet the following day.

Cllr Prett asked about the old Police building in West Bridgford being converted into McCarthy & Stone retirement homes. Cllr Wheeler explained the Police are selling it as it is their building and noted it would be an ideal location for retirement properties. Cllr Wheeler also mentioned that proceeds from the sale would be channelled into front line Policing.

5636. PLANNING

- i) *20/03244/OUT Taylor Wimpey UK & Rockspring Barwood Gamston Ltd Outline Planning Application for the first phases of a Sustainable Urban Extension at Land East of Gamston and North of Tollerton, comprising up to 2,250 dwellings, a primary school, a local centre (Class E a,b,c,d,e,f and g) and hot food takeaway (sui generis), strategic green infrastructure and associated buildings, childrens play areas, strategic infrastructure including drainage and engineering and demolition works. Full details sought for the principal vehicular accesses off A52 and Tollerton Lane with all other matters reserved. Land East of Gamston & North of Tollerton Lane, Tollerton Lane, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire.*

Adjacent Parish. Deadline for comment : Monday 15th February '21(extension requested)

Cllr Tisbury has liaised with Tollerton Parish Council and Paul Taylor (Strategic Sites Delivery Officer RBC) regarding this application. Cllr Tisbury and Cllr Arkless have reviewed the large quantity of supporting documentation associated with the application and concluded it is impossible to comment on every document. The *Statement of Community Involvement*, previously forwarded to all Cllrs by Cllr Tisbury, provides a thorough overview of the application and Parish stance regarding it.

Borough Cllr Wheeler noted that RBC has requested that all landowners sign up to a comprehensive plan for the entire development. RBC are concentrating on this strategic level before focusing on the detail of individual planning applications. Cllr Wheeler stressed that a masterplan must be agreed to prevent the issues that the piecemeal approach adopted by the Edwalton development caused.

Clerk explained that she had requested an extension for comment until 15th March '21 on the application. Although this could not be formally agreed Clerk was advised by RBC that it was highly unlikely that they would be in a position to make a recommendation before that time. Therefore, any comments made by the Parish Council, or any other party, prior to RBC making a recommendation would have to be taken into account as part of that process.

All Cllrs to report back to Cllr Tisbury with any additional thoughts or ideas over issues to be addressed by 22nd February '21 if possible.

Cllr Tisbury to circulate response to Planning Application on behalf of the Parish Council to be submitted before Monday 15th March '21.

- ii) 21/00165/FUL A & E Warden Conversion of garage, new front window and rear single storey extension. (Resubmission of 20/02030/FUL). 1 Bampton Court, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PA.

Deadline for comment : Wednesday 10th February '21

Cllr Prett has looked at this resubmitted application and concluded that the redesign does not necessitate any further Parish Council comments.

Parish Council Response : Do Not Object

- iii) 21/00255/FUL Mr Nick Mayfield Proposed erection of commercial building for flexible use within use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service); together with creation of a new access road and laying out of a new parking area. Land to Rear of Paper Moon Nursery, Ambleside, Gamston, Nottinghamshire.

Deadline for comment : Friday 19th February '21

Cllr Prett has looked at this application and concluded the following. The Land to Rear of Paper Moon Nursery, Ambleside is on the Morrisons side of the canal so is not within our Parish boundary. The properties within the Parish that could be affected by the development are numbers 19, 21 and 23 Rossett Close but even they are quite remote from it. (There is a road in front of these properties in addition to the canal and two canal footpaths.) Therefore, recommendation is that we do not comment on the application.

There have been previous attempts to build on this land, but all have been rejected by RBC. (Construction of eight flats with access and parking 09/00643/OUT, Construction of six flats with access and parking 09/02119/OUT, 6 flats; access road and parking 11/00225/FUL).

The Officer Report for the 11/00225/FUL application noted:

Two objection letters/emails have been received from residents of houses opposite the site on the other side of the canal. Points raised include overlooking/loss of privacy, noise and disturbance, safety of children due to access close to nursery, inadequate access for emergency/refuse vehicles, design out of keeping with area, impact on canal flora and fauna, landscaping area has not increased.

Although these objections could equally apply to the new planning application, those within our Parish boundary are only overlooking/loss of privacy, noise and disturbance. However, as stated earlier, the properties in Rossett Close are quite remote from the development and these potential issues are not strong enough to warrant comment from the Parish Council.

Parish Council Response : No Comment on the Application

Cllr Tisbury noted that there was a discrepancy between the application form and plans between 3500 sq m and 330 sq m.

Clerk to point out to RBC discrepancy and clarify correct area.

Cllr Mason asked if we would be responding on behalf of the residents on Rossett Close that are nearest to the application site. Discussion took place. Cllr Arkless asked if any of the residents had objected. Cllr Tisbury noted that the hedge on the other side of the canal would shield any development. Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that Gamston South Borough Cllr Davinder Viridi would be commenting formally on the application and Cllr Wheeler could pass on any comments from Cllr Mason as an individual Parishioner, to him.

Cllr Mason, as an individual Parishioner, to liaise with Borough Cllr Wheeler regarding comments on application.

iv) NALC Planning Training Update

Cllrs Arkless and Owen both virtually attended the NALC Planning Training which took about 40 minutes and concluded with an online examination. Cllr Arkless had been disappointed by the course as it focussed primarily on the application process from an applicant's point of view rather than that of a Parish Council assessing an application.

Cllr Owen agreed and asked if he could shadow someone whilst they assessed an application, once this was allowed post-pandemic, to learn first-hand about the process involved. Cllr Tisbury offered his services.

Cllr Owen to shadow Cllr Tisbury whilst assessing a planning application on behalf of the Parish Council, once Government guidelines allow.

Cllr Tisbury to forward his historic background information Introduction to Planning notes to Cllrs Arkless & Owen.

v) *RBC New Planning Enforcement Policy Draft Document Consultation*

Cllr Arkless thanked Cllrs Stacey and Griffiths for their response on behalf of the Parish Council, to the above consultation.

vi) *20/00307/TPO Mr Chris Francis Trees: T1 (Scots Pine) -
Fell 1 Goldrill Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6AQ.*

Deadline for comment : Monday 23rd February '21

Parish Council Response : Object

This tree has been subject to a number of applications and we still object to the removal of any tree subject to a TPO within the Parish, unless it poses a Health & Safety issue as assessed by professional opinion.

Clerk to respond with a consultee comment on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal.

5637. PLAY PARK

Tree Management

Cllrs Arkless and Mason met with the Tree Surgeon James Harrison today as works started at the Play Park this morning. Cllr Arkless noted that already the area had been opened up and incorporated more light. Mulch from the chipped trees was being spread over the muddy area to improve the surface for walking. The other side of the park was to be worked on for a day and the final day would be spent stump grinding and tidying up. Cllr Arkless explained that he would be advertising on the Gamston Facebook site the free logs for collection by anyone.

Cllr Arkless explained that James Harrison had also fixed the broken fence panel and removed the fallen tree from the Play Park site.

Cllr Arkless noted that James Harrison had noticed that the bark at the base of some of the trees in the Play Park had been damaged by a mower or strimmer. Cllr Stacey agreed to highlight the issue to Mark Winter who performs the Parish grounds maintenance.

Cllr Stacey to speak with Mark Winter regarding mowing around base of Parish trees.

Resurface MUGA and Cleaning & Painting of Play Equipment

Clerk explained that she had revalidated the Bingham Ground Services quotation for resurfacing the MUGA. The price has increased by 1.8%.

Clerk explained that the paperwork had been completed accepting the LIS grant to resurface the MUGA. Further documentation was now required to progress the grant payment.

Clerk to forward to Notts County Council, documentation required to fulfil LIS grant application.

Clerk to review Minutes pertaining to LIS grant application and understand parameters for grant use.

Power Wash of all Play Park equipment to eventually be carried out by Streetwise as previously agreed, before painting Play Park equipment. Works to be scheduled along with MUGA resurface work.

Clerk still 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.

5638. VILLAGE HALL

Government Guidance re: opening of community venues

Cllr Arkless explained that in accordance with Government advice the Village Hall would remain closed at this time, except for the County Council elections on 6th May '21.

5639. SPRING '21 NEWSLETTER

Clerk explained that it had been a year since the Parish Council had communicated with the Parish via post and thought it would be a good idea to distribute something in the Spring. Cllr Arkless asked Cllr Prett if he would be able to coordinate a Spring newsletter distribution. Cllr Prett kindly agreed subject to there being enough content. Cllr Arkless thanked Cllr Prett for his commitment.

Discussion took place regarding possible article ideas including Play Park trees and planting, replacement MUGA, Christmas review including Sandale lights update, Census 2021 article and Covid-19 community support update.

All Cllrs to respond to Cllr Prett with headline ideas for Spring '21 newsletter by Sunday 14th February '21 to assess viability.

5640. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Arkless explained that he and Cllr Stacey would be attending a Teams meeting tomorrow evening, along with Parishioners, called by Highways England to discuss the objections to the A52 Nottingham Stragglethorpe junction u-turn ban.

Cllr Stacey presented the quotation from Mark Winter for Grounds Maintenance for the year and explained it equated to an extra £180 spend over the entire year. Cllr Mason

proposed and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that the quotation be accepted. Vote taken, unanimously in favour, motion carried.

Clerk to write to Mark Winter to formally accept Grounds Maintenance quotation for 2021.

Cllr Griffiths asked whether the Trent Boulevard bus terminal in Adbolton Parish could be re-wilded with wildflower seed. Discussion took place. Meeting agreed for Cllr Griffiths to identify areas that would be suitable for the planting and maintaining of wildflower meadow. Cllr Griffiths to establish the views of the local community regarding the re-wilding of the bus terminal.

Cllr Griffiths to investigate areas for re-wilding and opinions of local residents.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had progressed the flood warning system for Holme Pierrepont and had an agreed storage place in the hamlet. Cllr Stacey also explained that a training session for herself and Cllrs Hackett and Owen was arranged with the Environmental Agency for 2nd March '21.

Cllr Hackett confirmed that the Holme Pierrepont defibrillator had been checked and the battery was fully functioning.

Clerk to update 'The Circuit' account with confirmation that HP defibrillator has been checked.

Cllr Hackett spoke about the fact that four individuals had been jailed for stealing large quantities of lead in the area.

Cllr Mason asked about the possibility of electric car charging points at Morrisons supermarket in Gamston. Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that he had spoken to Morrisons and they were not proposing anything at this time. The recent opening of the Aldi store in Edwalton has presented significant competition to the Morrisons store. Installing charging points has a high up-front cost that may take a while to recoup in increased business. It is something the store are interested in, but not at this time.

Cllr Mason confirmed that the new Union flag was now flying at the Village Hall.

Cllr Hackett suggested we should write a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to the recently retiring local policeman as noted in the latest edition of 'The Beat' newsletter.

Clerk to compose a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to thank the retiring local policeman for all his hard work in the Parish.

Cllr Mason wanted to thank the Bookings Clerk Cheryl Newman for her continued work spraying the Play Park equipment with Covid-19 protective solution daily during the week. Cllr Tisbury suggested this could be included in the Spring '21 Newsletter. Clerk

noted that there was a photo taken of Cheryl spraying the equipment that could be published.

Cllr Prett to add Play Park equipment spraying to the list of Spring '21 Newsletter articles.

5641. 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.

5642. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk reminded the meeting again that the next RBC Town & Parish Forum is taking place over Zoom on the morning of 4th March '21.

Cllrs to inform Clerk if they would like a place booking on Town & Parish Forum.

Clerk explained that the problem with the Bassingfield defibrillator battery unit, as identified by Cllr Prett, affected an entire batch of defibrillators. WEL Medical have recalled all these units for a software upgrade, which our unit has received. Clerk explained she has returned our original defibrillator to the cabinet in Bassingfield and is awaiting collection of the loan unit.

Clerk to liaise again with defibrillator supplier WEL Medical regarding collection of loan defibrillator unit.

Clerk still to contact Marlow Town Council regarding water refill station.

Clerk noted that she had received correspondence regarding a consultation relating to an improved cycleway and footway scheme along Regatta Way in West Bridgford. Deadline for responses is Sunday 7th March '21.

Clerk to circulate correspondence to all Cllrs for their comment.

5643. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 8th March 2021** at **7.15pm via Zoom.**

The meeting ended at approximately 8.45pm.